



Legislation Text

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Item:

Revision to the Durham County Policy for Conveying County Owned Surplus Real Property - 30 mins

Date of BOCC Meeting: May 7, 2018

Request for Board Action:

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the revised Durham County Policy for Conveying County Owned Surplus Real Property. The Board has expressed its commitment to support the provision of affordable housing. As part of this effort, the Board asked staff to draft a policy to prioritize the conveyance of County surplus property to the City for affordable housing development. The City's Community Development Department has significant expertise in affordable housing and is best positioned to evaluate non-profit providers and place appropriate requirements on the subsequent conveyances to ensure the property's use for affordable housing.

Under the proposed policy, properties that are not retained by the County for other public purposes are routed first to the City of Durham Department of Community Development for affordable housing, then to other City Departments for other public purposes. Properties that are declined by the City would be made available to non-profit affordable housing providers as well. If no requests are made by any qualified non-profit providers, the property would then be declared surplus and made available for public purchase via the upset bid process. The attached draft revised policy addresses this process, and would replace the current County policy on conveyance of surplus property which has been in place for some time without major modification. It would also replace a 2007 Durham County Policy for Conveying Real Property for Affordable Housing.

The attached memo provides more specific background and details regarding how the new policy is intended to work. As further described in the memo, the County currently has approximately 10 properties that may be appropriate for conveyance under this policy, and the policy would also establish this new procedure for future properties obtained by Durham County.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The attached policy supports Strategic Goal 1 "Community Empowerment and Enrichment, Strategy 1.3.D on affordable housing, as well as Goal 5 "Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government"

Resource Persons: Jane Korest, Open Space & Real Estate Manager; Nancy Mitchell, Senior Real Estate Officer, Jay Gibson, General Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the revised Durham County Policy for Conveying County Owned Real Property

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