Implementing Order

Implementing Order No.: 3-60

Title: ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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AUTHORITY:
Section 4.02 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment and Charter, Ordinance No. 3-45.

SUPERSEDES:
This Implementing Order supersedes Implementing Order No. 3-60 approved July 6, 2017, effective July 16, 2017.

POLICY:
It is the responsibility of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to implement the Workforce Housing Development Program enacted by the Board of County Commissioners and to develop program guidelines and plans. This Implementing Order establishes the process and procedures for administering the program, including determining eligibility for participation in the Workforce Housing Development Program, and the sales and rental prices for workforce housing units.

APPLICABILITY:
The provisions of this article shall apply to all covered development subject to the provisions of Chapter 33, Article XIIA and Chapter 17, Article IX of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as amended.

PURPOSE:
The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, through Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development, Regulatory and Economic Resources, or their successor agencies or departments, shall oversee the administration of the Workforce Housing Development Program as established through this implementing order. This implementing order establishes the zoning application process, eligibility criteria, maximum sales and rental prices, and unit specifications, along with provisions for sale and re-sale price controls, enforcement and appeals.

DEFINITIONS:
“Applicant” means a developer as defined in this section.

“Application” means any request for zoning approval to develop residential uses pursuant to Chapter 33, Article XIIA or other zoning action to develop workforce housing units.

“Area median income” or “median family income” means the median income level for the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Statistical Area, as established and defined in the annual schedule published by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and adjusted for household size.

“At one location” means all land owned by the applicant, including:
(a) Adjacent parcels, the property lines of which are contiguous at any point; or
(b) All adjacent parcels, the property lines of which are separated only by a
public or private street, road, highway or utility right-of-way, or other public or private right-of-way at any point; or

(c) All adjacent parcels, under common ownership or control of the applicant, including land owned or controlled by any business entities in which the applicant or immediate family members of the applicant possesses any form of management control.

“Certificate of qualification” means a certificate issued by the Housing Department or qualified designee establishing a qualified household’s eligibility to purchase or rent a workforce housing unit ("WHU"). Certificates of qualification shall be issued by the Housing Department or qualified designee within 10 days of completion of application package and shall be valid for 12 months. The Housing Department may authorize a property owner or developer to issue certificates of qualification, subject to verification by the Housing Department.

“Condominium” means that form of ownership of real property created pursuant to Chapter 718 of the Florida Statutes, which is comprised entirely of units that are owned by one or more persons, and which there is, appurtenant to each unit, an undivided share in common elements.

"Condominium conversion" has the meaning established by sections 718.604-718.622 of the Florida Statutes.

“Control period” means each 20-year period during which the affordability restrictions imposed by this article shall apply. The control period begins at the time of any sale or resale of the affected unit by every new WHU owner.

“Covered development” means all developments required to provide WHUs or monetary contributions in lieu thereof pursuant to Chapter 33, Article XIIA of the Code of Miami-Dade County or as otherwise set forth in this implementing order.

“Developer” means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, or any entity or combination of entities that apply for development orders or permits for residential dwelling units, but does not include the state or any county, municipality, or any governmental entity.

“Eligible household” means a household whose total income is between 60 percent and up to 140 percent of Area Median Income.

“Eligible household income” means any income derived by any proposed occupants of a WHU who are 18 years of age or older and who will use the WHU as their primary residence.

“Household” means any natural person who occupies a WHU as their primary residence.

“Housing Department” means, unless otherwise indicated, the Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department or any successor agency or department.

“Housing Director” means the Director of the Housing Department or designee.

“Market rate dwelling units” means all dwelling units in a covered development that are not WHUs as defined herein.

“Multi-Family Development” is a development with attached residential dwelling units in which the units are either rented as a part of a development that is under a single ownership or are sold in a condominium or cooperative form of ownership.
“Qualified household” means an eligible household that has received a certificate of qualification.

“Qualified Improvement” means any addition to or modification of the WHU that adds materially to the value of the WHU, prolongs the WHU’s useful life, or adapts the WHU to new uses and the replacement of any existing amenities.

“Single Family Development” is a development with attached or detached residential dwelling units, including townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, villas, patio or courtyard homes, in which the owner retains fee simple title to both the residential dwelling unit and the land beneath the residential dwelling unit.

“Transit corridor area” means the area which lies within a one-half mile radius of (i) the Metrorail stations, (ii) the corridors identified in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, set forth in Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-523-16, as may be amended from time to time, or (iii) corridors designated by the Board of County Commissioners for Enhanced Bus Service (EBS).

“Trust Fund” means Affordable Housing Trust Fund of Miami-Dade County established pursuant to Ordinance No. 07-15, as amended.

“Urban Infill Area (UIA)” means the area as defined in the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP).

“Workforce housing unit rent” or “WHU rent” means rents that do not exceed the maximum monthly Rent Limits as determined for Miami-Dade County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in its annual Income Limits and Rent Limits and as used by Florida Housing Finance Corporation for its multifamily rental programs (published annually at http://www.floridahousing.org), which is set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

“Workforce housing unit sales price” or “WHU sales price” shall be the Maximum Sales Price for homes sold under the County’s affordable housing programs as set forth in Section 17-162 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The Maximum Sales Price for borrowers to purchase a home under Miami-Dade County’s Affordable Housing Programs shall be the lesser of: 95 percent of the area median purchase price, as determined using purchase price limits established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program; or 90 percent of the area median purchase price for homes as provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (U.S. Treasury) used for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP). The Maximum Sales Price shall be established using the most current data as of the date of execution of the contract for purchase and sale. The County Mayor and/or the County Mayor’s designee may update the Maximum Sales Price based on data from U.S. HUD or U.S. Treasury using the methodologies set forth herein. The County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee shall update program guidelines and Implementing Orders as authorized by Section 17-162. For FY 2022-23 and until new WHU sales prices are updated, the WHU sales prices shall be those listed in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The Maximum Sales Price does not apply to units receiving Florida discretionary surtax funds. Pursuant to Section 125.0167, Florida Statutes, units receiving Florida discretionary surtax funds may only be subject to loan qualifications of lenders licensed to provide mortgage financing as to the amount of the loan.

