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Sec. 150.2100 Policy.

The purpose of this Article is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by promoting housing of high quality located in neighborhoods throughout the community for households of all income levels, ages and sizes in order to meet the City's goal of preserving and promoting a culturally and economically diverse population in the City. Based upon the review and consideration of reports and analyses of the housing situation in the City, it is apparent that the diversity of the City's housing stock has declined as a result of increasing property values and housing costs and a reduction in the availability of affordable housing; that demolition of certain existing dwellings has led to a reduction in the diversity of the City's housing stock and affordable housing opportunities, and that subsequent redevelopment has in many cases contributed to property value increases that further the difficulty of providing affordable housing in the City; and that, with the exception of housing developed in partnership with the City or its Housing Commission, the privately developed new residential housing that is being built in the City generally is not affordable to low- and moderate-income households. The City recognizes the need to provide affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households in order to maintain a diverse population and to provide housing for those who live or work in the City. Without intervention, the trend toward increasing housing prices will result in an inadequate supply of affordable housing for City residents and local employees, which will have a negative impact upon the ability of local employers to maintain an adequate local work force and will otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents. Since the remaining land appropriate for new residential development within the City is limited, it is essential that a reasonable proportion of such land be developed into housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income households and working families.

While this Article provides specific alternatives to the production of on-site affordable housing units, the intent and preference of this Article is for the provision of permanently affordable housing units constructed on-site and privately produced, owned, and managed.

The provisions of this Article may be supplemented by a set of Administrative Guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 150.2115 of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Sec. 150.2101 Covered Development Projects.

(A) General. The provisions of this Article shall apply to all developments that result in or contain five or more residential dwelling units. The types of development subject to the provisions of this Article include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) A development that is new residential construction or new mixed-use construction with a residential component.

(2) A development that is the renovation or reconstruction of an existing multiple family residential structure that increases the number of residential units from the number of units in the original structure.

(3) A development that will change the use of an existing building from non-residential to residential or that will change the type of residential use. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(4) A development that includes the conversion of rental property to private ownership of individual housing units. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(B) Development on Multiple Parcels. For purposes of this Article, a development that occurs on adjacent parcels under common ownership shall be considered one development. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Sec. 150.2102 Percentage of Affordable Housing Units Required.

(A) General Requirement. Except as otherwise specifically provided in Subsection (C) below and Section 150.2108 of this Article, 20 percent of the total number of residential units within any covered development shall be affordable housing units and shall be located on the site of the covered development.

(B) Calculation. To calculate the number of affordable housing units required in a covered development, the total number of proposed units shall be multiplied by 20 percent. If the product includes a fraction, a fraction of .5 or more shall be rounded up, and a fraction of less than .5 shall be rounded down.

(C) Cash Payment In-Lieu of Housing Units.

(1) General Applicability. The applicant may make a cash payment in lieu of constructing some or all of the required affordable housing units

if, and only if, the covered development is a single-family detached development that has no more than nineteen units.

(2) Amount and Use of Cash in Lieu. The per unit payment amount shall be determined by the City Council and set forth in the City's annual fee resolution. The per unit amount shall be based on an estimate of the cost of providing an affordable housing unit and shall be reviewed and modified periodically by the City Council. All cash payments received pursuant to this Article shall be deposited directly into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for purposes authorized under Section 33.1133 of this Code.

(3) Calculation. For purposes of determining the total in lieu payment amount, the per unit amount established by the City pursuant to Paragraph (C)(2) of this Section shall be multiplied by 20 percent of the number of units proposed in the covered development. For purposes of such calculation, if 20 percent of the number of proposed units results in a fraction, the fraction shall not be rounded up or down. If the cash payment is in lieu of providing one or more but not all of the required units, the calculation shall be prorated as appropriate.

Sec. 150.2103 Application and Inclusionary Housing Plan.

(A) Application. For all covered development projects, the Applicant shall file an application for approval thereof on a form provided and required by the City. The application shall require, and the Applicant shall provide, among other things, general information about the nature and scope of the covered development, as well as such other documents and information as the Director of the City's Department of Community Development, or his or her designee ("**Director**"), may require. The Director shall also have the authority to require, as part of the application submittal, such portions of the inclusionary housing plan required under Subsection (B) of this Section as the Director shall deem necessary to properly evaluate the proposed covered development under the requirements and provisions of this Article.

