

# Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, February 17, 2020 at 2:00 pm  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center  
Room 280

Committee Members: Tariq Bokhari, Co-Chair  
Braxton Winston, Co-Chair  
Larken Egleston  
James Mitchell  
Matt Newton

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton

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AGENDA				
No.	Item		Co-Chair	Time
I.	<b>Call to Order &amp; Introductions</b>			2 minutes
II.	<b>Review the February 3 Strategy Session</b>			10 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Committee-Proposed 2020 Federal &amp; State Legislative Agendas</li><li>Presentation attached</li></ul>			
III.	<b>Request for Consideration of Change to Committee-Proposed 2020 State Legislative Agenda</b>			20 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amending NC State Statutes to Remove Barriers to Affordable Housing (CM Egleston)</li></ul>			
IV.	<b>Congressional Briefings</b>			5 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday, March 10, Preview Congressional Briefings and Dinner hosted by City's federal lobbyist</li><li>Wednesday, March 11, Congressional Briefings</li></ul>			
V.	<b>Joint Meeting with Mecklenburg County Intergovernmental Relations Committee</b>			5 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday, March 24, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm</li><li>Topic: Greenways as an Alternate Form of Transportation</li></ul>			
VI.	<b>General Assembly Delegation Briefing</b>			5 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm</li><li>Location: TBD</li></ul>			
VII.	<b>Committee Discussion</b>			5 minutes
VIII.	<b>Upcoming Opportunities</b>			2 minutes
IX.	<b>Upcoming Committee Meetings</b>			1 minute
	Monday, March 16, 2:00 pm, Room 280			
	Monday, April 20, 2:00 pm, Room 280			

Items	Intergovernmental Relations Committee		City Council	
	Discussion / Information	Adoption / Recommendation	Strategy Session / Action Review / Other	Business Meeting
2020 State Legislative Agenda			February 24	February 24
2020 Federal Legislative Agenda			February 24	February 24
Preview of Congressional Briefings	March 10			
Congressional Briefings	March 11			
Joint Meeting with Mecklenburg County Intergovernmental Relations Committee	March 24			
General Assembly Delegation Briefing	April 14			
State Legislative Update	March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15			
Federal Legislative Update	March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15			

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**2020 COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

**APPROVED JANUARY 21, 2020**

Third Monday of each month at 2:00 pm

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 280

*(unless otherwise noted)*

**Tuesday, January 21, 2:00 p.m., Room 271** (*Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day*)

**Monday, January 27, 2:00 p.m., Room 280**

**February 17**

**March 16**

**April 20**

**May 18**

**June 15**

***No meetings in July and August due to Council Summer Schedule***

**September 21**

**October 19**

**November 16**

**December 21**



## Committee-Proposed 2020 Federal & State Legislative Agendas

February 17, 2020



### OVERVIEW

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- Committee approved the Committee-Proposed 2020 Federal & State Legislative Agenda on January 27
- No changes have been made as a result of the February 3 Strategy Session discussion



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Affordable Housing
  - Support federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs that support affordable housing initiatives
  - Considerations:
    - Continuation of the 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda position
    - For federal FY 2020, successful in securing additional funding of \$100 million for both the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership programs
    - For federal FY 2021, Administration has proposed eliminating the CDBG and HOME programs



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Comprehensive Immigration Reform
  - **H-1B Visas:** Support the continuation of the program and make changes that streamline processing times and allow spouses of Visa holders to work and volunteer
  - **Asylum Seekers:** Support a path to residency and citizenship for asylum seekers
  - **Temporary Protected Status:** Support a path to citizenship for those in Temporary Protected Status
  - **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals:** Support continuation of the program and path to citizenship
  - Considerations:
    - Recommendation of the Immigrant Community Committee
    - New proposed position for the 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Transportation & Infrastructure
  - **Transit:** Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan
  - **Airports, Highways and Passenger Rail:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that serves to connect rural and urban areas, including funding for the fourth parallel runway at Charlotte Douglas International Airport
  - **Modernized and Sustainable Infrastructure:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that accelerates our transformation toward a sustainable economy and promotes smart cities initiatives, e.g. alternative vehicle refueling stations, renewable energy, and autonomous vehicles and related 5G broadband technology
  - Considerations:
    - Continuation of the 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda position



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Urban Area Security Initiative
  - Support efforts to retain regional eligibility in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
  - Considerations:
    - New position for the 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda
    - For federal FY 2020, the Charlotte region fell below the threshold for program funding
    - For federal FY 2021, Administration is proposing to reduce UASI appropriation by \$239 million (36% reduction)



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- 2020 bill filing limitations:
  - Statewide bills must address a specific topic such as:
    - Appropriation or revenue bills
    - Study committee proposals
    - Amendments to the State Constitution
  - 2019 bills that met Crossover requirements
    - Crossover is date by which most bills must be advanced out of house of origin in order to be considered further this session
    - Bills with budgetary or financial implications are exempt
  - Principal sponsor of local bills must certify:
    - No public hearing will be required or requested
    - Bill is non-controversial
    - Approved for introduction by all members of the Delegation



