



Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) FY 2024 Annual Report

AHAC

Mission and Goal Statement

Main Responsibility:

To produce an annual report with recommendations on local affordable housing incentives.

Goal:

Per 420.9076(4): “Annually, the [AHAC] shall review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and the adopted local government comprehensive plan and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.”

AHAC Members



Vice Chair, Robert Vargas- Not-for-profit provider of affordable housing

Elizabeth Brauser- Citizen who resides within the jurisdiction

Henry Graham- Residential Home Building Industry

Alex Recio- Representative of employers in jurisdiction

Mohammad Reza Ronizi- For-profit provider of affordable housing

Natacha Desamours- Advocate for low-income persons

Shoshana Hill- Real Estate Professional

Marcela Rubio- Essential Services Personnel

Commissioner Adam Gruber- Local Elected Official

HOUSING REHABILITATION



BEFORE

State Housing Initiatives Partnership



AFTER

PURCHASE ASSISTANCE



BEFORE



AFTER



Summary of AHAC Responsibilities



Review existing plans, policies, procedures, and laws that impact affordable housing development.



Recommend improvements to existing policies or create new incentives that encourage/facilitate affordable housing.



Produce a report that recommends and evaluates, at minimum, the 11 incentives required by s. 420.9076(4).



Approve the final report by “affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the [AHAC] taken at a public hearing.”

AHAC timeline of activities

TOPIC	DATE
AHAC Mission Overview and Orientation	September 12, 2024
Strategies- Review and Develop Draft for Public Review and Comments	October 30, 2024
Strategies- Advertised Public Hearing to Approve Local Housing Incentive Strategies	November 19, 2024
Citizen Needs Assessment Public Hearing	December 11, 2024
Local Housing Incentive Strategies submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corp.	December 12, 2024



SUMMARY OF AHAC INCENTIVE STRATEGIES RECOMMENDATIONS

- Expediting plan review, inspections and permits for affordable housing projects
- Exploring impact fees strategies
- Supporting flexibility regarding affordable housing projects
- Support affordable housing and mixed-use developments near transportation hubs and employment centers
- Explore opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing
- Continue to investigate opportunities to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Action Plan

- The City issued a Request for Proposals, RFP-147-24-SK “Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Action Plan” to be included as part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
- GAI Consultants’ Community Solutions Group will be performing the following in 3 phases:
 - Evaluate Existing Conditions and Housing Needs Assessment Report
 - Housing Demand Report
 - Strategic Housing Action Plan

AHAC Annual Presentation Conclusion