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From: Tarre, Alba
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Gongora, Michael
Cc: Fontani, Diana; Rubio, Marcela; Cabrera, Cristina; Monserrat, Marcia
Subject: RE: Miami-Dade County Legislative Item
Attachments: 211546.pdf; 211721.pdf

Categories: Red Category

Good afternoon Commissioner Gongora,

Please see the County memo and ordinance that Commissioner Higgins referenced in the Miami Beach Democratic Club meeting. It appears that this funding opportunity is to incentivize private developers to create affordable housing in Miami-Dade County and facilitate the expenditure of existing homeownership funds.

Memo 211546: talks about amending Section 17-161 of the County Code to increase the current maximum sales price of \$205,000 for homes in all County affordable homeownership programs to reflect the standards set by the Federal government. It is anticipated that this alignment will increase the number of homes that qualify for second mortgages and incentivize developers to construct more infill homes. The Infill Program encourages the sale or transfer of County-owned properties, or privately owned land, located within any Infill Target Area, to Infill Developers to build affordable housing.

It is also anticipated that this ordinance will provide a public benefit by increasing the number of homes that qualify for the County's affordable housing programs.

Staff has reached out to the County to see if any other funding opportunities will be open to municipalities and is currently pending a response.

Please let us know if you would like for us to explore further information on this item.

Regards,



Alba Ana Tarre, PhD, LMHC, LMFT, NCC, *Interim Department Director*

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From: Gongora, Michael <MGongora@beckerlawyers.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:09 PM

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Subject: RE: Miami-Dade County Legislative Item

Monserrat, Marcia <MarciaMonserrat@miamibeachfl.gov>

Subject: Miami-Dade County Legislative Item

Good afternoon Diana,

As per your telephone request below is the information we received from the County on their funding item:

Miami-Dade County Funding

- At that meeting Commissioner Higgins shared that the County is sitting on \$50 million for affordable housing.
- This funding is for the County’s affordable homeownership programs.
- The purchase price for homes was capped at \$205,000, resulting in low utilization of the funding due to limited home within this price range.
- Commissioner Higgins sponsored an Ordinance defining the methodology for setting the maximum sales price for homes in all County affordable homeownership programs by using federal standards set by HUD or the U.S. Treasury. This methodology for determining the maximum sales price is designed to align the County’s homeownership programs with the existing housing market.
- The Ordinance was adopted.

We have added this item to our AHAC agenda as well.



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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: July 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to the maximum sales price of homes for all County affordable housing programs; setting a current maximum sales price and establishing a methodology for revising the maximum sales price; amending section 17-161 of the Code; removing maximum purchase price for homes purchased under the Homebuyer Loan Program; creating section 17-162, of the Code establishing a maximum sales price for homes sold under any County affordable housing program including, but not limited to the Homebuyer Loan Program, Infill Housing Program, and Down Payment Assistance Program; establishing a methodology for determining maximum sales price; authorizing the Mayor to amend the affordable housing Implementing Orders and the affordable housing programs and infill program guidelines to revise the maximum sales prices contained therein based on the above

This item was amended at the 6-10-21 Public Housing and Community Services Committee to allow the new Maximum Sales Price to be applied to properties conveyed or projects funded prior to the effective date of the item upon the adoption of a resolution, sponsored by the district commissioner where the property or project is located, authorizing the application of the new Maximum Sales Price to such property or project and to require a written report from the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to the Board of County Commissioners whenever the Maximum Sales price is updated.

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Eileen Higgins and Commissioner Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

GBK/uw

Memorandum



Date: July 20, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to Maximum Sales Price of Homes
Affordable Housing, File #210921

The implementation of this ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County, as the proposed changes will not require additional staffing resources nor generate additional operational expenses.