(B) Inclusionary Housing Plan. As part of the approval of a covered development project, the Applicant shall present to the Housing Commission and the City Council an inclusionary housing plan that outlines and specifies the covered development's compliance with each of the applicable requirements of this Article, in accordance with the following: **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(1) Required Submittals for Inclusionary Housing Plan. The plan shall specifically contain, at a minimum, the following information regarding the covered development project;

(a) Preliminary Plan.

(i) A general description of the development, including whether the development will contain rental units or individually owned units, or both;

(ii) The total number of market rate units and affordable units in the development;

(iii) The total number of attached and detached residential units; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(iv) The number of bedrooms in each market rate unit and each affordable unit;

(v) The square footage of each market rate unit and each affordable unit;

(vi) The location within any multiple-family residential structure and any single-family residential development of each market rate unit and each affordable unit.

(vii) Floor plans for each affordable unit; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(viii) The amenities that will be provided to and within each market rate unit and affordable unit; and **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(ix) The pricing for each market rate unit and each affordable housing unit.

(b) Final Plan.

(i) All of the information required for the preliminary Inclusionary Housing Plan pursuant to Section 150.2103(B)(1)(a) of this Article; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(ii) The phasing and construction schedule for each market rate unit and each affordable unit;

(iii) Documentation and plans regarding the exterior and interior appearances, materials, and finishes of the development and each of its individual units;

(iv) A description of the marketing plan that the applicant proposes to utilize and implement to promote the sale or rental of the affordable units within the development; and

(v) A description of the specific efforts that the applicant will undertake to provide affordable housing units to households pursuant to the priorities set forth in Section 150.2110 of this Article.

(2) Review Procedure.

(a) Preliminary Plan.

(i) Housing Commission Review. Within 60 days after the filing of a complete preliminary Inclusionary Housing Plan, the Housing Commission shall review the Inclusionary Housing Plan, and shall recommend either the approval (with or without modifications) or the rejection of the Inclusionary Housing Plan. The Housing Commission shall transmit its findings of fact and recommendation to the City Council. The failure of the Housing Commission to provide a recommendation within such 60 day period, or such further time to which the applicant may, in writing, agree, shall be deemed a recommendation against the approval of the Inclusionary Housing Plan. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(ii) City Council Consideration.

(A) Upon receipt of the Housing Commission recommendation pursuant to Section 150.2103(B)(2)(a)(i) of this Article, the City Council may, by resolution duly adopted, approve or reject the Preliminary Inclusionary Housing Plan. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(B) Approval of the preliminary Inclusionary Housing Plan by the City Council shall neither: (1) be deemed or interpreted as obligating the City Council to approve a final Inclusionary Housing Plan; nor (2) vest any right to the applicant other than the right to submit a final Inclusionary Housing Plan for the proposed Covered Development Project. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(b) Final Plan.

(i) Housing Commission Review. Within 60 days after the filing of a complete final Inclusionary Housing Plan, the Housing Commission shall review the Inclusionary Housing Plan, and shall recommend either the approval (with or without modifications) or the rejection of the Inclusionary Housing Plan. The Housing Commission shall transmit its findings of fact and recommendation to the City Council. The failure of the Housing Commission to provide a recommendation within such 60 day period, or such further time to which the applicant may, in writing, agree, shall be deemed a recommendation against the approval of the Inclusionary Housing Plan. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(ii) City Council Consideration. Upon receipt of the Housing Commission recommendation pursuant to Section 150.2103(B)(2)(b)(i) of this Article, the City Council may, by ordinance duly adopted, approve or reject the Inclusionary Housing Plan. Any ordinance approving a final Inclusionary Housing Plan shall include, without limitation, the following: **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(A) All standards, conditions, or restrictions deemed necessary or applicable by the City Council to effectuate the proposed development and protect the public interest, health, safety and welfare; and **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(B) A provisions requiring the execution and recordation by the applicant of a development agreement, as required pursuant to Section 150.2104 of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(c) Concurrent Review of Preliminary and Final Plans. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, the Housing Commission and City Council shall review the preliminary and final Inclusionary Housing Plans concurrently for all Covered Development Projects that are not Planned Developments, pursuant to the final Inclusionary Housing Plan review procedure set forth in Section 150.2103(B)(2)(b) of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(3) Standards of Review. The Housing Commission shall not recommend the approval of a preliminary or final Inclusionary Housing Plan, and the City Council shall not approve a preliminary or final Inclusionary Housing Plan, except upon making the following findings: **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(a) That the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed affordable housing units are designed to accommodate the needs of the target households; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(b) That the location, floor plan, fixtures and finishes, and amenities of each proposed affordable housing unit satisfy the applicable provisions of this Article and are suitable for the needs of the target households; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(c) That each affordable housing unit is designed to accommodate family living needs for common space and dining areas; and **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(d) That the proposed affordable housing units, and the development as a whole, conform to the applicable standards and requirements of this Chapter. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Sec. 150.2104 Development Agreement and Other Documents.