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Affordable Housing
  - Clarify State law to expressly authorize local governments to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income persons for displacement assistance and gentrification mitigation
  - Considerations:
    - Continuation of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda position
    - 2019 legislative request was incorporated into the Municipal Omnibus Bill (HB 557 – Ross and Adcock), which passed the House
    - HB 557 is eligible for consideration in the short session



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Local Control
  - Support legislation that strengthens the role of local governing bodies in enacting local solutions without limitations from the State
  - Considerations:
    - New proposed position for the 2020 State Legislative Agenda



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Minimum Housing Standards
  - Support legislation strengthening North Carolina minimum housing standards including extending the authority to local governments to conduct testing for and enforcement of remediation of mold
  - Considerations:
    - Continuation of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda position
    - HB 1012, Safety Updates for Rental Properties was introduced by Representatives Beasley and Belk
    - Opposed by the trade association for marketplace providers
    - Not considered in committee
    - HB 1012 is eligible for consideration in the short session





## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

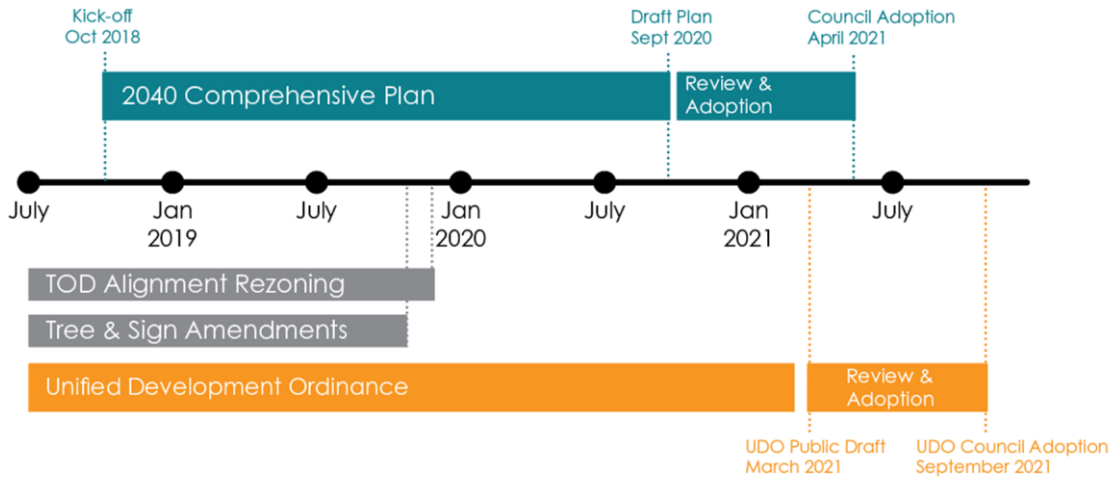
- NC Search and Rescue Teams
  - Transition occasional annual funding to sustained funding in support of North Carolina Search & Rescue Teams
  
  - Considerations:
    - Continuation of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda position
    - Sustained, recurring funding was agreed upon by the House and Senate in the 2019 Appropriations Act (HB 966 – Johnson) but was stalled due to the budget standoff
    - Issue is eligible for consideration in the short session



# Amending NC State Statutes to Remove Barriers to Affordable Housing

February 14, 2020

## CURRENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK





## FY21 PROPOSAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOOLKIT

### OBJECTIVES

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#### EXPAND PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

- **Tools aim to incentivize market rate developers to more frequently include affordable units**

#### DIVERSIFY HOUSING MIX

- **Tools respond to the creation of both mixed income communities and predominantly affordable developments**

#### ACCELERATE PRODUCTION

- **Tools reduce regulatory barriers and permitting approval timeframes**

## PILOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES FY21



### Expand Production

More housing is built than otherwise feasible

Permitting Fee Offsets



### Diversify Production

Incentives strive for an optimal housing mix and depth of affordability

For Sale  
For Rent  
<60% AMI  
<80% AMI  
10% - 100% of project



### Accelerate Production

Housing is built more quickly than otherwise feasible

Expedited Rezonings  
Expedited Permitting  
Reserved Rezoning Queue  
Affordable Housing Concierge

## NC STATE STATUTES – CURRENT LAW

### Chapter 157: Housing Authorities Law (last modified in 1987)

#### § 157-3. Definitions.

Housing Project: includes any project that provides housing...as long as **at least twenty percent (20%)** of the units in the project are set aside for the exclusive use of person of **low income**.

Persons of **low** income: persons in households where the annual income **does not exceed 60% AMI**

Persons of **moderate** income: persons deemed by the authority to require the assistance made available pursuant to this Chapter on account of insufficient personal or family income

#### § 157-9.4. Multi-family rental housing projects

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## NC STATE STATUTES – PROPOSED CHANGES IN RED

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## NEXT STEPS

- Request Committee to amend Committee-Proposed 2020 State Legislative Agenda to include proposed changes to Chapter 157 of the NC State Statutes for City Council consideration on February 24
- If approved, City would work with REBIC and others to educate the Mecklenburg Delegation and introduce the legislative changes