



Legislation Text

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Item:

Interlocal Agreement Between Durham County and the City of Durham for Conveyance of County Surplus Property for Affordable Housing

Date of BOCC Meeting: March 11, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the attached Interlocal Agreement between Durham County and the City of Durham for conveyance of Surplus Property in accordance with the County policy adopted by the Board in November 2018.

The Board has long expressed its commitment to support the provision of affordable housing. As part of that commitment, the Board asked staff to develop a policy that prioritizes the conveyance of County surplus property to the City for affordable housing. The Board adopted the Durham County Policy for Conveying County Owned Real Property at its regular meeting on November 13, 2018 (Attachment 2). This policy lays out the procedures and guidelines for conveying parcels to the City of Durham, and requirements upon both organizations to ensure the intent of the conveyance is met. Under the adopted 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.

This proposed Interlocal Agreement (Attachment1) establishes uniform procedures and standards for the conveyance of real property to the City for creation or preservation of affordable housing under this revised policy. The property may have been acquired by the County through tax foreclosure, deed-in-lieu, donation, or gift. The Interlocal Agreement is necessary because many of the provisions in the County policy are requirements of the conveyance that apply to the City, and the Interlocal Agreement is the mechanism to get the city's formal concurrence with these terms. For instance, the agreement establishes the timelines and reporting requirements that the City must agree to as a condition of conveyance. The City Community Development Department presented this Interlocal Agreement to City Council at their work session on February 7, 2019 and received final Council approval of the document on February 18, 2019.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The attached Interlocal Agreement 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, Willie Darby, Senior Assistant County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the attached Interlocal Agreement between Durham County and the City of Durham for conveyance of Surplus Property in accordance with the County policy adopted by the Board in November 2018.

County Manager: _____

