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## DEPARTMENT

# Update: Boarding Houses Task Force



***October 2015***

***Presented by: Carl Smart, Director***

# What we've done

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1. **Mobilized** a Boarding Houses Task Force
  - Code, Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Services, Health and Human Services, Law and 3-1-1
2. **Reviewed** HB 216
3. **Retrieved** 3-1-1 and Police data
4. **Researched** each Departments ability to run reports on existing group homes
5. **Reviewed** Best Practices in the Texas Cities of: El Paso, Dallas, San Antonio, Brenham
6. **Toured** group homes in District 1

# What we've done

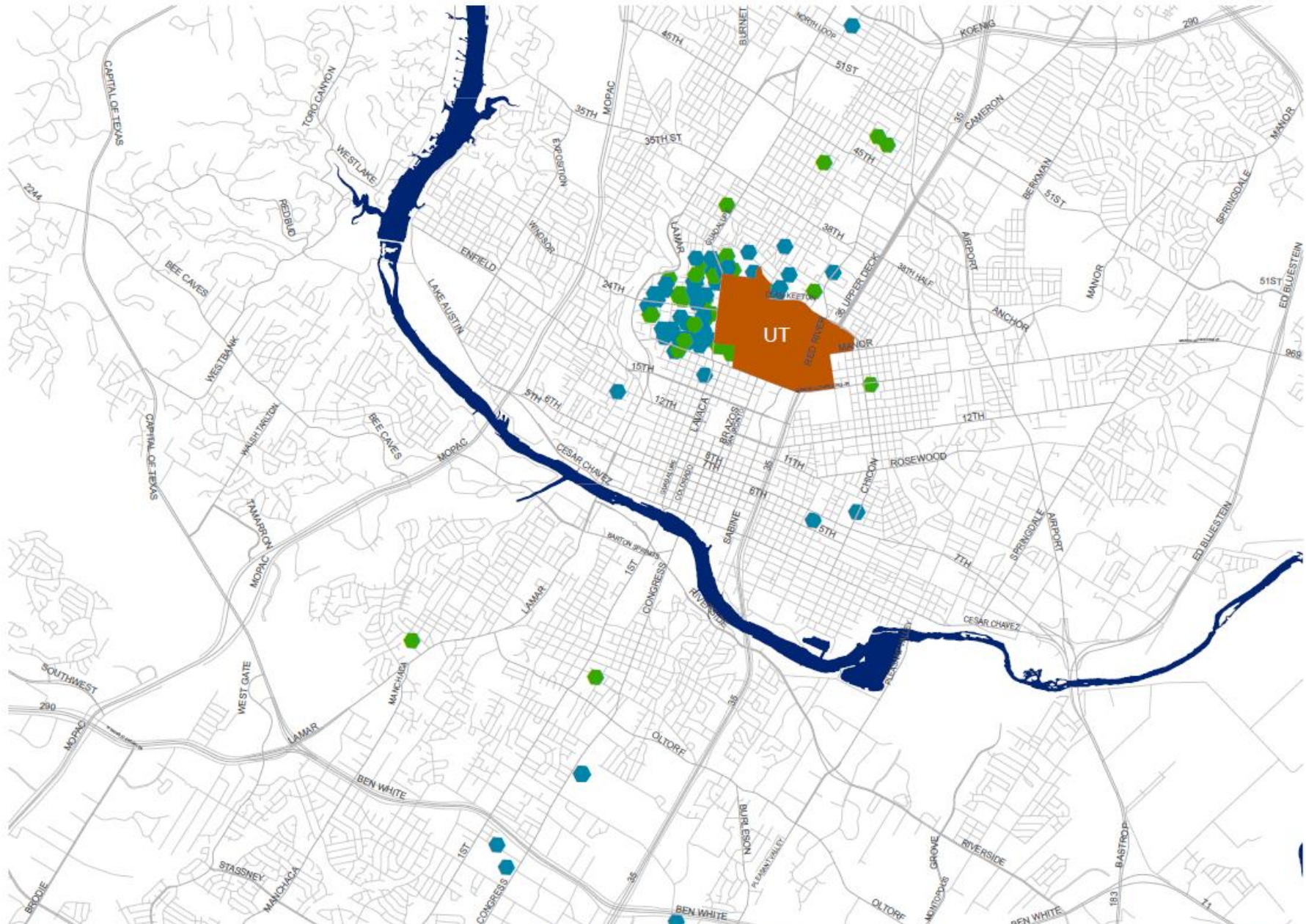
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7. **Met** with stakeholders
8. **Drafted** reasonable accommodation ordinance
9. **Presented** draft reasonable accommodation ordinance to Community Development Commission and Mayors Committee of People with Disabilities
10. **Received** legal opinion on expanding the existing rooming and boarding house licensing program
11. **Initiated** research to identify eligible homes that meet the expanded definition

