RESOLUTION NO. 2018-28R

A RESOLUTION OF IVINS CITY, UTAH, REGARDING UTAH'S HOUSING NEEDS

WHEREAS, studies show that Utah's population growth is among the highest in the nation as a result of a strong economy, larger family sizes and high quality of life measures; and

WHEREAS, the developable land in Utah's most populated valleys is rapidly disappearing; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the University of Utah has shown that for the first time in 40 years, Utah has had more new households that available new housing, resulting in a housing shortage that is contributing to increasing housing costs making it difficult to many Utah families to meet their housing needs; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 this housing gap, or shortage of housing, is estimated to be above 50,000 units and growing each year, even as Utah has led the nation in percentage terms of housing construction last year; and

WHEREAS, "housing affordability" means the ability of a household to occupy a housing unit paying no more than 30% of the household's income for gross housing costs, including utilities; and

WHEREAS, the current affordable housing crisis in Utah is concentrated in households with incomes below the median income; left unaddressed, the median price of a home in the Wasatch Front would be $700,000 within a generation and thereby affecting a majority of Utah families; and

WHEREAS, accommodating a significant portion of Utah's population growth in proximity to employment opportunities allows people to live closer to work, reduce driving, reduce are pollution, reduce household transportation costs, decrease infrastructure costs, and maintain and improve the quality of life for Utah's residents; and

WHEREAS, cities that adopt measures encouraging and supporting housing affordability will improve overall prosperity and air quality, as well as reduce housing and transportation costs in their cities; and

WHEREAS, reducing regulatory barriers and fees to all types of housing may help improve housing affordability, maintain Utah's premier business climate, and decrease infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Chamber's Housing GAP Coalition is working with local governments to raise awareness about the choices to promote and increase housing affordability, preserve our strong economy and protect the quality of life in the face of rapid growth;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF IVINS CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pledge of support. Together with other Utah local governments and community stakeholders, Ivins City supports housing affordability and will consider various smart growth strategies to promote and maintain housing affordability.

2. Measures to be considered. Ivins City pledges to consider the implementation of the following measures as may be applicable to the city:

a. Minimize barriers, including exercising restraint in impact and permit fee increases.
b. Continue reviewing and reforming existing practices, including zoning, impact and other fees, and other potential impacts that would negatively impact housing affordability.
c. Plan and allow significant housing opportunities near employment centers, public transportation and other amenities.
d. Increase public and government awareness and understanding of the housing affordability needs of our city.
e. Coordinate regionally about local land use decisions.
f. Align housing, infrastructure and economic development efforts.
g. Promote collaboration with other communities, elected officials, and stakeholders on additional measures.

We commit to review and as needed update our general plan, comply with the 2018 moderate income housing legislation, and take other steps as appropriate.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE IVINS CITY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2018 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	AYE	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Dennis Mehr	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheyne McDonald	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jenny Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Miriah Elliott	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ron Densley	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Chris Hart, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Jimenez, City Recorder