Prior to issuance of a building permit for any covered development, the applicant shall have entered into a development agreement with the City regarding the specific requirements and restrictions regarding affordable housing and the covered development. The applicant shall execute any and all documents deemed necessary by the City, including without limitation, restrictive covenants and other related instruments, to ensure the continued affordability of the affordable housing units in accordance with this Article. The development agreement shall set forth the commitments and obligations of the City and the applicant and shall incorporate,

among other things, the inclusionary housing plan. The development agreement shall also contain the agreements and decisions regarding the applicability of any one or more of the alternatives to the provision of on-site affordable housing units as set forth in Section 150.2108 of this Article.

Sec. 150.2105 Development Cost Off-Sets.

An applicant that fully complies with the requirements of this Article shall, upon written request, receive from the City, with regard to the affordable housing units in the covered development, a waiver of all of the otherwise applicable application fees, building permit fees, plan review fees, inspection fees, sewer and water tap-on fees, demolition permit fees, the demolition tax, and such other development fees and costs which may be imposed by the City; provided, however, that this waiver shall not apply to third-party legal, engineering, and other consulting or administrative fees, costs, and expenses incurred or accrued by the City in connection with the review and processing of plans for the covered development. The waiver of fees and costs under this Section shall only apply to the affordable units. All applicable fees and costs under this Code shall apply to all market rate units. To the extent that there are impact fees attributable to the affordable housing units, those impact fees shall be paid from funds in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. (Ord. 45-07, J. 33, p. 251-253, passed 6/11/07)

Sec. 150.2106 Density Bonuses.

(A) Bonus Units for Affordable Housing Provided. For all covered developments under this Article, a density bonus shall be provided equal to one market rate unit for each affordable housing unit that is required and provided under this Article. The density bonus set forth in this Section 150.2106(A) shall be provided regardless of whether the affordable housing unit or units are provided on-site pursuant to Section 150.2102 of this Article, or off-site pursuant to Section 150.2108(B)(3) of this Article. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

(B) PUD Discretionary Bonus. If an applicant is required or chooses to utilize the Planned Unit Development process as outlined in Article V of this Chapter and provides affordable housing units on the site of the covered development in accordance with this Article, then the applicant may, as part of the Planned Unit Development process, seek a density bonus in addition to the density bonus authorized under Subsection (A) of this Section. The additional density bonus under this Subsection may be authorized up to 0.5 market rate units for each affordable housing unit required under this Article that is provided within the Development, but only upon the recommendation of the Plan and Design Commission and the approval of the City Council, in accordance with and pursuant to the standards and procedures for Planned Developments, as set forth in Article V of this Chapter. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09; Ord. 59-15, passed 6/8/15)

(C) No Density Bonuses with Payment of Fee-In-Lieu. No density bonus shall be provided pursuant to this Section 150.2106 for any development for which a cash payment in lieu of construction of the required affordable units is made pursuant to Section 150.2103 of this Article. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

Sec. 150.2107 Integration of Affordable Housing Units.

(A) Location of Affordable Housing Units. Affordable housing units shall be dispersed among the market rate units throughout the covered development.

(B) Phasing of Construction. The inclusionary housing plan and the development agreement shall include a phasing plan that provides for the timely and integrated development of the affordable housing units as the covered development project is built out. The phasing plan shall provide for the development of the affordable housing units concurrently with the market rate units. Building permits shall be issued for the covered development project based upon the phasing plan. The phasing plan may be adjusted by the Director when necessary in order to account for the different financing and funding environments, economies of scale, and infrastructure needs applicable to development of the market rate and the affordable housing units. The phasing plan shall also provide that the affordable housing units shall not be the last units to be built in any covered development.

