

**(c) Affordable Housing****(1) Purpose**

The purpose of these standards is to encourage the provision of affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Affordable housing is necessary to help maintain a diverse housing stock and to allow all residents to have better access to jobs and to improve their economic status.

**(2) Eligibility**

Projects that satisfy one of the following criteria shall be eligible for the incentives established in subsection (5) below:

**(A) Tier 1**

- i. At least 60 percent of the total gross floor area of the building (including additional area awarded with an incentive) is dedicated to residential dwellings; and
- ii. A minimum of 15 percent of the total dwelling units (including those on floors awarded with an incentive) are income-restricted permanently, unless otherwise adjusted or forfeited by the City, to households earning less than 120 percent of the HUD AMI for Monroe County, Indiana; or

**(B) Tier 2**

- i. At least 60 percent of the total gross floor area of the building (including additional area awarded with an incentive) is dedicated to residential dwellings; and
- ii. A minimum of 7.5 percent of the total dwelling units (including those on floors awarded with an incentive) are income-restricted permanently, unless otherwise adjusted or forfeited by the City, to households earning below 120 percent of the HUD AMI for Monroe County, Indiana; and
- iii. A minimum of 7.5 percent of the total dwelling units (including those on floors awarded with an incentive) are income-restricted permanently, unless otherwise adjusted or forfeited by the City, to households earning below 90 percent of the HUD AMI for Monroe County, Indiana.

**(3) Nonresidential Projects**

Nonresidential projects that satisfy the following criteria shall qualify for the incentives established in subsection (5) below:

- (A) A linkage study has been approved by the City demonstrating that the proposed project results in an increased demand for affordable dwelling units in Bloomington; and
- (B) The petitioner takes one of the following actions in response to the findings of the linkage study:
  - i. The petitioner constructs at least the number of affordable dwelling units required to offset the increased demand for affordable housing calculated based on the linkage study, and each of those affordable dwelling units (a) is located off site, and (b) is deed-restricted to meet the Tier 1 or Tier 2 criteria for affordability levels and length of income restriction in Section 20.04.110(c), and (c) complies with the standards in Section 20.04.110(c)(6); or

- ii. The petitioner purchases at least the number of existing market-rate dwelling units required to offset the increased demand for affordable housing calculated based on the linkage study, and each purchased market-rate unit is converted to an affordable dwelling unit that (a) is deed-restricted to meet the Tier 1 or Tier 2 criteria for affordability levels and length of income restriction in Section 20.04.110(c), and (b) complies with the standards in Section 20.04.110(c)(6); or
- iii. The petitioner submits a payment-in-lieu of the construction or purchase of affordable dwelling units described in subsection (i) and (ii) above, pursuant to Section 20.04.110(c)(7), calculated on a per bedroom rate, in an amount sufficient to at least offset the increased demand for affordable housing calculated based on the linkage study.

**(4) Student Housing or Dormitory Projects**

Student housing or dormitory projects located in the Mixed-Use Downtown (MD) zoning district shall not be eligible for the incentives established in subsection (5) below. Student housing or dormitory projects located in other zoning districts shall be eligible for the incentives established in subsection (5) below if they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in subsection (2) above:

**(5) Affordable Housing Incentives**

**(A) Reduced Bulk Requirements**

The following dimensional standards shall apply to single-family and duplex residential lots in the R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts that meet either of the two criteria in subsection (2) above:

- i. The minimum lot area for subdivision may be reduced up to 50 percent.
- ii. The minimum lot width for subdivision may be reduced up to 40 percent.
- iii. The side building setbacks may be reduced to five feet regardless of the number of stories.
- iv. The rear building setback may be reduced to 15 feet.
- v. Where these standards conflict with the neighborhood transition standards established in Section 20.04.070(d)(5) (Neighborhood Transition Standards), the neighborhood transition standards shall govern.

**(B) Primary Structure Height**

**i. Eligibility**

In addition to the eligibility criteria in 20.04.110(c)(2), affordable housing projects seeking increased maximum primary structure height shall comply with the following criteria:

1. The building shall contain six or more dwelling units; and
2. Unit size and bedroom mix for deed-restricted units shall be comparable to those for market-rate units.

**ii. Tier 1 Projects**

Projects that meet the Tier 1 affordability standards may increase the primary structure height by one floor of building height, not to exceed 12 feet, beyond the maximum primary structure height established for the zoning district where the project is located, as identified in Section 20.04.020 (Dimensional Standards).

