



Legislation Text

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State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Incentives and Recommendations Report (B)

The City of Gainesville receives affordable housing funding from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, established in 1992 by the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act. The Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) administers the SHIP Program. In 2007, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1375 (F.S. 420.9076). That bill mandates that cities and counties receiving SHIP funds appoint an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) to review the impact on affordable housing of their established policies, procedures, ordinances, land development regulations and adopted Comprehensive Plan. Based on that review, the AHAC is to recommend actions, initiatives and incentives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing, while protecting the ability of property values to increase.

Between March and October 2021, the City's AHAC held four (4) public meetings to discuss their recommendations for the Incentives and Recommendations Report (IRR), including a Public Hearing held on October 12, 2021. At that Public Hearing, the City's AHAC presented the proposed IRR, received public comments and adopted the IRR. As outlined in the IRR, AHAC reviewed, evaluated and proposed various incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing, while protecting the ability of property values to rise. State law requires the City's AHAC to submit the IRR to the City Commission, and the City to submit the IRR to the FHFC by December 31, 2021. Staff recommends that the City Commission accept the AHAC's IRR. Attached for reference is a copy of the AHAC's IRR.

Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 3: A Great Place to Live & Experience in the City's Strategic Plan.

None

The City Commission: 1) accept the AHAC's Incentives and Recommendations Report; 2) approve the submittal of the AHAC's Incentives and Recommendations Report to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation by December 31, 2021; and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary documents required for the submittal of the AHAC's Incentives and Recommendations Report, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.