

CITY OF AUSTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

BROWNFIELDS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has the responsibility to revitalize derelict contaminated sites, protect human health and the environment, and to promote sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has the duty to exercise environmental leadership when it comes to the new construction and retrofitting of city sponsored or permitted affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Brownfields Revitalization Office has been in existence since 1998 and furnishes no cost environmental assessments as well as clean up assistance; and

WHEREAS, Brownfield redevelopment is essentially the marriage of environmental cleanup and community/economic development;

WHEREAS, ample opportunity exists for the City of Austin to maximize affordable housing development under HUD's Brownfields Economic Development Initiative; **NOW**

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Commission recommends that the Austin City Council:

- require an Environmental Site Assessment for all city sponsored or permitted affordable housing development, without exception.
- expeditiously publish, in print and on the internet, publicly available maps of all Brownfield sites located within the city limits and the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). These maps shall be updated annually.
- Establish a Brownfield Revitalization Committee within the Joint Sustainability Committee dedicated to making policy recommendations.