

Inclusionary Housing Requirements*

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The Way It Is Now: The City's Charter generally requires private developers of new market-rate housing to provide affordable housing (sometimes called inclusionary housing). A private developer can meet this requirement in one of three ways:

- pay a fee based on the cost to build affordable housing units equal to approximately 20% of the total units being developed;
- make at least 12% of the on-site housing units affordable; or
- create new affordable units off-site, equal to approximately 20% of the total units.

A rental unit counts toward these requirements if it is affordable to households earning up to 55% of the area median income. A unit for sale counts toward these requirements if it is affordable to households earning up to 90% of the area median income.

These requirements can be modified only by amending the Charter through a ballot measure.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ would amend the Charter to:

- increase the affordable housing requirements for private developers of new market-rate housing and
- authorize the Board of Supervisors to create new requirements by ordinance.

Until the City passes an ordinance creating new affordable housing requirements for private developers of new market-rate housing, the following requirements would apply:

- for housing development projects of 10 or more dwellings but fewer than 25 dwellings, the project must:
 - 1) pay a fee based on the cost to build affordable housing units equal to approximately 20% of the total units being developed;
 - 2) make at least 12% of on-site units affordable; or
 - 3) create new affordable units off-site, equal to 20% of the project's units;
- for housing development projects of 25 or more dwellings, the project must:
 - 1) pay a fee based on the cost to build affordable housing units equal to 33% of the total units being developed;
 - 2) make at least 25% of the on-site units affordable, with 15% of the units affordable to low-income households and 10% affordable to middle-income households; or

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- 3) create new affordable units off-site, equal to 33% of the project's units, with 20% of the units affordable to low-income households and 13% affordable to middle-income households.

A rental unit would count as low income if it is affordable to households earning up to 55% of the area median income. A unit for sale would count as low income if it is affordable to households earning up to 80% of the area median income.

A rental unit would count as middle income if it is affordable to households earning up to 100% of the area median income. A unit for sale would count as middle income if it is affordable to households earning up to 120% of the area median income.

The chart below shows Area Median Income (AMI) for certain households in San Francisco:

<u>Income Definition</u>	1 person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person
55% OF MEDIAN	\$39,250	\$44,850	\$50,450	\$56,050
80% OF MEDIAN	\$57,100	\$65,200	\$73,350	\$81,500
100% OF MEDIAN	\$71,350	\$81,500	\$91,700	\$101,900
120% OF MEDIAN	\$85,600	\$97,800	\$110,050	\$122,300

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to:

- increase the affordable housing requirements for private developers of new market-rate housing and
- authorize the Board of Supervisors to create new requirements by ordinance.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes to the Charter.