(C) Exterior Appearance. The exterior appearance of the affordable housing units in any covered development shall be visually compatible with the market rate units in the development. External building materials and finishes shall be substantially the same in type and quality for affordable housing units as for market rate units.

(D) Unit Amenities: Amenities that are provided with a market rate unit shall also be provided, with the affordable units. For purposes of this Subsection (D), “amenities” shall include, without limitation, basements, front porches, storage lockers, balconies, roof decks, outdoor patios, off-street parking, enclosed parking, appliances, and similar unit features and additions. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(E) Interior Appearance and Finishes. Affordable housing units may differ from market rate units with regard to interior finishes and gross floor area, provided that:

(1) The bedroom mix of affordable units shall be in equal proportion to the bedroom mix of the market rate units.

(2) The differences between the affordable housing units and the market rate units shall not include improvements related to energy efficiency, including mechanical equipment and plumbing, insulation, windows, and heating and cooling systems.

(3) The interior gross floor area for the affordable housing units shall be no less than the lesser of (a) 75 percent of the gross floor area of market rate units with a comparable number of bedrooms, or (b) the minimum size requirements outlined in the table below; provided, however, that interior gross floor area shall not include areas devoted to vertical circulation, basements, off-street parking, lockers and similar storage areas, and mechanical rooms. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Number of Bedrooms	Unit Type	
	Single Story Dwelling Units	Multi-Story Dwelling Units
Studio	450 square feet	--
1	750 square feet	--
2	950 square feet	1,000 square feet
3	1,175 square feet	1,350 square feet
4	1,350 square feet	1,600 square feet

(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

Sec. 150.2108 Alternatives to On-Site Affordable Housing Units.

(A) Applicability. In lieu of the provision of affordable housing on the site of the covered development as otherwise required by Section 150.2102 of this Article, the City Council, following consideration by and a recommendation from the Housing Commission, may approve one or more of the three alternatives for affordable housing as set forth in Subsection B of this Section. Utilization and the requirements of the provisions of this Section shall be specifically set forth in the affordable housing development agreement for the covered development. This Section shall not be utilized unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the City Council that the alternate means of compliance will further affordable housing opportunities in the City to an equal or greater extent than compliance with the otherwise applicable on site requirements of this Article.

(B) Available Alternatives. Any one or more of the following affordable housing alternatives may be utilized in lieu of all or part of the otherwise applicable on site requirements set forth in Section 150.2102 of this Article: **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(1) A cash payment to be deposited directly into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for purposes authorized under Section 33.1133 of this Code in an amount not less than the per unit payment established pursuant to Section 150.2102(C)(2) of this Article; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(2) A dedication of land to the Highland Park Housing Commission or the Commission's not-for-profit designee; or

(3) The provision of affordable housing units at another site within the City.

Sec. 150.2109 Target Income Levels for Affordable Housing Units.

(A) For-Sale Affordable Housing Units. In covered development projects that contain for-sale units, at least one affordable housing unit and no less than 50 percent of the affordable housing units shall be sold to low-income households at a price, as determined pursuant to Subsection (C) of this Section, that, on average, is affordable to a household with an annual income that is 65 percent of area median income. Any remaining affordable units shall be sold to moderate-income households at a price, as determined pursuant to Subsection (C) of this Section, that, on average, is affordable to a household with an annual income that is 100 percent of

area median income. The owner shall execute and record any documents required by Section 150.2104 of this Article to ensure compliance with this Subsection.

(B) Rental of Affordable Housing Units. In covered development projects that contain rental units: (i) no less than 33 percent of the affordable housing units shall be rented or leased to households with gross incomes from zero percent to 50 percent of the Chicago area median income at a price, as determined pursuant to Subsection (C) of this Section, that, on average, is affordable to a household with an annual income that is 45 percent of area median income; (ii) no less than 33 percent of the affordable housing units shall be rented or leased to households with gross incomes between 51 percent and 80 percent of the Chicago area median income at a price, as determined pursuant to Subsection (C) of this Section, that, on average, is affordable to a household with an annual income that is 65 percent of area median income; and (iii) no more than 33 percent of the affordable housing units shall be rented or leased to households with gross incomes between 81 percent and 120 percent of the Chicago area median income at a price, as determined pursuant to Subsection (C) of this Section, that, on average, is affordable to a household with an annual income that is 100 percent of area median income. If fewer than three affordable units will be provided, such units shall be rented or leased to low-income households at a price, as determined pursuant to Subsection (C) of this Section, that does not exceed what is affordable to a household with an annual income that is 65 percent of area median income.

(C) Pricing Schedule. The City, through the Director of Community Development, shall publish a pricing schedule of rental and sales prices for affordable housing units (“Pricing Schedule”), which Pricing Schedule shall be updated at least once every 12 months. The Director of Community Development may, in his or her discretion, include the Pricing Schedule within administrative guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 150.2115 of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Sec. 150.2110 Eligibility of Households.

(A) For-Sale Affordable Housing Units. Only eligible households shall be permitted to purchase an affordable housing unit for purposes of this Article. Priority will be given first to households who live in Highland Park or households in which the head of the household or the spouse or domestic partner works in Highland Park as part of employment by the City of Highland Park, the Highland Park Library District, the Park District of Highland Park, the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the County of Lake, Moraine Township, West Deerfield Township, School Districts 112 or 113, the Northern Suburban Special Education District, the North Shore Sanitary District, or the South Lake County Mosquito Abatement District, and then to households in which the head of the household or the spouse or domestic partner works in Highland Park for any other employer. At the applicant’s request, the City or its not-for-profit designee shall select eligible households for the affordable housing units at an additional charge to the applicant at an amount to be determined by the City. If, during possession, the gross income of the eligible household increases above the eligible income levels, set forth in Section 150.2109 of this Article, the eligible household may continue to own the affordable housing unit. The owner shall execute and record any documents required by Section 150.2104 of

this Article to ensure compliance with this Subsection. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

(B) Rental Affordable Housing Units. Only eligible households shall be permitted to rent an affordable housing unit for purpose of this Article. Priority will be given first to households who live in Highland Park or households in which the head of the household or the spouse or domestic partner works in Highland Park as part of employment by the City of Highland Park, the Highland Park Library District, the Park District of Highland Park, the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the County of Lake, Moraine Township, West Deerfield Township, School Districts 112 or 113, the Northern Suburban Special Education District, or the South Lake County Mosquito Abatement District, and then to households in which the head of the household or the spouse or domestic partner works in Highland Park for any other employer. At the applicant's request, the City or its not-for-profit designee shall select eligible households for the affordable housing units at an additional charge to the applicant at an amount to be determined by the City. If, during possession, the gross income of the eligible household increases above the eligible income levels, set forth in Section 150.2109 of this Article, the eligible household may continue to lease the unit and may renew the lease as well. The owner shall execute and record any documents required by Section 150.2104 of this Article to ensure compliance with this Subsection. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

Sec. 150.2111 Marketing of the Affordable Housing Units.

(A) Good Faith Marketing Required. All sellers and lessors of affordable units are responsible for marketing the affordable units, and shall engage in good faith marketing efforts to inform members of the public who are qualified to purchase or rent affordable units of the availability of such units for sale or rent. Prior to the initiation of public marketing efforts to sell or lease an affordable housing unit, the seller or lessor thereof shall submit to the Director of Community Development a description of the marketing plan that the applicant proposes to utilize and implement to promote the sale or rental of the affordable units within the development to the appropriate income groups. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

(B) City Assistance with Marketing. At the applicant's request, the City or its designee shall assist the applicant in marketing the affordable housing units to eligible households, for an additional charge to be determined by the City. (Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)

Sec. 150.2112 Period of Affordability.

(A) Sale of Affordable Housing Units. In covered developments that contain for-sale units, affordable housing units shall be resold to low and moderate income households in perpetuity or as long as permissible by law. The owner shall execute and record any documents required by Section 150.2104 of this Article to ensure compliance with this Subsection.

(B) Rental of Affordable Housing Units. In developments that contain rental units, affordable housing units shall be rented to low and moderate income

households in accordance with Section 150.2110 of this Article for 25 years from the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the respective unit. The owner shall execute and record any documents required by Section 150.2104 of this Article to ensure compliance with this Subsection.

(1) In the event that the owner of a covered rental development sells the development before the end of the 25-year affordability period, the new owner shall be required to continue to provide the affordable housing units in accordance with Section 150.2110 of this Article for the remainder of the 25-year period.