“Zoning Department” means, unless otherwise indicated, the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department or any successor agency or department.

“Zoning Director” means the director of the Zoning Department or designee.
INTRODUCTION:
The increasing demand for housing that is affordable for working families and individuals resulted in the development and passage of Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 07-05 or the Workforce Housing Development Program Ordinance (WHU Ordinance or the Code), which was substantially revised by Ordinance No. 16-138. To further the intent of the WHU Ordinance, Miami-Dade County, through the Housing Department and the Zoning Department, has developed this implementing order.

The Housing Department and the Zoning Department shall implement zoning and housing program opportunities to assist working families and individuals with incomes ranging between 60 percent and 140 percent of Miami-Dade County’s area median income. The Housing Department and the Zoning Department shall provide orientation on the administration of the WHU Development Program to developers, other property owners, and property managers, and the Housing Department shall provide assistance in determining the eligibility of each eligible household. Whenever necessary, the Housing Department and the Zoning Department shall hold periodic meetings with developers to discuss the implementation of the WHU program. Additionally, both departments shall provide the public with information about the WHU program on both department’s websites, including but not limited to links to the applicable provisions of the County Code, this implementing order, and any documents required for the implementation of this program.

ZONING PROCESS:
The Zoning Department shall be responsible for the review of zoning applications that seek to voluntarily participate in the Workforce Housing Development Program. Such applications shall be reviewed pursuant to the density bonus, intensity standards, and other requirements established in Chapter 33, Article XIA of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The following describes the approval process, including the process for approving individual residential lots (one lot developed as a single-family, duplex, or triplex residence).

Zoning Approval of Residential Projects
All residential development projects utilizing the Workforce Housing Development Program, except for projects with an individual lot to develop one single-family, duplex, or triplex residence, shall require an Administrative Site Plan Review (ASPR) pursuant to Section 33-193.10 of the Code.

At ASPR, the Zoning Department shall review the application for completeness and compliance with the provisions of the Workforce Housing Development Program. The application will be reviewed by other public agencies to ensure compliance with other relevant regulations in the Code. The Housing Department will serve as one of the reviewing agencies in the ASPR process. The ASPR will require the following:

- Name and location of project
- Total number of market rate units and number of workforce housing units (WHUs)
- Location of WHUs for homeownership projects and inventory of WHUs for rental projects
- Construction Schedule of market rate and workforce housing units, specifying the projected date of Certificate of Occupancy
- Declaration of restrictive covenants in compliance with section 33-193.13 of the Code

At ASPR, an applicant may opt to satisfy the requirement of on-site construction of the WHUs through one of the alternatives described below, pursuant to section 33-193.8 of the Code. If an alternative is utilized, it must be included as part of the Declaration of Restrictions proffered during ASPR.
(1) Off-site construction of WHUs at one or more alternative sites within a 2-mile radius of the proposed location of the market rate units (the primary site).

(2) Monetary contribution to the affordable housing trust fund.

(3) Rehabilitation of existing property for WHUs in unincorporated or incorporated Miami-Dade County in the following areas:
   (a) Within a 3-mile radius of the primary site
   (b) Within the County’s Urban Infill Area; or
   (c) Within a transit corridor area.

(4) Land conveyance suitable in size, location, and physical condition for WHUs.

(5) Combination of off-site construction of WHUs and monetary contributions.

In addition to the alternatives described above, an applicant may opt to obtain a certificate of portability for the workforce housing density bonus. The certificate of portability enables the property owner to sell or transfer the density bonus units to a third party. If the applicant opts to utilize this option, it must be included as part of the Declaration of Restrictions proffered during ASPR.

The final decision of the ASPR shall be issued within 21 days of the date of submission of a completed application. The applicant shall have the right to extend the 21-day period by an additional 21 days upon timely request made in writing to the Zoning Department. The Zoning Department shall have the right to extend the 21-day period by written notice to the applicant that additional information is needed. Denials shall be in writing and shall specifically set forth the grounds for the denial. Any final decision of the Director may be appealed in accordance with the procedures established in section 33-193.7(D) of the Code for appeals of administrative decisions.

After completing the ASPR process, the applicant will be directed to the Housing Department to review and complete the Workforce Housing Agreement and other requirements established in Chapter 17, Article IX of the Code. If the Workforce Housing Agreement requires a folio, address, or legal description for the specific lot, the property may need to be platted before proceeding. If the Workforce Housing Agreement is deemed to comply with all the regulatory requirements, the Housing Department shall provide a letter of satisfaction to the applicant within 21 days of submitting the Agreement. If the Workforce Housing Agreement does not comply with all regulatory requirements, the Housing Department shall provide a letter to the applicant within 21 days of submitting the agreement, indicating the reasons the applicant was found non-compliant. The applicant will then have 21 days from receipt of the letter to comply with all of the requirements. In the event the Housing Department fails to respond to the applicant within 21 days of receipt of the agreement, such agreement shall be deemed approved. Alternatives to on-site construction of WHUs, such as the contribution in lieu, shall be finalized at this time. An additional 90 days shall be granted to the applicant to comply with all necessary requirements of the alternative options. Subsequently, the Housing Department shall review and approve the proposed alternatives and provide the applicant with a letter of acceptance by the County if all requirements are met within 21 days.

