Residential Incentive Program Proposed Updates

Building the housing infrastructure to support our growing city and have economically diverse neighborhoods



THE CITY OF **COLUMBUS** ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

COLUMBUS HOUSING STRATEGY:

BUILD the housing infrastructure to support our growing City.

- **PRESERVE** existing affordability
- **INVEST** in affordable housing for individuals and families
- **INCLUDE** all to address economic and racial disparities



ISSUE:

Central Ohio has a housing shortage because we are not building the housing infrastructure needed to support our growing community

Jobs created to housing built between 2009-2019:

2.5 to 1



ISSUE:

Individuals and families are being priced out of some neighborhoods because rents are rising which limits access to these communities.



ISSUE:

Increasingly expensive to build affordable housing and therefore a wide range of tools are needed for new affordable housing to be built including an abatement.



GOALS OF THE PROGRAM:

- Incentivize residential construction
- Incentivize the inclusion of below market-rate units in higher rent neighborhoods.
- Support the development of affordable housing throughout the City.



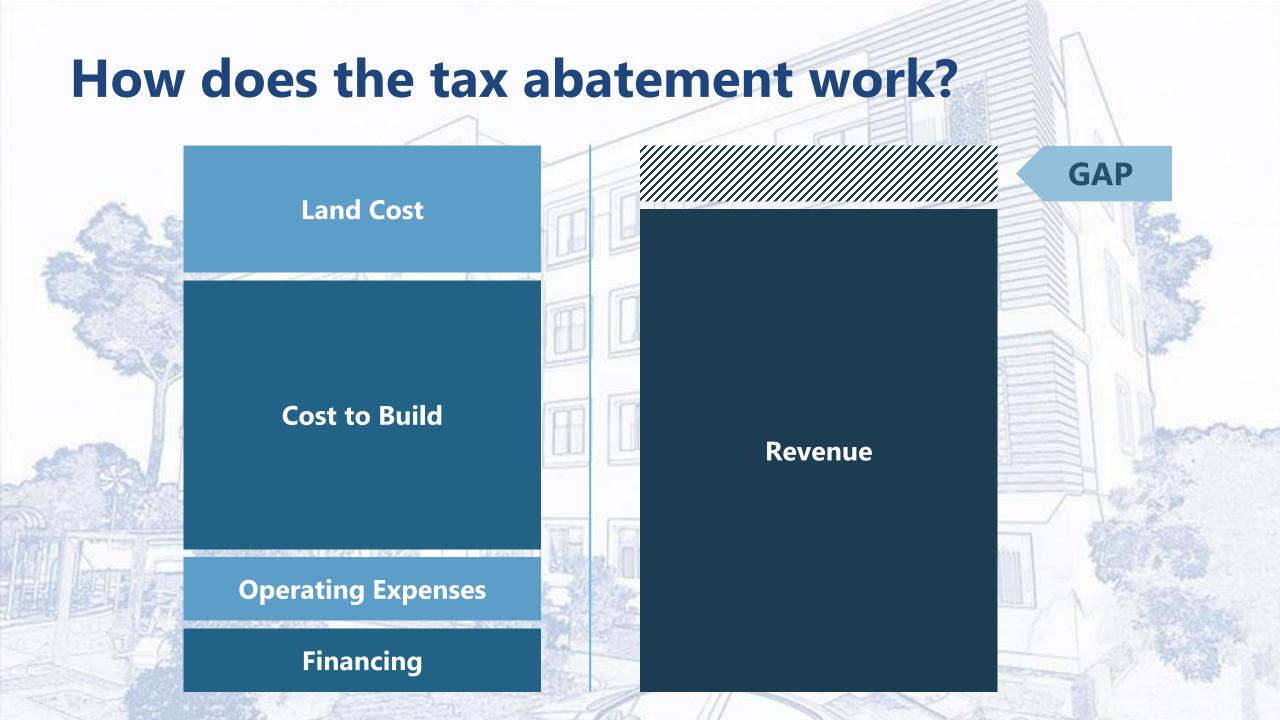
WHAT IS AFFORDABILITY IN CENTRAL OHIO?



ANNUAL MEAN WAGE FOR A:

- **Registered Nurse** is \$73,270/year. Monthly housing expense should not exceed \$1,831.
- **Construction worker** is \$50,510/year. Monthly housing expense should not exceed \$1,262.75
- Administrative assistant is \$40,970/year. Monthly housing expense should not exceed \$1,024.25
- **Cook in a restaurant** is \$29,590/year. monthly housing expense should not exceed \$739.75





How does the tax abatement work?

Predevelopment Taxable Value Abated Value After Development

> Predevelopment Taxable Value

Years 0 - 15

Taxable Value

Years + 15

2018 Policy Updates

Market-Ready

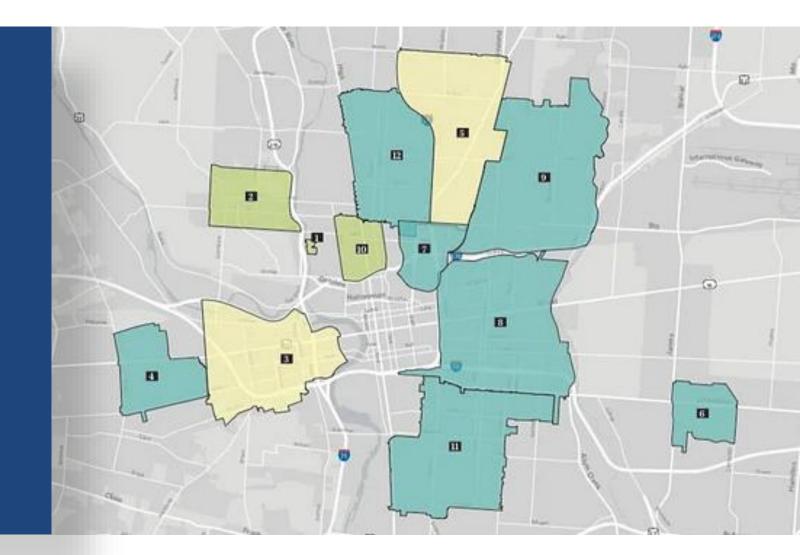
In these neighborhoods, the City can right-size incentives and/or reposition them to support highquality product that delivers substantial public benefits. Some abatement proceeds could be directed to support citywide revitalization and inclusive growth.

Ready for Revitalization

In these neighborhoods, the City can continue abatement use and explore use of additional targeted subsidy to catalyze development.

Ready for Opportunity

In these neighborhoods, the City can use abatements to support quality affordable and mixed- income product in the near term



2022 Residential Tax Incentive Update

Have the residential markets in the CRA areas changed since 2018?

 Update the gap analysis in four neighborhoods to determine value of the abatement in each category.

How has the 2018 policy performed?

- 1. Review criteria used to determine categories
- 2. Review other terms of the incentive policy



Have the residential markets in the CRA areas changed since 2018?

- Cash-on-Cash Return
- Financing Feasibility
 - Short North
 - Near East
 - Hilltop
 - Linden



How has the 2018 policy performed?

Incentivize residential construction:

4,584 units in Abatement areas Incentivize the inclusion of below market-rate units in higher rent neighborhoods:

731

units were included in higher rent neighborhoods, 10% at 80% AMI and 10% at 100% AMI Support the development of affordable housing throughout the City:

705

units were developed by affordable housing partners serving those below 80% AMI

2018 Policy Outcomes (2018-2022)

Market Ready Areas

	2018 Current Policy	2022 Proposed Policy	2022 Proposed Policy Updates
Affordability Criteria	 100%, 15-year abatement for inclusion of affordable housing units 10% of units set aside for 80% AMI 10% of units set aside for 100% AMI 	 100%, 15-year abatement for inclusion of affordable housing units 10% of units set aside for 60% AMI 10% of units set aside for 80% AMI OR 100%, 15-year abatement for inclusion of affordable housing units 30% of units set aside for 80% AMI 	 100%, 15-year abatement for inclusion of affordable housing units 10% of units set aside for 60% AMI 10% of units set aside for 80% AMI OR 100%, 15-year abatement for inclusion of affordable housing units 30% of units set aside for 80% AMI
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Height Requirement	Five-story height requirement for projects with four or more units	No five story height requirement	No five story height requirement
Fee-In-Lieu	Annual payments of 150% of the difference between the lowest market rent and the affordable rent per required affordable unit	No Fee-in-Lieu option	One-time payment of \$32,000 per required affordable unit
Unit Distribution	No distribution requirement	Requires affordable units set aside match the distribution of units in the building	Requires affordable units set aside match the distribution of units in the building

Ready for Revitalization Areas

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Fee-In-Lieu	One-time payment of \$5,000 per required affordable unit	No buy-out option	One-time payment of \$16,000 per required affordable unit
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Fee-in-Lieu Calculation

	Median Market Rents*	Median Rents Discounted for Inclusion of Affordable Units	Difference in Rental Revenue Per Month per Unit	Difference in Rental Revenue Year One	TOTAL Annual Value escalated 4.5% for 15 years
Market Ready CRA Areas	\$1,800/ month	\$1,670/ month	\$130/ month	\$1,560	\$32,000
Ready for Revitalization CRA Areas	\$1,465/ month	\$1,402/ month	\$63/ month	\$756	\$16,000

Ready for Opportunity Areas

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Fee-In-Lieu	N/A	N/A	One-time payment of \$5,000 per required affordable unit
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Next Steps

Department of Development Community Meeting 6/21 at 5:30pm

St. Stephen's Community House

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Questions?

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