



Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: This Meeting was held remotely.

The Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Goldberg, Ley and Pollack. Also present: Reps. Stella and Walston; Emily Gordon, and Community Development; and members of the public.

Co Chair Roqueta called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. HCD31.012	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing & final adoption</u> ; Amendment to Code of Ordinances § 146-67 Creation of A Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program to Increase the Linkage Share Percentage. 03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta 03/29/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 04/26/22 – Failed in Committee 3-3-0 05/02/22 – Recommitted to Committee 05/24/22 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	COMMITTEE APPROVED 6-0-0

Co-Chair Roqueta opened the public hearing with one member of the public speaking in favor of this ordinance.

Co- Chair Roqueta closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0.
(Moore, Roqueta, Baxter, Goldberg, Ley and Pollack in favor)

2. HCD31.021	REVIEW; Increasing the Current BMR Percentage Requirements. 06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Roqueta, and Moore	COMMITTEE HELD 6-0-0
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The Committee discussed the following:

- Affordable Housing Crisis in Stamford
- The Percentage of pay for rent is high
- Need more affordable units so possible increase the BMR percentage of units required for new builds

- Other options for affordable BMR percentage (possible higher and lower percentage for Median income minimal and limits)
- Questioned if the increase will be feasible for developers
- Look at all tools of more affordable units in Stamford besides BMR program
- The BMR Program is in the Zoning Department

3. HCD31.019 REVIEW; Fee in Lieu as an Alternative Tool for
Creating Affordable Housing.
04/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Roqueta
04/11/22 - Held at Steering
05/09/22 – Moved to Pending

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HELD 6-0-0**

The Committee discussed the following:

- Pros and Cons of Fee in Lieu
- Good tool that helps to build deeply affordable units
- Fee in Lieu is not automatic; needs Zoning Board Approval
- Continue discussion next month

A motion to hold Items HCD31.021 AND HCD31.019 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Moore, Roqueta, Campbell, Goldberg, Ley and Pollack in favor)

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

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