No building permits will be issued until a project demonstrates that the above requirements have been satisfied. At the time of permitting, the applicant shall be responsible for providing the following:

- The letter of satisfaction from the Housing Department;
- All required agreements;
- ASPR approval and site plan;
• Construction schedule; and
• If alternatives to on-site construction of WHUs were approved, the applicant must provide the acceptance letter from the County. For rehabilitation sites, the applicant shall provide copies of building permits for the WHUs issued by the County or the applicable municipality.

If there is a construction schedule, permits for market rate units will be issued based on the schedule. Failure to complete the WHUs pursuant to the construction schedule will result in a permit hold. A unit will be deemed complete once a certificate of occupancy is issued.

At the time of permitting, the applicant has the option to convert all or a portion of previously proposed WHUs to market rate units. This can be achieved by paying the monetary contribution in lieu of construction for each WHU to be converted. The Declaration of Restrictions, the Workforce Housing Agreement, and ASPR site plan may need to be revised accordingly.

During the permitting process, the applicant may apply for a Road Impact Fee deferral or exemption for those WHUs that meet the applicable eligibility requirements as described in the Impact Fee section below.

Upon completion of the residential project, the applicant will be responsible for providing the Housing Department with proof of the Certificate of Occupancy for the WHUs. Thereafter, the Housing Department will maintain a list of developments where WHUs may be available for sale or rent on the Housing Department’s website.

**Zoning Approval of Individual Residential Lots**
Approval of projects with an individual lot to develop one single-family, duplex, or triplex residence shall follow the same process described above, except that an ASPR is recommended but not required. Such projects will be reviewed for compliance with the intensity standards and other requirements of the WHU Ordinance, as well as other Code requirements at a Pre-Permit Submittal Review (PPSR). No building permits will be issued until it is demonstrated at the PPSR that all requirements have been satisfied. At the PPSR, the applicant shall be responsible for providing the following:

• The letter of satisfaction from the Housing Department;
• All required agreements;
• A site plan that complies with the intensity and design standards in Article XIIA;
• Proof of ownership of adjacent property (if any); and,
• If an alternative to on-site construction of WHUs was approved, the applicant must also provide the letter of acceptance.

**DENSITY BONUS:**

**20 or more dwelling units**
Single-family or multi-family developments with 20 units or more that provide at least 5 percent of the total units in the developments as WHUs shall be entitled to a density bonus of 5 percent over the maximum number of units allowed by the applicable CDMP land use designation.

Additional density bonuses may be granted as the percent of WHUs in the development increases, up to a maximum density bonus of 25 percent for a WHU set-aside of 10 percent, as follows:
The following formulas shall be utilized in calculating the maximum allowable CDMP units, the density bonus and the WHU units.

**Allowable CDMP Units:**

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\text{Gross Acres} \times \text{CDMP density per acre} = \text{Allowable CDMP units}
\]

If the maximum allowable CDMP units cannot be achieved on a site, or the applicant opts to build below the maximum capacity, the density bonus shall be calculated based on the proposed units.

**Density Bonus Units:**

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\text{Allowable CDMP units or Proposed units} \times \text{Density bonus} = \text{Density bonus units}
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**WHU Units:**

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\% \text{ WHU set-aside} \times \text{Allowable CDMP units or Proposed units} = \text{WHU units}
\]

**Less than 20 dwelling units**

Except for a project with an individual single-family, duplex, or triplex residence, residential developments with fewer than 20 dwelling units may develop in accordance with the density bonuses and intensity standards set forth in section 33-193.7(B) and sections 33-193.11-12 of the Code by either:

(a) Providing one of the alternatives in lieu of on-site construction of WHUs; or

(b) Setting aside 100 percent of the proposed housing units for workforce housing and complying with other applicable requirements of the Workforce Housing Development Program.

**Individual single-family or duplex lot**

An applicant that is developing a single platted lot to build a single-family, duplex, or triplex residence may utilize the intensity standards and design provisions in sections 33-193.11-12 of the Code by either:

(a) Providing one of the alternatives in lieu of on-site construction of WHUs; or

(b) Setting aside 100 percent of the proposed housing units for workforce housing and complying with other applicable requirements of the Workforce Housing Development Program.

The applicant shall demonstrate that the development does not exceed the density allowed by the CDMP and shall comply with the following:

1. No more than 3 residential units may be placed on a single platted lot.
2. The entrance to each of the units on a single platted lot shall be through a common hall/foyer area in the front of the building, which shall be concealed by a building wall
with 1 entrance door, giving the appearance of a single-family home or, where applicable, two- or three-family home.

(3) The locations of the parking spaces for the units within the building shall be dispersed around the building so as not to create a parking field for all of the spaces in the front of the building.

(4) The footprint of the residential structure shall have the appearance of a single-family or, where applicable, two- or three-family home.

(5) Unless the plumbing system of the residential building is connected to a sanitary sewer, lots that have a septic tank with field drains shall be in compliance with Chapter 24 of the code and shall have a rear yard with an area of at least 25 percent of the total lot area. The rear lot area required to care for a septic tank drain field shall not be occupied by an accessory building or other structure.

