

1 [Planning Code - Inclusionary Housing Ordinance]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to permit the use of California Debt Limit**

4 **Allocation Committee tax-exempt bond financing and tax credits under the Tax Credit**

5 **Allocation Committee for certain affordable housing projects that provide additional**

6 **affordable units or deeper affordability levels than required by the Inclusionary**

7 **Housing Ordinance; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the**

8 **California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of public necessity,**

9 **convenience, and general welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302; and**

10 **making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of**

11 **Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

12       **NOTE:** **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
13       **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
14       **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
15       **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
16       **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
17       **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
18       subsections or parts of tables.

19       Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

20       Section 1. Environmental and Land Use Findings.

21       (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
22 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
23 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
24 Supervisors in File No. 240873 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
25 this determination.

(b) On October 24, 2024, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21634, adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240873, and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that these Planning Code amendments will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 21634, and the Board adopts such reasons as its own. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240873 and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Section 2. General Findings.

(a) The California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) administers the State's tax-exempt bond financing program that helps spur affordable housing production by assisting developers of multifamily rental housing units with the acquisition and construction of new units, or the purchase and rehabilitation of existing units.

(b) The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) administers the State's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Programs to facilitate the investment of private capital into the development of affordable rental housing for low-income Californians. TCAC allocates federal and state tax credits to the developers of these projects.

(c) Currently, the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance permits housing projects to use financing awarded from CDLAC and TCAC if (1) 20% of the project's units are affordable to households at 50% of Area Median Income; or (2) 10% of the project's units are affordable to households at 50% of Area Median Income, and 30% of the units are affordable to households at 60% of Area Median Income for on-site housing.

(d) Certain affordable housing projects that exceed these thresholds, but do not meet the minimum affordability levels, are unable to use the CDLAC and TCAC financing. It is reasonable and in the public interest to allow the use of these financing programs when the project will provide additional affordable units, or units at deeper affordability levels.

Section 3. Article 4 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 415.6, to read as follows:

## **SEC. 415. HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND LIVE/WORK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.**

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## SEC. 415.6. ON-SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALTERNATIVE

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(g) **Marketing the Units.** MOHCD shall be responsible for overseeing and monitoring the marketing of Affordable Units by the Project Sponsor under this Section 415.6. In general, the marketing requirements and procedures shall be contained in the Procedures Manual as amended from time to time and shall apply to the Affordable Units in the project. MOHCD may develop occupancy standards for units of different bedroom sizes in the Procedures Manual in order to promote an efficient allocation of Affordable Units. MOHCD may require in the Procedures Manual that prospective purchasers complete homebuyer education training or fulfill other requirements. MOHCD shall develop a list of minimum qualifications for marketing firms that market Affordable Units under Section 415.6 *et seq.*, referred to in the Procedures Manual as Below Market Rate (BMR units). Developers marketing Affordable Units under Section 415.6 shall market the Affordable Units through a marketing firm meeting all of the minimum qualifications. The Notice of Special Restrictions or conditions of approval shall

1 specify that the marketing requirements and procedures contained in the Procedures Manual  
2 as amended from time to time, shall apply to the Affordable Units in the project.

3 (1) **Notice of Special Restrictions.** The Notice of Special Restrictions (“NSR”)  
4 required pursuant to this Section 415.6 shall be completed and recorded by the project  
5 sponsor no later than the issuance of the architectural addendum for the site permit and at  
6 least 12 months prior to the first certificate of occupancy.

7 (2) **Pricing Determination.** The project sponsor shall submit a request for a  
8 pricing determination from MOHCD at least 8 months prior to issuance of a first certificate of  
9 occupancy.

10 (3) **Timeline for Construction.** After the project has been approved by the  
11 Planning Commission or Department, the project sponsor must submit an update to the  
12 Department and MOHCD which includes an estimated timeline for the construction of the  
13 project. The estimated construction timeline must assume the requirements of subsections  
14 (g)(1) and (g)(2) above. Failure to finalize the NSR or initiate marketing within the time frames  
15 set forth in this Section 415.6(g), or to submit an estimated construction timeline will be  
16 deemed a violation of the Planning Code subject to enforcement and penalties.

17 (42) **Lottery.** At the initial offering of Affordable Units in a housing project and  
18 when Affordable Units become available for re-sale or re-rent in any housing project subject to  
19 this Program after the initial offering, MOHCD must require the use of a public lottery  
20 approved by MOHCD to select purchasers or tenants.

21 (53) **Preferences.** MOHCD shall create a lottery system that gives preference  
22 according to the provisions of Administrative Code Chapter 47. MOHCD shall propose policies  
23 and procedures for implementing these preferences to the Planning Commission for inclusion  
24 as an addendum to the Procedures Manual. Otherwise, it is the policy of the City to treat all  
25 households equally in allocating affordable units under this Program.

(h) Use of Subsidies.

(1) **Generally Prohibited.** Individual affordable units constructed under Section 415.6 as part of an on-site project shall not have received development subsidies from any Federal, State, or local program established for the purpose of providing affordable housing *and, Units that have received such development subsidies* shall not be counted to satisfy any affordable housing requirement. *Other units in the same on-site project may have received such subsidies. In addition,*

## (2) *Exceptions:*

(A) Notwithstanding subsection (h)(1), subsidies may be used, only with the express written permission by MOHCD, to deepen the affordability of an affordable unit beyond the level of affordability required by this Program, with the express written permission of MOHCD.

(iB) **CDLAC and TCAC**. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 415.6 (h)(1) and (h)(2)(A) above, a project may use California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) tax-exempt bond financing, and 4% tax credits under the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC), and tax credits allocated under the TCAC guidelines to help fund its obligations under Section 415.1 et seq. as long as the project provides at least one of the following: (i) 20% of the units as affordable to households at 50% of Area Median Income for on-site housing; or (ii) 10% of the units as affordable to households at 50% of Area Median Income, and 30% of the units as affordable to households at 60% of Area Median Income for on-site housing; or (iii) the same number of on-site affordable units as required by the applicable on-site affordable housing requirement in this Section 415 et seq, plus an additional number of on-site affordable units equal to 10% of the applicable on-site affordable units as affordable to households at or below 80% of Area Median Income. The income table to be used for such projects when the units are priced at 50%, or 60%, or 80% of Area Median Income is the income table used by MOHCD for the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, not that used by TCAC or CDLAC.

1 Except as provided in this subsection (h)(2)(iB), all units provided under this Section must  
2 meet all of the requirements of Section 415.1 et seq. and the Procedures Manual for on-site  
3 housing.

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6 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
7 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
8 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
9 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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11 Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
12 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
13 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
14 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
15 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
16 the official title of the ordinance.

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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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Deputy City Attorney

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