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Morris Copeland
Chief Community Services Officer

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Memorandum



Date: July 20, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Relating to Maximum Sales Price, File #210921

According to the Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs, over the last 10 years the Board of County Commissioners conveyed 334 County-owned parcels to developers through the Infill Housing Initiative Program. The goal of this program is to activate surplus County-owned land for the purpose of housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals. During calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019, housing developers constructed and sold a total of 91 homes through the Infill Housing Initiative Program. Developers have cited the low-maximum purchase price of homes and increased construction costs as a reason for the low number of homes developed through the Infill Housing Initiative Program.

The Ordinance seeks to amend Section 17-161 of the Code and creates Section 17-162 of the Code to define the methodology for setting the maximum sales price for homes in all County affordable homeownership programs by using federal standards set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or the U.S. Treasury. The methodology for determining the maximum sales price is designed to align the County’s homeownership programs with the existing housing market. It is anticipated that this alignment will increase the number of homes that qualify for second mortgages and incentivize developers to construct more infill homes. It is anticipated that this Ordinance will provide a public benefit by increasing the number of homes which qualify for the County’s affordable housing programs and thus increasing opportunities for homeownership for low- and moderate- income individuals in Miami-Dade County.

To ensure that low-income homebuyers are not negatively impacted by the increase in the maximum purchase price of homes proposed in this Ordinance, the Public Housing and Community Development department shall explore every feasible funding source to increase the subsidies provided to low-income homebuyers, including the possibility of using State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program funds.

Morris Copeland

Morris Copeland
Chief Community Services Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 20, 2021

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(A)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 7(A)
7-20-21

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES PRICE OF HOMES FOR ALL COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS; SETTING A CURRENT MAXIMUM SALES PRICE AND ESTABLISHING A METHODOLOGY FOR REVISING THE MAXIMUM SALES PRICE; AMENDING SECTION 17-161 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REMOVING MAXIMUM PURCHASE PRICE FOR HOMES PURCHASED UNDER THE HOMEBUYER LOAN PROGRAM; CREATING SECTION 17-162, OF THE CODE ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SALES PRICE FOR HOMES SOLD UNDER ANY COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HOMEBUYER LOAN PROGRAM, INFILL HOUSING PROGRAM, AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING A METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING MAXIMUM SALES PRICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS AND INFILL PROGRAM GUIDELINES TO REVISE THE MAXIMUM SALES PRICES CONTAINED THEREIN BASED ON THE ABOVE; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the County has imposed a maximum sales price on certain affordable housing programs, including but not limited to the Infill Housing Program, of \$205,000.00 – or in the case of Infill where the unit was built on non-County conveyed land, a maximum of \$215,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Homebuyer Loan Program provides for a Purchase Price Maximum, set at 90 percent of the median sales price in the area as provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as used in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), although the methodology for HOME is set at 95 percent of the area median sales price; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes authorize assistance to families making up to 140 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) in both the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP) and the Documentary Surtax programs; and

WHEREAS, the HUD table below provides estimates of what families at various income levels might be able to afford:

Table 4 – Estimates of what families can afford		
Income Range	Family of 4	
50 percent AMI -	\$45,700.00	Up to \$191,000.00
80 percent AMI -	\$73,100.00	Up to \$262,000.00
100 percent AMI -	\$91,400.00	Up to \$297,000.00
120 percent AMI -	\$109,680.00	Up to \$340,000.00
140 percent AMI -	\$127,960.00	Up to \$400,000.00

; and

WHEREAS, the methodology for determining the maximum sales price for a HUD HOME (HOME Methodology) funds is 95 percent of the area median sales price as provided by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), which is currently \$299,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the methodology for determining the maximum sales price for State of Florida SHIP funds is 90 percent of the area median sales price as provided by U.S. Treasury (U.S. Treasury Methodology), which is currently \$331,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County will calculate the maximum sales price using both the HOME Methodology and the U.S. Treasury Methodology and set the maximum sales price for its housing programs at whichever maximum sales price is lower; and