PORTABILITY OF DENSITY BONUS:
At the time of ASPR, an applicant may apply for a certificate of portability for the workforce housing density bonus. The Certificate allows the property owner to transfer the workforce housing density bonus to another site or sell to a third party. The certificate of portability shall be issued in accordance with the following:

(a) A declaration of restrictions shall be recorded on the primary site (the site subject to the Workforce Housing Development Program) identifying the amount of the density bonus eligible to be transferred and shall include the following requirements:

(1) The receiving site shall be submitted for administrative site plan review.

(2) The receiving site may be developed in accordance with the intensity standards set forth in section 33-193.11 of the Code.

(3) Density bonuses used pursuant to Article XIIA shall not be combined with any other density or intensity bonuses.

(4) The receiving site may provide WHUs in accordance with this article, except that the transferred density bonus shall not be counted in determining the WHUs for the receiving site.

(5) Other terms the Director may deem reasonable or necessary.

(b) Upon issuance, a Certificate of Portability shall be freely transferable and may be used to secure density and intensity bonuses at the receiving site in accordance with Article XIIA.

The density bonus eligible for transfer is defined as the total number of density bonus units granted to the primary site pursuant to section 33-193.7B of the Code. At no time may the density bonus at the receiving site exceed the density bonus allowed by the CDMP. The receiving site may be developed pursuant to the intensity standards of Article XIIA.

The density bonus units eligible for transfer shall be calculated as a percent over the maximum number of units allowed by the applicable CDMP land use designation as follows:
**Allowable CDMP Units:**
Gross Acres × CDMP density per acre = Allowable CDMP units

If the maximum allowable CDMP units cannot be achieved on a site, or the applicant opts to build below the maximum capacity, the density bonus shall be calculated based on the total proposed units.

**Density Bonus Units:**
Allowable CDMP units or Proposed units × Density bonus = Density bonus units

**OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION OF WHUs:**
An applicant may comply with the Workforce Housing Development Program by constructing the required number of WHUs at one or more alternative sites within a 2-mile radius of the proposed location of the market rate units (the Off-site WHUs) within unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

(a) If the alternative site is also being developed in accordance with Article XIIA of the Code, it must contain both its market rate and workforce housing units in addition to the Off-site WHUs.

(b) The Off-site WHUs shall be constructed concurrently with the market rate units on the primary site. A construction schedule shall be submitted at the time of ASPR specifying how the market rate units at the primary site and the off-site WHUs will be constructed concurrently, and such schedule will be included in the required declaration of restrictions proffered during ASPR. The construction schedule shall provide the expected date of completion for the market rate units and the WHUs at the primary site and the alternative site/s. A unit shall be deemed complete when it obtains a certificate of occupancy.

The off-site WHUs shall be subject to the ASPR and the permitting process at the same time as the primary site. Permits will be issued based on the construction schedule.

**MONETARY CONTRIBUTION IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTION:**
An applicant may satisfy the WHU Ordinance by providing a monetary contribution to the Trust Fund, in lieu of construction of on-site workforce housing units. Any monetary contributions received by the County shall not be commingled with any other funds deposited into Trust Fund that are not associated with the WHU program, but shall be deposited into a separate account.

Prior to obtaining a zoning permit for the market rate units, the applicant shall provide payment of the contribution in lieu of construction to the Housing Department, The Housing Department shall then issue a letter stating the satisfaction of payment and the number of WHUs for which a contribution in lieu of construction was made.

The amount of such required monetary contribution shall be determined according to the following formulas:

(a) WHU developments of fewer than 20 residential units seeking to utilize the density or intensity bonus available pursuant to the Code shall pay an amount as follows:

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\frac{\# \text{ of market rate units} \times \text{contribution-in-lieu fee}}{20} = \text{Total contribution}
\]

(b) Developments with 20 units or more for which a monetary contribution has been approved in accordance with the Code and developments required to
contribute shall pay an amount as follows:

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\text{Total contribution} = \text{# of WHU units} \times \text{contribution-in-lieu fee}
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(c) The WHU contribution-in-lieu fee shall be calculated as follows:

Countywide median sales price within the UDB
(for a single-family or multi-family residential unit, as applicable)

- Affordable purchase price for a family of 4 at 60 percent
  of median family income for the County

\[\text{Contribution-in-lieu fee per WHU.}\]

(d) The Countywide median sales price figures are more fully described in Exhibit C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and will be updated annually and administratively by the Departments of Regulatory and Economic Resources and Public Housing and Community Development or their successor agencies in collaboration with each other, based on data used for determining the WHU sales price as defined above.

(e) If the development is located in a Minor Statistical Area (MSA) where the median sales price within the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) is lower than the Countywide median sales price under the standard formula, then, instead of the Countywide median sales price, the formula shall use the median sales price (single-family or multi-family, as applicable) for that MSA. It is provided, however, that the contribution-in-lieu fee for each WHU shall be no lower than:

Countywide median sales price within the UDB
(for a single-family or multi-family residential unit, as applicable)

- Affordable purchase price for a family of 4 at 140 percent
  of median family income for the County

\[\text{Contribution-in-lieu fee per WHU.}\]

(f) Combination of off-site construction of WHUs and monetary contributions: An applicant may comply with the requirements of this article by employing a combination of the alternatives set forth in this section, as approved or acceptable to the Housing Department.

(g) In a residential development that includes a mix of housing types (single family development and multi-family development), the monetary contribution will be calculated based on the proportion of each type of residential unit within such development.

(h) Residential developments with a combination of housing types. For Residential developments that include a combination of housing types (Single Family and Multi-Family Development), the monetary contribution in lieu fee will be calculated based on the proportion of each type of residential unit within such development.

