

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Willis Apartments located at 1575 N Willis Blvd (Ordinance)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

To ensure Portland has economically inclusive development and neighborhoods, the city requires that new buildings being constructed (*with more than 20 units*) also provide Inclusionary Housing units (“IH Units”), restricted for 99 years under the Inclusionary Housing (“IH”) Program.

In exchange for providing IH Units, developers receive some benefits, including a 10-year property tax exemption – typically on all residential units in the Central City, or on only eligible rental units restricted under the IH Program outside the Central City.

For the building associated with this ordinance, below are the IH Program options available to the developer in city code. The option selected by the developer is in bold and highlighted.

	<b>On-Site Units</b>	<b>New Off-Site Units</b>	<b>Existing Off-Site Units</b>	<b>Fee-in-Lieu</b>
<b>Units at 80% of Median Income</b>	7 Units	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Bedrooms at 80% of Median Income</b>	9 Bedrooms	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Units at 60% of Median Income</b>	<b>4 Units</b>	9 Units	11 Units	N/A
<b>Bedrooms at 60% of Median Income</b>	6 Bedrooms	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Units at 30% of Median Income</b>	N/A	4 Units	7 Units	N/A
<b>No IH Units</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,600,272

The developer selected the option to provide 8% of the building's 44 units, totaling four units, restricted to households earning no more than 60% median income for 99 years. In addition, the Project has voluntarily opted to provide the remaining 40 units in the building as IH Units affordable to households earning no more than 60 percent MFI for 99 years. The tax exemption will apply to the entire residential portion of the project since all 44 of the units will be restricted under Inclusionary Housing.

**Overview of building and units:**

44-unit building at 1575 N Willis Blvd

- i. Market rate units: 0 units
- ii. IH Units: 44 units

	Studio	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom
<b>Total</b>	39	-	-	5
<b>Market Rate</b>	0	-	-	0
<b>Restricted at 60% of Median Income</b>	39	-	-	5
<b>Average Square Footage</b>	268	-	-	741
<b>Largest Square Footage</b>	306	-	-	741
<b>Smallest IH Unit</b>	233	-	-	741

**Regulated restricted rents compared to new construction market rate rents in the same neighborhood:**

	Studio	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom
<b>Market Rate</b>	\$1,269	-	-	\$3,139
<b>Restricted at 60% of Median Income</b>	\$967	-	-	\$1,437
<b>Monthly Rent Difference</b>	\$302	-	-	\$1,702
<b>Annual Rent Difference</b>	\$3,624	-	-	\$20,424

Over the 99 years of required rent restriction, market rents will only continue to increase at a faster rate compared to regulated rents.

If this ordinance is not approved by City Council, the development will proceed without any IH Units.

ORS 307.621 and City Code Section 3.103.060(B) state that PHB will take applications to City Council for approval in the form of an ordinance and deliver approved applications to the Multnomah County Tax Assessor. This action meets those requirements.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The City will pay the \$9,000 application activation fee to Multnomah County, should the application move forward.

This Ordinance approves a property tax exemption resulting in foregone tax revenue. The total estimated amount of the property tax revenue not collected for the 10 years of the exemption period is valued at approximately \$291,958 in today's dollars, assuming a four percent discount rate and a three percent annual assessment increase. This 10-year estimate includes taxes foregone by the City of Portland, Multnomah County and other entities which receive property taxes within Multnomah County. The reduced amount of property taxes to the City of Portland over the 10 years is roughly 33 percent of that amount, or \$96,346. The City will still benefit from property taxes collected on the improved value of the land during the exemption period.

***Property tax exemption value and foregone revenue:***

Estimated total foregone revenue:	\$291,958
Estimated first year value of the tax exemption:	\$31,701
Estimated annual value of the tax exemption per IH Unit during the exemption period:	\$664
Estimated annual foregone revenue per IH Unit over 99-year restriction term:	\$67

Central City Plan District:    ☐ Yes    ☒ No

Remaining 5-Year Cap:        \$10,608,124

Property Management:        Not selected yet

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

As the largest taxing jurisdiction affected by the tax exemption programs, Multnomah County has approved the administration of the programs in order to meet shared affordable housing goals.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

Approval of the MULTE does not impact the City's total or renewable energy use.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section