

**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

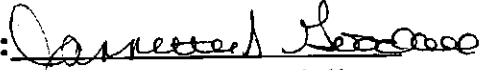
**WHEREAS**, there may currently be barriers in our City Code, including the Land Development Code and the Building Codes, among others, that make micro-unit development difficult; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**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