REHABILITATION OF EXISTING PROPERTY AND DONATION OF PROPERTY:

A. REHABILITATION OF EXISTING PROPERTY FOR WHUs:

An applicant may satisfy the requirements of the WHU Ordinance by providing WHUs at rehabilitated sites located in unincorporated or incorporated Miami-Dade County in the
following areas:

(a) Within a 3-mile radius of the proposed location of the market rate units; or
(b) Within the County’s Urban Infill Area; or
(c) Within a transit corridor area.

For purposes of the Code and this implementing order, “rehabilitated site” means a property with an existing building that is to be renovated in the Urban Infill Area; it also includes a vacant parcel of land. When the rehabilitated units are located in incorporated areas, the applicant shall demonstrate to the Zoning Director at the time of ASPR that such units have received municipal zoning approval. If the WHUs at rehabilitated sites are deemed acceptable, the Zoning Department shall issue a letter of satisfaction stating the number of WHUs which have been contributed.

Prior to obtaining a building permit for the market rate units, the applicant shall provide copies of building permits issued by the County or the applicable municipality for the WHUs.

B. DONATION OF LAND TO THE COUNTY:

An applicant may satisfy the WHU Ordinance and this implementing order by conveying land acceptable to the County that is suitable in size, location, and physical condition for significantly more WHUs. The conveyed land shall be:

(a) Developable; and
(b) Zoned residential or in a zoning district that allows residential uses; and
(c) Unencumbered and environmentally clean; and
(d) Of a value that is not less than the in-lieu monetary contribution for the proposed development.

The acceptance of such land by the County shall be in accordance with Administrative Order 8-1.

1. If the donated land is deemed acceptable, the Housing Department shall issue a letter stating the number of WHUs satisfied through the land donation. Prior to obtaining zoning approval for the market rate units, the applicant shall obtain the letter of satisfaction from the Housing Department.

ROAD IMPACT FEE DEFERRAL OR EXEMPTION:

Impact fees shall be paid prior to the issuance of any building permit for development activity within Miami-Dade County. No building permit may be issued until all required impact fees are paid in full. However, workforce housing units provided under the Workforce Housing Program may qualify for a two-year deferral or a full exemption of the road impact fees, as described below. Only the workforce housing units, and not market rate units, are eligible to receive a deferral or exemption of the road impact fee.

Two-Year Deferral of Road Impact Fees

An applicant may request a two-year deferral of 90 percent of the road impact fees assessed for the workforce housing units, subject to the following terms, conditions, requirements, and limitations in Section 33E-18 of the Code, as follows:

(1) The owner of the property that is subject to the road impact fee shall execute a voluntary lien securing payment of the deferred portion of the road impact fee on a form provided by the County Public Works Director and filed in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County.
(2) A notice that the voluntary lien has been satisfied shall be filed in the Public Records by Miami-Dade County upon final payment of all outstanding road impact fees, including associated administrative fees and penalties, if any, that may be owed in connection with the road impact fee.

(3) The total amount of the road impact fee owed shall be assessed at the time the building permit is issued.

(4) Prior to issuance of the building permit for the workforce housing units, the applicant shall pay

(a) The sum of 10 percent of the road impact fees assessed for those units ("initial payment"), plus

(b) The total administrative fee for the assessed road impact fee, plus

(c) The total administrative fee for deferral as provided under this section.

(5) An administrative fee of $100.00 or 4 percent of the deferred portion of the road impact fee, whichever amount is greater, shall be charged in connection with the application for deferral.

(6) The schedule of payment for the deferred portion of the road impact fee for workforce housing units shall be set as follows:

(a) The deferral period shall be a maximum of 2 years; and

(b) No interim payment shall be required; and

(c) All road impact fees deferred pursuant to this section shall become immediately due upon a sale, conveyance, or other transfer of title of the property that is the subject of the deferral.

(7) No interest shall be charged against road impact fees deferred under this section, provided that they are paid on time in accordance with the payment schedule. It is provided; however, that payments made more than 30 calendar days from the date that payment of the impact fee is due shall be charged interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum simple interest, accruing from the date of the initial payment up to the date of the late payment, plus the cost of collection established by implementing order of the Board of County Commissioners.

(8) The County Public Works Director is authorized to: (i) foreclose on the lien for any deferred impact fees, including any accrued interest, that remain unpaid for more than 180 calendar days beyond the date when deferred impact fees are due; and (ii) assess reasonable fees associated with the foreclosure of the lien and collection of the road impact fee payment, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

Exemption of Road Impact Fees
In accordance with Section 33E-14 of the Code, workforce housing units affordable to households at or below 80 percent of the median family income, may be eligible for an exemption from road impact fees if said units meet the criteria in Sections 33-E-5 and 33E-14 of the Code. For purposes of complying with the criteria set forth in Section 33E-14, the Workforce Housing Development Program is hereby deemed to be a governmental assistance program that authorizes housing units to be priced at a higher amount than that
set forth in Section 33E-14.

**ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:**
Eligible WHU units include single-family units, townhouses, condominiums, and apartments as approved by the Zoning Department or successor agency or department for workforce housing. Eligible properties to be acquired for homeownership must be owner-occupied and must be the owner's primary residence.

The Zoning Department or successor agency or department shall submit notification of approved covered developments to the Housing Department upon final approval of same. The notification shall include the number of and location of the WHUs within the covered development. The Housing Department shall verify with the developer or other property owner the applicable sales price or rent of the WHUs. Applicable sales prices and rents shall be made available on the Housing Department’s website at http://www.miamidade.gov/housing.

