

**AN ORDINANCE
BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDRE DICKENS
AS SUBSTITUTED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 54-1, ENTITLED AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO ADD A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH (C), SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT, INCENTIVE, OR SUBSIDY FROM A DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DURING THE TERM OF THE GRANT, INCENTIVE, OR SUBSIDY; SO AS TO SET ASIDE AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF THE TOTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR LEASE TO HOUSEHOLDS EARNING NO MORE THAN EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME WITH RENT CAPPED AT NO MORE THAN THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF MONTHLY GROSS INCOME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta (the “City”) welcomes new persons to live and work in the City, and as a result the City’s Comprehensive Development Plan recognizes that many developed areas of the City are experiencing or are anticipated to experience residential development and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Comprehensive Development Plan recognizes that the diminishing supply of land within the City will also lead to the redevelopment of existing residential structures or the purchase of existing structures for demolition and building of new structures thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Comprehensive Development Plan recognizes that within neighborhoods, a broad range of housing types and price levels can bring people of diverse ages, races, and incomes into daily interaction, strengthening the personal and civic bonds essential to an authentic community; therefore, it is in the best interest of the City that its workforce have as many tools at its disposal to be able to afford to live in the City and have a full range of housing options; and

WHEREAS, housing policies of the City’s Comprehensive Development Plan include promoting opportunities for mixed-income housing developments throughout the City and promoting housing affordability in order to minimize the number of households that must pay more than 30 percent of their income in rent or mortgage payments; said policies are aimed at the City’s goal to encourage the development and preservation of mixed-income residential areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 14-O-1614 adopted November 16, 2015 and approved by operation of law on November 25, 2015, affordable housing impact statements are required,

effective July 1, 2016, to be attached to all proposed legislation that, if enacted, is estimated to have an impact on the affordable housing stock of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Development Authority, doing business as Invest Atlanta (“Invest Atlanta”), is the City of Atlanta's economic development agency and is tasked with overseeing economic development programs including tax allocation districts, grants, revenue bond financing, and tax incentive programs that spur economic development in the City and support the development of multifamily rental housing affordable to the City’s workforce; and

WHEREAS, Invest Atlanta requires multi-family residential developments to set aside on-site affordable housing units as a condition of any public grant, subsidy and/or incentive provided to such development; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance to require that any multi-family residential property that receives a grant, incentive, or subsidy from a development authority doing business in the City shall include affordable housing, as set forth herein, during the term of the grant, incentive or subsidy; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-102(c)(42) of the City Charter authorizes the City to regulate land use by the adoption of zoning ordinances, planning ordinances, and other regulatory ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-102(b) of the City Charter provides that the City shall have all powers necessary and proper to promote the safety, health, peace, and general welfare of the City and its inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1: City Code Section 54-1 entitled “Affordable Housing” is hereby amended to add a new subparagraph (c) to read:

(c) Mandatory Affordable Housing for publicly subsidized multi-family residential property. Any multi-family residential property that receives a grant, incentive, or subsidy from a development authority doing business in the City of Atlanta shall include affordable housing during the term of the grant, incentive or subsidy. The affordable housing units shall be similar in construction and appearance (e.g., square footage, type and brand of appliances, materials used for countertops, flooring, etc.) to the market rate units and shall not be in isolated areas in the development, but shall be interspersed among market rate units. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for such property until the applicant provides evidence of an affordable housing land use restriction agreement in substantially the form promulgated by the office of housing.

As used herein, “*Affordable housing*” means at least 15 percent of the total residential units shall be leased to households having an income, as certified by the prospective tenant(s),

at the time of execution of the applicable lease agreement that does not exceed 80% of the area median income (“AMI”) for the family size having the same number of persons as the subject household for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Georgia Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Metro Fair Market Rent Area (as published by HUD as of the date of the tenant’s application). The monthly rent amount (including utilities and mandatory fees) for each affordable housing unit shall be no more than 30% of the household’s monthly gross income as published periodically by HUD.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with City Charter Sec. 2-403. This ordinance shall be applicable to any development induced, as evidenced by adoption of an inducement resolution, with the development authority on or after July 1, 2016.