**iii. Tier 2 Projects**

Projects that meet the Tier 2 affordability standards may increase the primary structure height by two floors of building height, not to exceed 24 feet, beyond the maximum primary structure height established for the zoning district where the project is located, as identified in Section 20.04.020 (Dimensional Standards).

**iv. Sustainable Development Bonus**

1. Tier 1 Projects: Projects that are eligible for increased primary structure height for affordable housing and sustainable development shall be eligible for one additional floor of building height, not to exceed 12 feet.
2. Tier 2 Projects: Projects that are eligible for increased primary structure height for affordable housing and sustainable development shall be eligible for one additional floor of building height, not to exceed 12 feet. The additional floor of building height granted under this subsection (iv)(2) shall be limited to 50 percent of the building footprint area of primary structure, and that additional floor shall be set back at least 10 feet further than the lower floors of the building.

**(6) Other Standards**

The following standards shall apply to all affordable housing projects seeking incentives under this section 20.04.110(c).

**(A) Agreement Required**

Petitioners shall enter into an affordable housing program or agreement administered by the federal, state, or local governments, or an organization approved by those governments to ensure that no person shall sell, rent, purchase, or lease an affordable housing unit created pursuant to this Section 20.04.110(c)(5) except to income-eligible households and in compliance with the provisions of this section.

**(B) Advertising Requirement**

Proof that the income eligible units will be marketed and leased similar to the market-rate units is required before occupancy can be issued.

**(C) Location**

- i. All affordable units constructed or rehabilitated under this Section 20.04.110(c)(5) shall be located either on site or within 1,320 feet of the project site. Required affordable dwelling units shall not be located in less desirable locations than market-rate units and shall not, on average, be less accessible to public amenities, such as open space, than the market rate units.
- ii. Affordable housing shall be indistinguishable from market-rate units, integrated with the rest of the development, and shall be compatible with the market rate units in design, appearance, construction and quality of materials.
- iii. If provided off site, the petition for construction of required affordable dwelling units shall be processed simultaneously with the project for which the incentive was approved. No petition for development shall be approved if a related petition for required affordable housing units is denied or the number of required affordable dwelling units is reduced.

**(7) Payment-in-Lieu**

- (A) A payment-in-lieu of providing housing that meets the Tier 1 or Tier 2 affordability criteria may be authorized by: an agreement with the City and all payments will be deposited into the Housing Development Fund.
- (B) The provisions of this Section 20.04.110(c)(7) shall become effective no later than the effective date of the UDO, by which time administrative procedures for calculating, collecting, accounting for, and spending payments-in-lieu in compliance with all applicable law shall be adopted and publicly available in the Administrative Manual within the Planning and Transportation Department. The procedures used for calculating, collecting, accounting for, and spending shall be reviewed frequently and updated as local housing market conditions change. The calculations may use or be based upon one or more of the following methods:
  - i. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annual rents based on Area Median Income;
  - ii. Area Median Income (per person, income bracket, etc.);
  - iii. Rental rates per unit or per bedroom;
  - iv. Utility rates allowances per unit;
  - v. Tiered rental rates based on percentages above and/or below AMI; and
  - vi. Payment contribution rates.

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**(d) Sustainable Development**

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**(1) Purpose**

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes sustainability as a key component of nurturing Bloomington's environmental integrity. The following incentives are intended to encourage the use of sustainable development, rehabilitation, and retrofit practices in Bloomington beyond the baseline standards required by this UDO.

**(2) Eligibility**

Projects seeking the sustainable development incentives established in Section 20.04.110(d)(3) shall meet the qualifying criteria established in 20.04.110(a), shall be located on a previously developed lot(s) served by water and sewer utilities for at least five years prior to construction of petitioner's project, and shall satisfy one of the following two options below:

**(A) Option 1**

Projects seeking the sustainable development incentives established in Section 20.04.110(d)(3) shall demonstrate compliance with the following qualifying criteria:

**i. Storm Water**

The development site shall provide low impact development stormwater management by installing permanent infiltration or collection features (e.g., swale, culvert outfall, rainwater cistern) that can retain 100 percent of the runoff from at minimum, the 95th percentile (80th percentile for development in the MD zoning district) of regional rainfall events, based on the daily rainfall data and the methodology in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Technical Guidance on Implementing the Stormwater Runoff Requirements for Federal Projects under Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act or a successor or replacement document issued by the EPA.