**INCOME RANGE OF APPLICANTS TO BE SERVED:**
Each eligible household’s income must meet the income limits at the time of receipt of a certificate of qualification. The income limit table located on the Housing Department’s website at http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/income-limits.asp shall be applied to determine eligibility. A list of required documents and annual updates of the eligible household requirements, including without limitation the income limits, shall be made available on the Housing Department’s website.

**OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT:**
All qualified households must use the WHU as their primary residence. WHUs sold to qualified households may not be rented, and rental WHUs may not be sub-leased. WHUs that are for sale will be subject to a control period of 20 years for every new qualified household to ensure that the WHU remains affordable and available.

**CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDs:**

**A. WHU RENTALS:**
Upon receipt of a developer’s or other property owner’s written notification of the availability of a WHU for rent, the Housing Department shall make such notice available to eligible households through its web site. Each developer or other property owner shall also list the availability of the WHUs on their property’s website.

Prospective eligible households seeking to rent a WHU shall complete and execute the certificate of qualification as part of their unit lease application. Subject to payment by a developer or property owner to the Housing Department of a portion of the application processing fee received by said developer or property owner, the Housing Department shall work with each property manager and/or property owner to determine the eligibility of each prospective eligible household based upon the income limits table described herein and found on the Housing Department’s website at http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/income-limits.asp. The Housing Department shall obtain from each prospective eligible household or the developer the following documents, including, but not limited to:

- Tax returns and W-2 for the previous two years
- Recent pay stubs for most current 30 day period
- Evidence of Miami-Dade County residency.

Upon determination of eligibility, the property manager or property owner shall certify by executing the certificate of qualification that the eligible household is a qualified household. The Housing Director or designee shall sign the certificate of qualification. The property manager and/or property owner of each covered development shall retain the original
certificate of qualification on site in the qualified household’s file and shall forward a copy of the fully executed certificate of qualification to the Housing Department. The property manager or property owner shall complete and execute the certificate of qualification as part of the initial WHU lease application and all subsequent WHU lease renewals.

In addition to the documentation required for the Certification of Qualification, all prospective eligible households seeking to rent a WHU will complete all rental application documentation and provide all documentation that is required by property manager and/or owner.

In the event that no qualified household is located to rent a particular WHU within six months from the date the WHU is first offered by the developer or other property owner, the developer or other property owner shall inform the Housing Department of steps taken to market the WHU. Although the Housing Department will work with the developer or property owner to locate a qualified household to rent the WHU, the developer or property owner shall remain obligated to rent the WHU to a qualified household and to comply with the declaration of restrictive covenants and workforce housing agreement required by the Code for a time equivalent to the initial control period, unless the Housing Director approves a shorter time upon a showing that the developer or property owner has been unable to rent to a qualified household after making a good faith effort over a reasonable period of time. Alternatively, the developer or property owner may at any time pay the WHU contribution-in-lieu fee that would have been assessed at the time of issuance of the first building permit for the development, and shall thereafter be entitled to a release from the obligation of providing the WHU.

B. WHU SALES:
Upon receipt of a developer or other property owner’s written notification of the availability of a WHU for sale, the Housing Department shall make such notice available to eligible households through its web site. Each developer or other property owner shall also list the availability of the WHUs on their property’s website.

Prospective eligible households shall also complete and execute the certificate of qualification as part of the process of purchasing the WHU, but no later than the execution of the sales contract. Subject to payment by a developer or property owner to the Housing Department of a portion of the application processing fee received by said developer or property owner, each developer or other property owner will refer potential homebuyers to the Housing Department for eligibility determination along with a copy of their proposed sales contract and any other documents required herein. The Housing Department shall determine the eligibility of each prospective eligible household based upon the income limits table described at http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/income-limits.asp. Upon determining eligibility, the Housing Department shall execute the certificate of qualification that the prospective homebuyer is a qualified household. The Housing Department shall forward a copy of the original certificate of qualification to the developer or other property owner.

The Housing Department shall obtain from each eligible household or the developer the following documents, including, but not limited to:

- Tax returns and W-2 for the previous two years
- Recent pay stubs for most current 30 day period
- Evidence of Miami-Dade County residency
- WHU proposed sales contract (for sales)

First mortgages must be obtained from a County certified lender (if subsidy is requested)
The Housing Department shall determine each eligible household’s eligibility within ten business days (excluding holidays and weekends) of receiving the eligibility determination documentation.

Each qualified household purchasing a WHU shall be required to record a mortgage in favor of Miami-Dade County in an amount of $100.00 or such other amount that may be borrowed by a qualified household from the County. A promissory note shall be executed by each qualified household and secured by said mortgage. Said mortgage shall set forth the same covenants along with the refinancing and resale restrictions as those included in the restrictive covenants required by this section.

Each qualified household shall also be required to execute a restrictive covenant in the County’s favor. Such restrictive covenant shall include that: (a) the restrictions of set forth herein shall run with the land for the entire control period, and (b) the covenant will bind the applicant, any assignee, mortgagee, or buyer, and all other parties that receive title to or interest in the property. These covenants shall be senior to all instruments that facilitate the securing of permanent financing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the covenants required herein shall not be senior to any instrument that facilitates the securing of permanent financing from the Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, or similar senior lender. In such covenants, the control period and other restrictions on the WHU shall not survive any foreclosure in accordance with such senior lender’s guidelines and restrictions.