WHEREAS, using the lower of the two values will allow the County to have one maximum sales price for all of its affordable housing programs while maintaining compliance with federal and state maximum sales price requirements; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a high-cost market where the Miami Realtors Association reported in March 2021 a median sales price of \$450,000.00 for a single family detached home, up from \$370,000.00 a year ago; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Realtors Association in that same report showed that the median sales price for condominium units was \$300,000.00, up from \$255,000.00 a year ago; and

WHEREAS, Federal Housing Finance Authority’s Housing Price Index (HPI) has increased annually since 2012, and

WHEREAS, construction costs continue to rise and surveying local builders found that cost per unit ranged from approximately \$224,000.00 to \$281,000.00; and

WHEREAS, examples of those costs for single family homes are illustrated below:

Table 1 – Single Family Homes				
Developer	Project Name	Unit Cost	Unit Sq. Ft.	Unit Cost/Sq. Ft.
PHCD	NSP Single-Family	\$285,348.00	1,659	\$172.00
PHCD	NSP Single-Family	\$258,172.00	1,501	\$172.00
Cazo Construction	Infill Lot – 3095 NW 29 St	\$253,713.00	1,759	\$144.00
Cazo Construction	Infill Lot – 11085 SW 219 St	\$233,339.00	1,759	\$133.00
Cazo Construction	Infill Lot – 11841 SW 220 St	\$232,593.00	1,567	\$148.00
Cazo Construction	Infill Lot – 21765 SW 111 Ave	\$228,441.00	1,567	\$146.00
Cazo Construction	Infill Lot – 12065 SW 213 St	\$224,049.00	1,567	\$143.00
	Average	\$245,094.00	1,626	\$151.00

; and

WHEREAS, during the period of March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2021, only 65 homes annually were funded through the County’s affordable housing second mortgage program due to the lack of homes selling at below the current maximum sales price; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the maximum sales price is needed in order to ensure that those making above 50 percent of AMI but below 140 percent of AMI and whom the SHIP, Documentary Surtax, and other programs were intended to benefit, have a meaningful opportunity to purchase affordable homes,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as if set forth herein and are approved.

Section 2. Section 17-161 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 17-161. – Administration of the Homebuyer Loan Program.

* * *

(E) The loans provide through the Homebuyer Loan Program (the “Homebuyer Loan”) shall include the following terms.

* * *

~~(4)[*Purchase Price Maximum.* The maximum purchase price For borrowers to purchase a home with a Homebuyer Loan Shall be 90 percent of the area median purchase price, as Determined using purchase price limits established by U.S.HUD for the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program (the “Maximum Purchase Price”). The Maximum Purchase Price shall be established using the most current Data as of the execution of the contract for purchase and sale. With respect to the issuance of a Homebuyer Loan, the Maximum Purchase Price set forth in this ordinance shall supersede any other maximum purchase price set forth in any County resolution or ordinance.~~

¹ Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

~~However, the Maximum Purchase Price established by other County Programs and legislation, such as the Infill Housing Initiative Program, Workforce Housing Development Program, or the sale of County owned properties, shall not be affected by this ordinance.~~

(5)] *Loan Servicing.* The Department, or successor department or other department as designated by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, shall serve as the loan servicer on all Homebuyer Loans.

[(6)]>>(5)<<*Borrower Eligibility.* Borrowers shall be "First Time Homebuyers," as defined by the HOME program at 24 C.F.R. § 92.2, with household incomes not greater than the 140 percent of area median income, as established by U.S. HUD. Further eligibility requirements shall be set forth in the Homebuyer Loan Program Guidelines, established by the Department, which shall be consistent with Section 125.0167 of the Florida Statutes and Section 29-7 of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances.

[(7)]>>(6)<<*Inspections Required.* Prior to loan closing, borrowers must obtain an inspection by a qualified home inspector of the home they intend to purchase. The breadth of the home inspection shall be sufficient to alert homebuyers to significant defects in the home, including structural problems, and identify whether the home is in compliance with the Miami-Dade County Building Code.

[(8)]>>(7)<<*Use of Repaid Loan Funds and Program Income.* The Homebuyer Loan Program shall operate as a "revolving" loan fund. All repaid Homebuyer Loan funds or program income received through administration of the Homebuyer Loan Program shall be reallocated by the County back into the Homebuyer Loan Program to be used for additional Homebuyer Loans. The Department shall incorporate this policy into its action plans, Local Housing Assistance Plans, legislative items, and policy documents governing the County's use of Documentary Surtax funds.

Section 3. Section 17-162 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby created to read as follows:

>>ARTICLE XIII. – AFFORDABLE HOUSING MAXIMUM SALES PRICE

Sec. 17-162. – Maximum Sales Price for all Homes Sold Under County Affordable Housing Programs.

- (A) 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”), using the lesser of the two amounts. 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 Maximum Sales Price set forth in this ordinance shall supersede any other maximum sales or purchase price set forth in any County resolution or ordinance. This Maximum Sales Price shall apply to all County Affordable Housing programs including, but not limited to, the Infill Housing Initiative Program, Workforce Housing Development Program, and the sale of homes on County-owned land. 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/or Implementing Orders to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance.<< >>Whenever the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee updates the Maximum Sales Price as authorized by this section, the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee shall provide a written report to the Board of County Commissioners advising it of such update.
- (B) This Maximum Sales Price set forth herein may be applied to properties conveyed or projects funded prior to the effective date of this article upon the adoption of a

resolution, sponsored by the district commissioner where the property or project is located, by the Board of County Commissioners authorizing the application of this Maximum Sales Price to such property or project.<<²

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 5. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be re-numbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word “ordinance” may be to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:



Prepared by:

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams
Brenda Kuhns Neuman

Co-Prime Sponsors: Commissioner Eileen Higgins
Commissioner Jean Monestime
Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins

² Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words double stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words double underlined and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

MEMORANDUM

Supplement to:
Agenda Item No. 7(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Supplemental information for
social equity and fiscal statement
to ordinance relating to the
maximum sales price of homes
for all County affordable housing
programs; setting a current
maximum sales price and
establishing a methodology for
revising the maximum sales
price; amending section 17-161
of the Code

The accompanying supplement was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Eileen Higgins and Commissioner Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

This supplement is being submitted because the fiscal impact and social equity statements have been updated to reflect the impact of the amendments made to the item at the June 10, 2021 PHCSC committee meeting. The fiscal impact of the item was not affected by the amendment and the updated fiscal impact statement reflects that the item as amended does not have a fiscal impact. The social equity statement was updated to reflect that the amendment, which allows the maximum sales price increase to be applied retroactively upon the adoption of a Board resolution, will have the potential to benefit more homebuyers.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: July 20, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to Maximum Sales Price of
Homes Affordable Housing, File #211546

The implementation of this ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County, as the proposed changes will not require additional staffing resources nor generate additional operational expenses.

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Morris Copeland
Chief Community Services Officer

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Memorandum



Date: July 20, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Relating to Maximum Sales Price, File #211546

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The Ordinance was amended at the Public Housing and Community Services Committee (PHCSC) meeting on June 10, 2021 to allow for the maximum sales price to be applied to prior properties conveyed or projects funded upon the adoption of a resolution, sponsored by the district commissioner, by the Board. In addition, the ordinance calls for the Mayor or Mayor's designee to update program guidelines as warranted and provide a written report to the Board.

It is anticipated that this alignment will increase the number of homes that qualify for second mortgages and incentivize developers to construct more infill homes. It is also anticipated that this Ordinance will provide a public benefit by increasing the number of homes which qualify for the County's affordable housing programs and thus increasing opportunities for homeownership for low- and moderate- income individuals in Miami-Dade County.

To ensure that low-income homebuyers are not negatively impacted by the increase in the maximum purchase price of homes proposed in this Ordinance, the Public Housing and Community Development department shall explore every feasible funding source to increase the subsidies provided to low-income homebuyers, including the possibility of using State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program funds.

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Morris Copeland
Chief Community Services Officer