



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Affordable Housing “Linkage Fees” and Impact of New Law on Inclusionary Housing (HB 7103/Ch. 2019-165, Laws of Florida)

Presenter:

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Description:

This presentation will provide information on how recent legislation (signed into law in June 2019) impacts the establishment of linkage fees for affordable housing by local governments.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to work with local housing providers to develop needed cost and other data and bring back recommendations for the components of an inclusionary housing program for a policy discussion.

Prior Board Motions:

From April 2, 2019: Prepare comprehensive plan amendment requiring new developments to provide a percentage of workforce affordable housing or pay a “linkage” fee sufficient to provide affordable housing in another location in cooperation with local housing providers; prepare a Nexus Study; register County’s opposition to SB1730/HB 7103; and prepare Chair letter to City of Gainesville to inform that the County is re-looking at affordable housing and requesting City staff work with County staff to identify opportunities for cooperation.

Fiscal Consideration:

N/A

Background:

At the April 2, 2019 special Board of County Commissioners meeting regarding the evaluation and appraisal of the comprehensive plan, specifically during the discussion of the Housing Element, the Board directed staff to prepare a comprehensive plan amendment requiring new developments to provide a percentage of workforce affordable housing or pay a “linkage fee” sufficient to provide affordable housing in another location. Staff became aware of pending legislation (SB 1730/HB 7103) which directly impacted the ability of local governments to establish inclusionary housing policies as well as linkage fees for funding affordable housing. That legislation was passed and subsequently signed into law.