In the event that no qualified household is located to purchase a particular WHU within six months from the date the WHU is first offered by the developer or other property owner, and providing that a certain percentage of WHU have already been developed and such percentage agreed by the Housing Director 30 days prior to the date WHU is offered for sale, the Housing Director shall recommend to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee whether the County should exercise its right of first refusal to purchase the WHU at the WHU sales price within 30 days. If the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee concurs, the Housing Director shall notify the developer or other property owner of the County’s decision. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is authorized to purchase the WHU, without prior approval from the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, from the funds earmarked in the Trust Fund or any other authorized source. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall report each such purchase to the Board of County Commissioners at the next Board meeting following the month in which the WHU is purchased. If the County rejects the offer or otherwise does not respond to the offer, the developer or property owner shall remain obligated to sell or rent the WHU to a qualified household and to comply with the declaration of restrictive covenants and workforce housing agreement required by the Code for a time equivalent to the initial control period, unless a shorter time is approved by the Housing Director upon a showing that the developer or property owner has been unable to sell to a qualified household after making a good faith effort over a reasonable period of time. Alternatively, the developer or property owner may at any time pay the WHU contribution-in-lieu fee that would have been assessed at the time of issuance of the first building permit for the development, and shall thereafter be entitled to a release from the obligation of providing the WHU. The County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee is authorized to exercise the right of first refusal provided hereunder, with funds allocated from the Trust Fund or any other authorized source of funding, for the direct and exclusive purpose of providing workforce housing for those households meeting the workforce housing eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding this authorization to purchase, the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee shall bring to the Board of County Commissioners a resolution seeking ratification of said purchase at the next available Board meeting following the purchase of the WHU.

If any qualified household of a WHU defaults on their mortgage with the County and said
default is not cured within the applicable time periods, then the whole debt secured by said mortgage, with all interest thereon, and all other amounts thereby secured shall, at the option of the County, become immediately due and payable. In the event any qualified household of a WHU fails to cure the default, the County shall have the right to legally enforce the term of the mortgage or collect the debt in any suit at law, including, but not limited to, a proceeding in foreclosure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the covenants required herein shall not be senior to any instrument that facilitates the securing of permanent financing from the Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, or similar senior lender. In such covenants, the control period and other restrictions on the WHU shall not survive any foreclosure in accordance with such senior lender’s guidelines and restrictions. Any proceeds, including any expenses or expenditures incurred and recovered by the County, shall be deposited in the Trust Fund.

In any suit, action or proceeding, including, without limitation, bankruptcy, probate, or any other suit, action, or proceeding affecting the WHU, any monies are recovered by the County shall be deposited into the Trust Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of default by a qualified household on any senior mortgage associated with a WHU, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is authorized to pay off said senior mortgage and assume ownership of the WHU by using funds from the Trust Fund for resale to an eligible household. The defaulting qualified household shall be required to vacate the WHU. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is further authorized to purchase any WHU that is sold as a result of any suit, action, or proceeding, including, but not limited to, foreclosure, bankruptcy, probate, or any other suit, action, or proceeding affecting the WHU. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall report each such purchase to the Board of County Commissioners at the next Board meeting following the month in which the WHU is purchased.

**MONITORING:**
The Housing Department and the Zoning Department shall be responsible for monitoring each covered development to ensure compliance with the WHU Ordinance and this implementing order. The Housing Department shall be responsible for monitoring each qualified household to ensure compliance with the WHU Ordinance and this implementing order. The Housing Department may charge a fee in accordance with the approved fee schedule.

**A. Rentals**
All qualified households must be provided a lease with a minimum period of twelve (12) months. The lease must comply with all applicable federal and state laws. The lease shall include, at a minimum, provisions that specify the maximum household size allowed in the unit; a prohibition against subleasing; and, a requirement that the qualified household shall report any changes in household size or income during their tenancy. Qualified households shall comply with all monitoring requirements established by the Housing Department. If a qualified household’s income increases above the maximum allowed income levels, the qualified household may choose to remain in the WHU for the remaining term of the lease.

Annually, the Housing Department shall conduct an on-site inspection of each covered development to review client files for income verification. Should the rented WHU be found noncompliant, the property owner or manager shall make the next comparable vacant unit at the covered development available to an eligible household at the WHU rent.

**B. Re-sales**
Any qualified household that intends to sell their WHU prior to the expiration of the control period shall provide written notification to the Housing Department. Upon receipt of said written notification, the Housing Director shall determine the maximum WHU sales price for the WHU. The WHU shall be resold to an eligible household at no more than the pre-
determined WHU sales price. Before closing a sale, the seller of the WHU shall submit to the Housing Department for approval (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed):

(a) A copy of the proposed sales contract;
(b) A signed copy of the buyer’s certification of qualification (if not provided by the Housing Department); and,
(c) An affidavit signed by the seller and the buyer attesting to the accuracy of all documents and conditions of the sale.

No resale of a WHU shall be considered to be in compliance with the Code until all required documents and affidavits have been submitted to and approved by the Housing Department.

The Housing Department shall either approve or disapprove all required documents and affidavits in writing no later than ten (10) business days after they are submitted to the Housing Department. The Housing Department’s failure to issue such approval or disapproval within the required time period shall result in such documents and affidavits being deemed approved. If the Housing Department disapproves such documents or affidavits, then the Housing Director shall provide the seller, in writing, reasons for such disapproval and an opportunity to correct any deficiencies.

In the event the qualified household does not execute a contract for purchase within six (6) months from the date the WHU is first offered for resale, the County shall have a right of first refusal to purchase the WHU. The Housing Director shall recommend to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee whether the County should exercise its right of first refusal to purchase the WHU at the WHU sales price. If the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee concurs, the Housing Director shall notify the qualified household of the County’s decision. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is authorized to purchase the WHU, without prior approval from the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, from the funds earmarked in the Trust Fund or any other authorized source. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall report each such purchase to the Board of County Commissioners at the next available Board meeting following the date the WHU is purchased.

Notwithstanding the provisions set forth herein, any WHU that is owned for an entire 20-year control period by the same individual(s) shall be released from the sales price restrictions under the program. Upon the expiration of the control period, the County shall record in the public records of Miami-Dade County an instrument or document releasing the WHU from the restrictive covenant required by this program.

C. Shared Equity Agreement: Equity Share Recapture Fee
In addition to the requirements set forth in the WHU Ordinance and in this implementing order, the WHU restrictive covenant shall require each qualified household purchasing a WHU to enter into a shared equity agreement with the County. Said agreement shall be recorded in the public records against the WHU, securing and stating the County’s equity share in the WHU resale during the control period.

In the event of an early resale of a WHU by a qualified household, i.e. the sale of a WHU prior to the expiration of the control period, such qualified household shall pay to the County at the closing an equity share recapture fee, which shall be calculated based on the following schedule:

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the equity share recapture fee shall be reduced by the resale price less the initial purchase price and, if applicable, less the sum of: (a) the amount of any cash down payment from the qualified household’s own funds for the purchase of the WHU; (b) the reasonable customary costs of sale of the WHU paid by the qualified household, including any broker’s commission; and (c) the value of any documented qualified improvements to the WHU that are in compliance with any applicable requirements established by a lender.

All equity share recapture fees received by the County shall be deposited into the Trust Fund.

D. Condominium Conversion

If a building that is initially built as a rental project under single ownership should subsequently convert to a condominium, then:

(a) The development shall offer the same number of for-sale WHUs as there were rental WHUs;

(b) The WHUs shall be specifically identified by unit number as part of the recorded condominium declaration;

(c) The sales price for such WHUs being converted shall be the WHU sales price set forth in this implementing order, as may be amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. If the owner of such condominium conversion elects to renovate the workforce dwelling units, the reasonable cost of labor and materials associated with such renovation shall be considered; and

(d) Each qualified household renting a WHU at the time of the condominium conversion shall have a period of 90 days to exercise the right to purchase the dwelling unit they occupy at the WHU sales price. Subsequently, the County shall have a period of 90 days to exercise the right of first refusal to purchase some or all of the WHUs that are not purchased by such qualified households at the sales price established for such units by the implementing order. Such units shall be offered to the County and purchased by it in accordance with the provisions set forth below for for-sale WHUs.

In the event that all of the WHUs are not sold to either qualified households or the County, then the owner may make a monetary contribution in accordance with section 33-193.9 of the Code equivalent to the number of WHUs that are not so sold. Upon receipt of said monetary contribution, the Housing Director shall record in the public records of Miami-Dade County an instrument or document releasing the building from the restrictive covenant required by this program.

ENFORCEMENT:
The Housing Department, on behalf of Miami-Dade County, shall coordinate with the closing agent, the recording of a mortgage to enforce the WHU program requirements and to put on notice each qualified household of the resale and refinancing restrictions of each WHU for each unit sold. The Housing Department and the Zoning Department shall be responsible for enforcement consistent with Section 17-139 and Chapter 8CC of the Code of Miami-Dade County, respectively.

REPORTING:
On or before December 30, 2018, and every two years thereafter, the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee shall submit a report to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners concerning compliance with the provisions of the WHU Ordinance. This bi-
annual report shall include but not be limited to (i) the number of WHU projects built and sold or rented to qualified households, (ii) the location of such WHU projects, (iii) the amounts of any monetary contributions paid by a developer to the County and which have been deposited into the Trust Fund, and (iv) information pertaining to the annual updates to the monetary contribution in lieu amounts based on the yearly median sales price figures that are in effect at the time of the report. Pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency ____
Note: The general hold harmless provisions of IRC Section 142(d)(2)(E) mean that projects with at least one building placed in service on or before the end of the 45-day transition period for newly-released limits use whichever limits are greater, the current-year limits or the limits in use the preceding year.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) income and rent limits are based upon figures provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to change. Updated schedules will be provided when changes occur.

### 2023 Income Limits and Rent Limits

**Multifamily Rental Programs and CWHP Homeownership Program**

NOTE: **Does not pertain to CDBG-DR, HHRP, HOME, NHTF or SHIP**

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* The sold properties included in this analysis were those where the property ownership transfers are identified by the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser’s Office with a Qualification Code of 01 or 02; meaning transfers qualified as arms’ length and are included in sales ratio analysis.

* The affordable purchase prices were calculated with a 7.2% interest rate amortized over 30 years utilizing a 5% down payment with $300/month in property taxes and $400/month in homeowner’s insurance. The monthly housing expense (MHE) is approximately 25% debt-to-income ratio to allow for PMI and HOA fees, and the resulting mortgage value is rounded to the nearest $10,000.

2023 AMI = $74,700

Income Limit for a family of 4

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Formulas:

1. **Standard Formula**: Countywide Median Sale Price - Affordable Price (Family of 4 at 60% of AMI)

   If the median sale price in MSA is less than the countywide median price: Median MSA sale price - Affordable price (family of 4 at 60% of AMI)

   However, the payment from (2) shall be no lower than: Countywide median sale price - Affordable Price (family of 4 at 140% of AMI)