

RESOLUTION NO. 20140123-059

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 American Community Survey, 33.9 percent of City of Austin households involve a householder living alone; and

WHEREAS, healthy communities have many kinds of housing options; and

WHEREAS, there are at least five institutions of higher learning in Austin whose students require housing; and

WHEREAS, micro-units are self-contained living spaces of 500 square feet, and less, that include a kitchen with a stove and full bathroom.

WHEREAS, micro-units have been utilized creatively in several other cities to house people comfortably; and

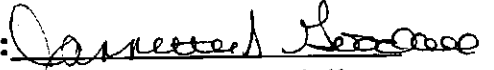
WHEREAS, there may currently be barriers in our City Code, including the Land Development Code and the Building Codes, among others, that make micro-unit development difficult; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to research best practices in other urban areas for the development of micro-units, including building methods and sizing, to work with Austin housing builders and developers to identify barriers to micro-unit development, and develop potential solutions.

The City Manager is further directed to report back to Council by February 27, 2014 with recommendations for making micro-unit development legal and viable in Austin including any necessary Code amendments.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2014

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk