Affordable Housing Task Force Recommendation – Affordable Housing Ordinance

Component	Description	Clarifying Comments		
Program Structure				
Voluntary Program	A voluntary program that provides incentives to develop to include affordable units in development projects			
Geographic Extent	Applicable to the entire County with consideration of regulations within the Tahoe Basin			
Development Type	Addresses Ownership, Retal Development, and Supportive Housing	Market Rate and Affordable Housing Developers (Supportive Housing)		
Policy Considerations				
Project Types	Determine allowable Types Rental, Single-Family Dwellings, Mobile Homes, ADU's, etc.			
Project Size	Establishes Project Thresholds for Size: • Project size • Potentially tiered based incentives			
Unit Thresholds and Affordability	Establishes Project Thresholds for Units: •% of units in development to be affordable • based on affordability levels (e.g., moderate, low, very low) • Tied to use of incentives • Considers Ownership vs. Rental	Percent of Units to be determined		
Development and Design Standards	Allows for and establishes flexibility in applicable development and design standards • Identifies design standards for consideration • Variation in Standards for Affordable vs. Market Rate	Appropriate Development and Design Standards to be determined		

Affordable Housing Fee	Establishes an Affordable Housing Fee as Alternative to Unit Construction • Determines appropriate Affordable Housing Fee Amount	 Affordable Housing Fee to be determined by feasibility study Gap funding mechanism 		
Alternative Financing Mechanisms	Explore use of Community Facilities District (CFD) fees and other Financing Mechanisms	Example: Portion of a CFD paid into Affordable Housing Fund (percentage), upfront fee paid by developer, then over years by owner		
Land Dedication	Allow for Dedication or Donation of Land • Within project or Off-site • Determine type and size of acceptable donation	Land Donation Methodology to be determined		
Housing Trust Fund	Expand potential uses of Affordable Housing Fees placed within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support affordable housing development or preservation.	Requires the establishing of guidelines for use of funds		
Incentives				
Density Bonus	County Supports the current State Density Bonus Law and will explore opportunity to provide more County flexibility and expansion.	Potential thresholds to be determined		
Reduction in Development and Design Standards	Identifies Development and Design Standards that can be reduced or varied (e.g. parking, landscaping, setbacks, infrastructure, storm drains, building standards, etc.)	 Appropriate Development and Design Standards to be determined Consider appropriateness of modified Design Standards and neighborhood compatibility 		
Expedited Processing	Identifies opportunities for expedited processing of both discretionary projects and ministerial permits	Considers both development and building standards		

Financing Alternatives	 Creates new or expands upon existing fee reductions, waivers, or deferrals that can apply to discretionary projects and building permits Residual Loans 	 Opportunities to be determined. Coordination with other affected agencies to identify and coordinate opportunities to reduce costs Assists with project financing Explore dedicated source from General Fund/DTOT
Existing Programs		
Partnerships	 Outline Collaborative Financing Opportunities with the County when applying for State loans/grants Outline Opportunities for partnerships with Non- Profits to deliver On- or Off-site Affordable Units 	 Review to streamline Infrastructure support through financing
Traffic Impact Fee (TIF)	 Incorporate Existing TIF Offset Allowances that are differ from State Law in units required or affordability levels For construction of five (5) or more units where at least 20% of units will be affordable to very low-, low-, or moderate-income households Offset: 25% to 100% depending on affordability. 	Existing County Policy
Fee Deferral	 Building Permit Fee Deferral For qualified applicants developing affordable housing. Fees bear simple interest at 3% per annum on the unpaid balance and become due and payable at refinancing, resale, or change in ownership of the unit. 	Existing County Policy
County Collaborative Opportunities	Collaborative Financing Opportunities - Provide developers with an opportunity to collaborate with the County when applying for State loans/grants.	Existing County Policy