

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council voted to approve a comprehensive visitability ordinance on January 30, 2014 in order to establish requirements that ensure that all new housing stock in Austin is accessible to both inhabitants and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council voted on May 22, 2014 to allow accessibility ramps in zoning setbacks for new and existing single-family homes and duplexes and to exempt accessible ramps from impervious cover maximums for existing homes, in order to make it easier for Austinites who need to provide access into their homes to be able to do so; and

WHEREAS, 30-inches is the height at which guardrails are required on ramps; and

WHEREAS, eliminating obstacles to accessible ramps represents one more step toward making Austin a more accessible and therefore more welcoming place for people of all abilities; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to initiate amendments to the International Residential Code to reduce or eliminate building permit requirements for accessible ramps less than 30-inches high in single-family and duplex residential units, and bring the amendments back to Council within 120 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk