

**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Report to Broward County Board of County
Commissioners**

**Broward County SHIP Affordable Housing
Incentive Strategies**

December 8, 2020

In accordance with House Bill 1337 passed in the 2007 Legislative Session and associated changes to the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Chapter 67-37, counties and cities receiving State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds were required to establish an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) by June 30, 2008. The Broward County AHAC was established by Ordinance No. 2008-23 on June 10, 2008, Item No. 9.

The responsibilities, composition and reporting requirements for the AHAC, are outlined in Section 420.9076(2) F.S. and Chapter 67-37.010 F.A.C, as follows.

Responsibilities

These include the preparation of a local affordable housing incentive plan for local government approval and the preparation of a triennial report to the local government which evaluates established policies, procedures, ordinances, land development regulations and the comprehensive plan and recommend changes to promote affordable housing if necessary.

The initial report was required to be submitted to the local government by December 31, 2008, after which the report was transmitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The SHIP statute requires the report be submitted to the local government and the governing agency, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, every three years by December 31 thereafter. This directive was met by Broward County in December 2008, December 2011, December 2014 and December 2017.

Committee Composition

The composition of the AHAC includes 11 members representing the following disciplines: 1). The home building industry; 2). The banking or mortgage banking industry; 3). The labor industry actively engaged in home building; 4). An advocate of low-income persons; 5). A for-profit provider of affordable housing; 6). A not-for-profit provider of affordable housing; 7). A real estate professional; 8). A citizen serving on the local planning agency; 9). A resident of the jurisdiction; 10). A citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction; and, 11). A citizen who represents essential services personnel as defined in the local housing assistance plan.

Committee Reporting Requirements

The AHAC report must address the implementation of affordable housing incentives in at least the following eleven (11) areas: 1). Processing approvals of development orders or permits; 2). Modification of impact fee requirements; 3). Density flexibility; 4). The reservation of infrastructure capacity; 5). Affordable accessory residential units; 6). Reduction of parking and setback requirements 7). Flexible lot configurations, including zero-lot-line configurations 8). Modification of street requirements; 9). A process by which a local government considers, before adoption, policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions that increase the cost of housing; 10). A printed inventory of locally owned public lands suitable for affordable housing; and 11). Policies which

support development near transportation hubs and major employment centers and mixed-use developments.

The Committee decided to carryforward incentive strategies included in the 2017 Report to show a strong support to continue to encourage these incentive strategies which are numbers 17-02, 17-03, 17-05, 17-08, 17-09, 17-11, and 17-13. Numbers not included indicate a strategy implemented or an obsolete strategy.

A Public Hearing was held on October 19, 2020 prior to adoption of this Report

AHAC Recommendations 2017 – Additional Incentive Strategies

Strategy No.	AHAC Incentive Strategies
Continued Discussion Points	A. Advocacy – BOCC to fully use the AHAC to act as an advocacy group to communicate with state and local legislatures to support affordable housing through advocacy and budget. B. Continuation of the AHAC AHAC continues to work with HF&CRD staff to follow and monitor tax reform legislation, its impacts and potential implications on affordable housing in Broward County and advocate on behalf of Broward County affordable housing initiatives.
17-02	Other affordable housing incentives: Broward County generated Dedicated Revenue Source A new nominal flat fee paid by grantor and grantor of all real estate transactions conveyances recorded in Broward county and be deposited into a dedicated affordable housing trust fund to be administered by the County. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S</i>
17-03	Other affordable housing incentives: Preserve Tax Exemption for Affordable Housing Support Legislative advances that positively supports the funding to preserve incentives/initiatives for affordable housing, such as, tax exempt multifamily housing bonds programs and other. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S</i>

17-05	Other affordable housing incentives: Review State's formula for distribution of documentary stamps. Support Broward County Legislatures advocacy for a more equitable and fair formula for the calculation of the distribution of the annual SHIP funds. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners should advocate for a more appropriate and larger receipt of funds to be returned to the Broward County Affordable Housing Trust Fund based on the need of the County. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S</i>
17-08	Other affordable housing incentives: The Sadowski Housing Trust Fund for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund remains dedicated for the specific Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mandate legislative action to prohibit the raiding of the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund to allow full funding as in the original intent of the Act. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S.</i>
17-09	Other affordable housing incentives: Support changes to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation rules governing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to increase Broward County's potential tax credit allocations in the State issued Request for Application. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S.</i>
17-11	Other affordable housing incentives: Bonus Density. Improve the Bonus Density Program in the Broward County Land Use Plan to increase its effectiveness and generate additional affordable housing units. Note: Bonus density is currently being studied by the Broward County Planning Council. The 2017 adoption of the BrowardNext – Broward County Land Use Plan saw increased bonus densities. To date, no local government has utilized the bonus. On November 5, 2019 the County Commission initiated a re-examination of the bonus density formulas to further increase the market rate bonus. As a result, an updated amendment will be considered in 2020. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S.</i>

17-13	Other affordable housing incentives: Encourage Broward County municipalities to expedite affordable housing projects through their land development regulations, (for example through zoning, bonus densities, more flexible units, further parking reductions, impact fee waivers, and expediting permit review) to further affordable housing. <i>Sec.420.9076(4), F.S.</i>
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In accordance with Florida Statutes 420.9076 and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 67-37, the Broward County State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is required to file a current review of the Broward County SHIP Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies Report (Report) with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners by December 31, 2020 prior to submittal to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.