# Rooming and Boarding Houses

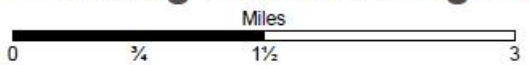
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- A building, other than a hotel, where lodging for more than six unrelated persons is provided **without meals** in return for compensation.
- A building, other than a hotel, where lodging and **meals are provided** for more than six unrelated persons in return for compensation.
  - includes a transient boarding house.



# Boarding and Rooming Houses

- Boarding House (34)
- Rooming House (61)



# Rooming and Boarding Houses

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- Requirements:
  - Zoning restrictions
  - Certificate of Occupancy
- Annual Operating License required
  - Application Fee,
    - Less than 10 units, \$110
    - Less than 50 units, \$165
    - 50 units or more, \$5 per unit
  - Inspection
- Regulated by: Austin Code, Health Dept., Austin Fire and State of Texas



# Expand Program

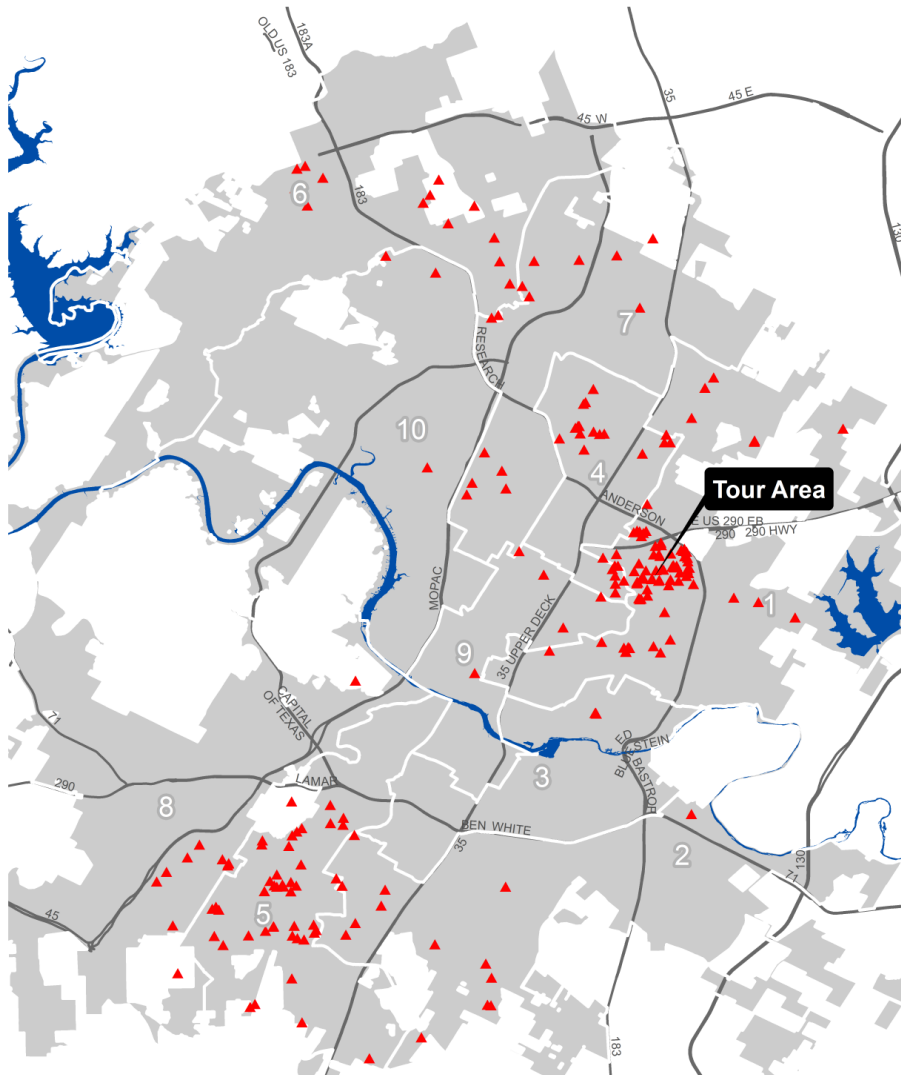
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- Rooming House
- Boarding House
- Congregate Living
- Transitional Housing
- Group Home





