RESOLUTION NO.

- WHEREAS, the City of Austin has issued 2,142 active permits for short-term rentals (STRs); and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the *Austin American-Statesman* reported in August 2018 that a search
- 5 returned as many as 8,000 STR listings in August alone; and
- WHEREAS, from January 1, 2018 to October 8, 2018 the Austin Code Department
- 7 received 1,380 complaints related to short term rentals; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a few individual properties account for more than 140 complaints
- 9 during this period; and
- 10 WHEREAS, for the Code Department to issue a citation, the Code officer must be
- 11 physically present to witness the violation; and
- WHEREAS, Code officers often must visit a single property multiple times to
- 13 witness a violation, and often Code officers are unable to move forward with enforcement
- 14 because the violations are not witnessed; and
- WHEREAS, the fees for licensing, renewal and inspection for STRs range from
- 16 \$300 to \$519 in Fiscal Year 2019; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

- 18 The City Council directs the City Manager to determine the amount of staff time and
- 19 resources, including the Code and Law Departments, used to address issues related to short-

| 20 | term rentals, particularly among those properties requiring regular and/or recurring Code |
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| 21 | Department resources. |
| 22 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: |
| 23 | The City Manager shall provide the results of this analysis no later than June 20, |
| 24 | 2019. |
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| 26 | ADOPTED:, 2018 ATTEST: |
| 27 | Janette S. Goodall |
| 28 | City Clerk |