(2) If the owner of a covered rental development converts the development to condominiums or other form of individual unit ownership, the development shall be subject to the for-sale development requirements set forth in Subsection 150.2109(A) of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(3) The Housing Commission or its designee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase any for-sale affordable housing units in the development pursuant to Section 150.2113 of this Article.

Sec. 150. 2113 Affordability Controls.

(A) For-Sale Affordable Housing Units.

(1) Housing Commission Purchases. The Housing Commission, or a not-for-profit agency designated by the Housing Commission, shall have the preemptive option and right, but not an obligation, to purchase each of the for-sale affordable housing units prior to any sale of any such unit. If the City, or the designated not-for-profit, exercises the option and purchases the affordable housing unit, the affordable housing unit shall be subject to such documents deemed necessary by the City, including, without limitation, restrictive covenants and other related instruments, to ensure the continued affordability of the affordable housing units in accordance with this Article. Such documentation shall include the provisions of this Article and shall provide, at a minimum, each of the following: **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(a) The calculated maximum resale price is an upper limit, but shall not be construed as a guarantee that the unit will be resold at that price. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(b) Market conditions, and characteristics of the affordable housing unit, may result in the sale of an affordable housing unit at a price lower than the calculated maximum resale price. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(2) Private Party Purchases. In all other sales of for-sale affordable housing units, the parties to the transaction shall execute and record such documentation as required by Section 150.2104 of this Article to ensure the provision and continuous maintenance of the affordable housing units. Such

documentation shall include the provisions of this Article and shall provide, at a minimum, each of the following:

(a) The affordable housing unit shall be sold to and occupied by an eligible household.

(b) The affordable housing unit shall be conveyed subject to restrictions that shall permanently maintain the affordability of such affordable housing units for eligible households.

(c) Preference for the affordable housing units shall be given to eligible households pursuant to the priorities set forth in Section 150.2110 of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(d) The calculated maximum resale price is an upper limit, but shall not be construed as a guarantee that the unit will be resold at that price. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(e) Market conditions, and characteristics of the affordable housing unit, may result in the sale of an affordable housing unit at a price lower than the calculated maximum resale price. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(B) Rental Affordable Housing Units. For covered rental developments that contain affordable housing units, the owner of the development shall execute and record such documentation as required by Section 150.2104 of this Article to ensure the provision and continuous maintenance of the affordable housing units. Such documentation shall include the provisions of this Article and shall provide, at a minimum, each of the following:

(1) The affordable housing units must be leased and occupied by eligible households.

(2) The affordable housing units must be leased at rent levels affordable to eligible households for a period of 25 years from the date of the initial certificate of occupancy.

(3) Preference for the affordable housing units shall be given to eligible households pursuant to the priorities set forth in Section 150.2110 of this Article.

(4) The calculated maximum rental price is an upper limit, but shall not be construed as a guarantee that the unit will be rented at that price. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(5) Market conditions, and characteristics of the affordable housing unit, may result in the rental of an affordable housing unit at a price lower than the calculated maximum rental price. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(C) Subleasing Prohibited. Subleasing of affordable units shall not be permitted without the express written consent of the Director. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Section 150.2114 Departures from Requirements.

The Housing Commission may recommend, and the City Council may approve, departures from any of the standards set forth in this Article, upon making each of the following findings: **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(A) Due to specific and unique circumstances, undue hardship would be caused by the literal enforcement of the standards and requirements set forth in this Article; **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(B) By virtue of excellence in design, the proposed departure from the standards does not result in a diminished or lower quality affordable dwelling unit, but provides a functionally equivalent dwelling unit; and **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(C) The proposed affordable housing units otherwise meet the purpose and intent of this Article. **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

Section 150.2115 Administrative Guidelines.

The City Director of Community Development shall have the right, but not the obligation, to adopt, and to amend from time to time, administrative guidelines to assist in the effective implementation of this Article by participants in the Inclusionary Housing Program; provided, however, that any administrative guidelines adopted or amended pursuant to this Section 150.2115 shall not be inconsistent with this Article, and that in the event of a conflict between the administrative guidelines and this Article, this Article shall control **(Ord. 16-09, J. 35, p. 32-48, passed 2/9/09)**

(Article 21 added by Ord. 52-03, J. 29, p. 174-185, passed 8/25/03)