# Potential Eligible Properties

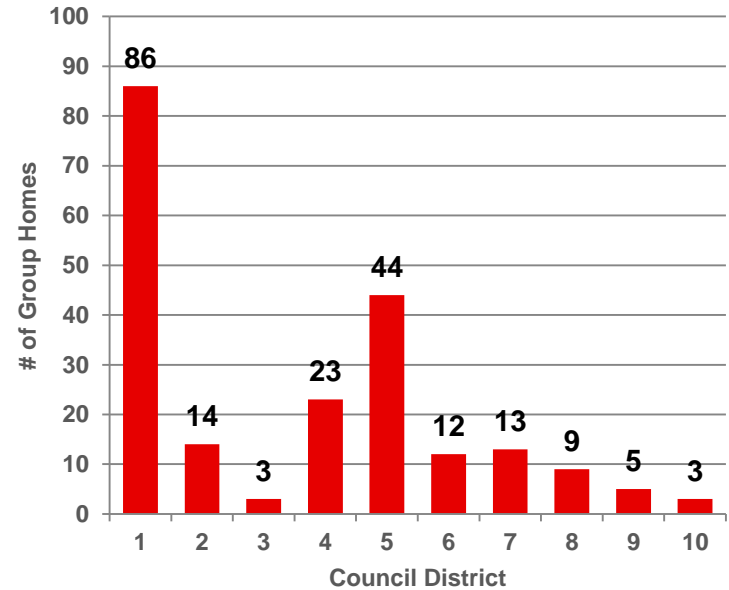


Group Home Locations  
by Council District



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Prepared by John Gray 6/4/2015

Group Homes by Council District



Residential Properties Survey

Completed May 2015 **230**



# Other Potential Eligible Properties

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## Research based on advertisement

Congregate Living	3
Group Homes	330
ICF Intellectual Challenged Facility	39
Assisted Living	58
Transitional Housing	40
Shelters and Rehab Houses	41
Sober Living Homes	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>778</b>

# Implementation

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1. Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance before City Council—**October 15**
2. Expand the Boarding and Rooming House Licensing Program (60-90)
  - Identify eligible properties
  - Revise case management system
  - Send notification and application
  - Process application
  - Begin inspections

# Next Steps

Phase One	Austin Code Actions
October 15	Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance before City Council
60-90 days	Initiate residential survey and notification process to expand the rooming and boarding house program
	Stakeholder process
	Begin License and Inspection Program for residential

Phase Two	Task Force Actions
90-180 days	Create Model Standards
	Stakeholder process
	Consider Expanding the Boarding and Rooming House Licensing Program to include Commercial
	Determine Cost Analysis   Fiscal Impact
	Create Task Force Inspection Process
	Update tracking and database system
	Fully Implement Program

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# Questions

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