



# City of Austin

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## Housing and Planning Department S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program

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**S.M.A.R.T. Housing Certification**  
**GDC-NRG South Lamar, LLC**  
**2001 & 2003 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, Texas 78704 (ID 811)**

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

GDC-NRG South Lamar, LLC (development contact Griff Whalen; ph: (419) 290-7333; email [griff.whelen@narrowroadgroup.com](mailto:griff.whelen@narrowroadgroup.com)) is planning to develop 2001 South Lamar, a 453-unit development at 2001 & 2003 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, Texas 78704.

**Two hundred twenty-nine (227)** of the units will be leased to households at or below **80%** Median Family Income (MFI). The project will be subject to a minimum 5-year affordability period after issuance of a certificate of occupancy, unless funding requirements are longer.

The Housing and Planning Department (HPD) certifies the proposed project meets the S.M.A.R.T. Housing standards at the pre-submittal stage. Since 20.3% (92) of the units will serve households at 50% MFI, 19.9% (90) of the units will serve households at 60% MFI and 9.9% (45) of the units will serve households at or below 80% MFI, the development will be eligible for 100% waiver of fees listed in Land Development Code, Chapter 25-1-704, as amended or other fees waived under a separate ordinance except for Austin Water Utility (AWU) Capital Recovery Fees. **This development is not fully in accordance with the requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 395.16(g) and 42 U.S.C. Section 12745 (A)(1) as it relates to how housing qualifies as affordable housing and therefore 271 of the 453 units will not be eligible to receive Austin Water Utility Capital Recovery Fee (CRF) waivers.** The expected fee waivers include, but are not limited to, the following fees:

~~AWU Capital Recovery Fees~~  
Building Permit  
Site Plan Review  
Construction Inspection  
Demolition Permit Fee

Concrete Permit  
Electrical Permit  
Subdivision Plan Review  
Parkland Dedication Fee  
(by separate ordinance)  
Regular Zoning Fee

Mechanical Permit  
Plumbing Permit  
Zoning Verification  
Land Status Determination  
Building Plan Review

### **Prior to issuance of building permits and starting construction, the developer must:**

- ◆ Obtain a signed Conditional Approval from the Austin Energy Green Building Program stating that the plans and specifications for the proposed development meet the criteria for a Green Building Rating. (Contact Austin Energy Green Building: 512-482-5300 or [greenbuilding@austinenenergy.com](mailto:greenbuilding@austinenenergy.com)).
- ◆ Submit plans demonstrating compliance with the required accessibility or visitability standards.

### **Before a Certificate of Occupancy will be granted, the development must:**

- ◆ Pass a final inspection and obtain a signed Final Approval from the Green Building Program. (Separate from any other inspections required by the City of Austin or Austin Energy).

- ◆ Pass a final inspection to certify that the required accessibility or visitability standards have been met.
- ◆ An administrative hold will be placed on the building permit, until the following items have been completed: 1) the number of affordable units have been finalized and evidenced through a sealed letter from project architect and/or engineer, 2) a Restrictive Covenant stating the affordability requirements and terms has been filed for record at the Travis County Clerk Office.

The applicant must demonstrate compliance with S.M.A.R.T. Housing standards after the certificate of occupancy has been issued or repay the City of Austin, in full, the fees waived for this S.M.A.R.T. Housing certification.

Please contact me by phone 512.974.3462 or by email at [nathan.jones@austintexas.gov](mailto:nathan.jones@austintexas.gov) if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nathan Jones', with a stylized, flowing script.

Nathan Jones, Project Coordinator  
Housing and Planning Department

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Jonathan Orenstein, AWU

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