

August 20, 2006

Item # 60

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's community owned electric utility, Austin Energy, is a national leader in promoting and using environmentally friendly renewable energy; and,

WHEREAS, Austin Energy's Green Building Program is the nationally recognized industry leader and has, for more than a decade, helped foster energy conservation and green building principles throughout the Austin community; and,

WHEREAS, Council approved the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords in May 2005, featuring the suggested action of reducing the City's peak electrical load by 10 percent through energy efficiency and conservation measures; and,

WHEREAS, homes in the City's building code jurisdiction could be built energy efficient enough to be net-zero energy homes with the addition of on-site generation, preferably renewable generation such as solar photovoltaics; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to create a task force to develop a plan for consideration by Council that by 2015 all new single-family homes be built as "Zero Energy Capable Homes."

ADOPTED: August 10, 2006

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk