



## Regulations for Owners of Workforce Homeownership Units

### Household Income Limits

In accordance with Division 30 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, the maximum allowable sale prices for Workforce Units will be restricted to households at or below 120% of the area median income (AMI). In order to most effectively target this income level, and based on national best practices, these calculations allow for an "affordable window" of between 100% and 120% AMI. The City will reference Area Median Income figures published annually by HUD for the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or other income limits as deemed reasonable by the City. The City will make available on its website a list of income limits by household size. If at a time in the future HUD no longer provides these annual figures, the City will identify another similar method of determining income guidelines for affordability.

### Eligible Households for Workforce Homeownership Units

At the time of sale, a buyer must be a member(s) of an Eligible Household as defined within the Background and Definition section of the City's Inclusionary Zoning Guidelines. The Household must occupy the Workforce Homeownership Unit (Workforce Unit) as its principal residence. To purchase a Workforce Unit an Eligible Household must be comprised of permanent residents of the United States. The Intent is to limit the risk of a loss of the Unit's affordability restrictions due to foreclosure of a household no longer able to reside in the United States. Household size/composition upon the unit's sale should be appropriate to the size of the unit as outlined in the chart below. For the qualification of households by unit size, the head of the household and spouse/partner are assumed to share a bedroom. Two children whose ages are not excessively disparate, may share a bedroom. Legal custody is required for households including one or more minor children. There will be no fewer than one, nor more than two persons per bedroom.

The City will consider households eligible based on their gross income. The City will use a process similar to what HUD recommends for the HOME program to determine gross income or another method as deemed reasonable by the City. The Owner or their representative will collect and compile all of the relevant paperwork needed to assess a household's eligibility. Verification will require sufficient proof of household size and income in the form of mortgage pre-approval letters, official tax statements, W-2 forms, pay stubs, credit reports, bank statements, birth certificates, and any other reasonable documents requested by the City to aid in their efforts to verify whether or not a household is eligible. The City shall have the final approval of whether or not a household meets the income or size requirements of each Workforce Unit prior to closing. The City reserves the right to request proof of income for the last three years from an applicant. The City may request additional information if needed.



The chart below indicates the minimum household size for each unit type based on bedroom count.

	<b>Studio/One-Bed</b>	<b>Two-Bed</b>	<b>Three-Bed</b>	<b>Four-Bed</b>
<b>Minimum Household Size By Bedroom</b>	1	2	3	4

Workforce Units will also be subject to maximum household sizes based on bedroom counts. The following chart outlines the maximum persons allowable per bedroom assuming the occupants meet all other requirements related to qualifications for determining a household such as age of children sharing bedrooms.

	<b>Studio/One-Bed</b>	<b>Two-Bed</b>	<b>Three-Bed</b>	<b>Four-Bed</b>
<b>Maximum Household Size By Bedroom</b>	2	4	6	8

Eligible Households may not qualify if any member of the household owns other residential real estate at the time of application or sale.

The City reserves the right to perform an asset test to help determine a household's income. This may include making certain assumptions about the average returns that would be reasonable to expect from certain investments including stocks, bonds, annuities, mutual funds, dividends, trusts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit (CD's) or other financial instruments. The City may request documentation for the three most recent years to help determine a household's income.

The City reserves the right to perform an asset limitation test for eligibility

Closing costs and a down payment of up to 20% of the sale price may be gifted to an Eligible Household as outlined in the Workforce Housing Background and Definitions Guidelines.



**Maximum Allowable Sale Price**

The calculation of the maximum allowable sales price will be determined by the City. The price will in part be based on the minimum number of bedrooms in each Workforce Unit for sale as outlined in the chart below:

	Studio/One-Bed	Two-Bed	Three-Bed	Four-Bed
<b>Max Sale Price Basis -Household Size</b>	1	2	3	4

For example, the maximum allowable sale price of a two bedroom Workforce Unit will be based on what is affordable to a two (2) person household. A larger household of four (4) persons meeting the income qualifications for their household size would still be able to purchase this unit but the maximum allowable sale price will be calculated based on a two (2) person household. It is important to be clear that this is to calculate the maximum allowable sale price of a Workforce Unit and that units may be sold at lower prices depending on the market, location, and condition of a unit.

The maximum allowable sale price at the initial sale of a Workforce Unit and for any subsequent sales will be based on the following calculation:

- 1) Begin by calculating 30% of the gross monthly income for a household earning 110% AMI as appropriate for the minimum household size for each Workforce Unit by bedroom type.
  - $(\text{Household's } 110\% \text{ AMI} \times 0.30) / 12 = \text{monthly income available for housing expenses.}$
- 2) Housing expenses available for studios will be calculated at 85% of the income available for a one person household using the following formula:
  - $((\text{Household's } 110\% \text{ AMI} \times 0.30) \times 0.85) / 12 = \text{monthly income available for housing expenses of a studio unit.}$
- 3) That portion of monthly income may be attributed to mortgage payments less other housing related expenses such as real estate taxes, mortgage insurance, condominium/HOA fees, insurance, and utilities



- Mortgage insurance will be estimated similar to current rates utilized by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or another reasonable method as determined by the City. Currently, for 30 year mortgages of less than \$625,000 with Loan to Value (LTV) ratios equal to or less than 95%, the FHA utilizes a rate of 80 basis points on the mortgaged amount. The actual rate used in the calculation will be determined at the time the unit is marketed.
- 4) The sale price will then be based off a 30 year fixed rate mortgage with a 5% down payment.
- It will be allowable for qualified buyers to offer a larger down payment but a down payment larger than 5% will not increase the maximum allowable sale price of a Workforce Unit.
- 5) Interest rates for the calculation will be the average national mortgage rate over the past thirteen years as determined by the Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey or another source as determined reasonable by the City. The interest rate for the calculation will be determined at the time the unit is marketed.

The maximum allowable sale price at the initial sale of a Low-Income Unit and for any subsequent sales will be based on the following calculation:

- 1) Begin by calculating 30% of the gross monthly income for a household earning 90% AMI as appropriate for the minimum household size for each Workforce Unit by bedroom type.
  - $(\text{Household's } 90\% \text{ AMI} \times 0.30) / 12 = \text{monthly income available for housing expenses.}$
- 2) Housing expenses available for studios will be calculated at 85% of the income available for a one person household using the following formula:
  - $((\text{Household's } 90\% \text{ AMI} \times 0.30) \times 0.85) / 12 = \text{monthly income available for housing expenses of a studio unit.}$
- 3) Follow steps 3 through 5 as outlined above.

Purchase price limits establish maximum allowable sale prices. An Eligible Household's financial situation will determine the mortgage amount that can be borrowed. This amount may be more or less than the maximum allowable sales price of a particular Workforce Unit. However, at no time shall a Workforce Unit be sold for greater than the maximum allowable sale price as determined by the City.



Utilities that effect the maximum allowed sale price include electricity, heat, hot water, cooking energy, sewer, water, and trash collection

### **Condominium/HOA Fees**

If the Developer is setting up a new condominium trust or homeownership association (HOA), then the Developer shall present to the City a draft condominium/HOA budget and related governing documents. The City may request quotes and/or justification for costs, including replacement reserves, insurance, water and sewer, utilities, management fees, and other services. The City will have final approval of the initial condominium/HOA fee to ensure that a reasonable front-end calculation of cost in setting initial fees for a Project.

The condominium/HOA fee will be shared proportionately between units based on the City's tax assessment for the value of the units. If assessed values are not available at the time of initial sale of the units than initial sale prices will be used to determine the appropriate share of costs. Workforce Units' tax assessments by the City will take into consideration the Unit's restrictions and assess the Unit's value accordingly. Voting rights within the association will be no more or less than one vote per unit and will not be based on the value of paid fees or other metric as allowable by state law. Condominium/HOA fees for Workforce Units may not increase more than 10% in a single year or 25% in any three year period without a supermajority vote gaining 100% support of the association.

The City shall have a right of first refusal if a Workforce Unit is forced to sell due to increased fees or has become delinquent in its payments and is in risk of foreclosure or any other legal threats to the Unit's affordability restrictions. The City shall also have the option of using City funds to support Workforce Units facing large special assessments that may pose a risk to the Workforce Household's ability to maintain their unit's affordability.

### **Alterations to a Workforce Unit's Floorplan**

The basic floor plan of a Workforce Unit may not be altered without the written approval of the City. Workforce Units shall not decrease in size or total number of bedrooms.

### **Right of First Refusal**

The City of Portland shall have the right of first refusal to purchase any Workforce Unit that is in jeopardy of losing its affordability restrictions due to foreclosure, delinquency of condominium fee payments, or any other cause outside of the agreed upon term of restriction. The City's Right of First Refusal is not intended to infringe upon the ability of a mortgage lender to



recapture any money owed by the Workforce Unit's Owner. The intent is to ensure affordability of the unit for Eligible Households.

### **Resale of Workforce Units**

Once an Owner decides that they would like to sell a Workforce Unit they will need to notify the City in writing. The City will then confirm the Unit's maximum allowable sales price. The City shall have the opportunity to list the property on its website for a minimum of 30 days during the marketing process to solicit interest from potential Eligible Households. The City will forward any inquiries to the Owner or their representative.

If multiple offers are received during the marketing process, the preferred households identified by the City will be given preference to purchase the Workforce Unit. The Owner and/or their agent shall keep records of all interested parties, the parties' eligibility, preference status, offers received, and any subsequent negotiations. The Owner and/or agent will provide these records to the City as requested.

In the event that the Owner is unable to find a ready, willing, and able Eligible Household for the property after reasonable efforts have been made to market the property for at least 180 days, then the Owner may notify the City in writing that it wants to market the unit to noneligible households. The City will be given the option to purchase the Property after the 180 day period on the terms set forth below:

- 1) The Owner must establish, to the City's reasonable satisfaction that the Owner made good faith efforts to market the Property for the entire 180 day period for sale to Eligible Households at a price not in excess of the maximum allowable sales price but did not receive any reasonable offers from Eligible Households. The City shall determine if reasonable efforts have been made within ten (10) working days after the last day of the 180 day period and once the City has received to its satisfaction all relative information from the Owner related to its marketing efforts and interaction with interested parties.
- 2) Upon a determination by the City of such marketing efforts, the City has thirty (60) days to decide if it will exercise its option to purchase the Property for the maximum allowable sales price.
- 3) If the City decides to exercise its option to purchase, it shall provide a notice of exercise of the option (the "Notice to Exercise") to the Owner. Failure to provide a Notice to Exercise within thirty (60) days of the determination that good faith efforts have been made to market the Property to Eligible Households shall cause the City's option to purchase to expire.



4) The City shall consummate its purchase of the Property within sixty (90) days of the date of service of the Notice to Exercise (the "City Closing Period"). The Owner shall cooperate fully with the City in the City's efforts to acquire the Property and shall take all reasonable steps necessary to clear any title defects. If the City fails to close on the Property within the City Closing Period for a reason other than liens voluntarily placed on the Property by the Owner, then the Owner shall immediately be free to sell the Property to a non-Eligible Household.

If the City decides not to exercise its option to purchase (including as a result of a failure to give a Notice of Exercise), the Owner shall be free to sell the Property to a non-Eligible Household at any such agreed sale price **provided however**, that to the extent the agreed sale price exceeds the maximum allowable sale price, as determined by the City, then any amount between the actual sale price and the maximum allowable sale price (the "Excess") shall be paid to the City at the time of the closing on the sale of the Property, and such Excess is to be paid into the City's Housing Trust. Upon payment of the Excess, if any, the Owner and the Owner's heirs, successors and assigns, shall thereafter be free to sell the Property free of the terms and conditions of the AHA, which shall be deemed terminated.

If the Owner is able and willing to sell their Workforce Unit to a non-Eligible Household, the sale must be made through an arm's length arrangement. The Owner may not sell the Unit to an employee, agent, stockholder, officer, director, servant, or family member of the Owner or its Management Company, or its employees, agents, or servants thereof, related either by blood, marriage, or operation of law.

At the request of the Owner, and provided there has been full compliance by the Owner with the terms of the AHA, the City shall execute a written statement in recordable form acknowledging such compliance, including compliance with a sale of the Property which results in the release of the Owner and the Property from the terms of the AHA.

### **Household Preference**

Preference for Workforce Units shall be given, to the extent permitted under law to Eligible Households, in the following order:

- 1) First time homebuyer
- 2) Current residents of the City who have lived in Portland as their primary residence for the past two years
- 3) Previous residents of the City who were displaced within the last 12 months prior to the Workforce Unit becoming available





- 4) Persons employed full time by the City
- 5) All others

The applicant for a Workforce Unit will be responsible for documenting their preference status under any of the above noted categories. Documentation may include voter registration, utility bills, confirmed leases, bank statements, tax returns, insurance statements, and other reasonable documents as requested by the City or Owner to demonstrate preference status. Households wishing to be considered as a preferred applicant must also have a pre-approval letter from a lending institution demonstrating their ability to qualify for any necessary loan.

Household preference does not preclude Owners from selling to non-preference applicants assuming applicants meet the necessary eligibility requirements and there are more Workforce Units available than preference applicants. Other preference categories may be added to specific projects or to the City's standards at a later date as appropriate.

### **Marketing / Selection Process**

Unless otherwise agreed to with the City, the following system will be followed. At least 30 days prior to initial marketing, the Owner shall provide written notice to the City of the expected start of marketing process and occupancy dates of the designated Workforce Units. The Owner will place an advertisement, approved by the City, in one or more newspapers designated by the City. Interested parties will be given sufficient time to request and return a preliminary application. The Owner will inform the City of any interest from Eligible Households that it receives. From the beginning of the marketing process, the City will have the opportunity to list the property on its website for a minimum of 30 days to solicit interest from potential Eligible Households. The City will forward any inquiries to the Owner or their designated representative. The Owner should also reach out to local groups and non-profits who may have connections to interested Eligible Households.

The Owner shall acknowledge in writing the household income limits and max sale price restrictions on the unit to any potential buyers interested in the property prior to finalizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement. At a minimum, this shall include providing prospective buyers with the associated household income limits of 120% AMI in any listing and providing written documentation at any open house or showing stating that this unit carries with it income, maximum sale price and other restrictions.

In each instance that an Owner intends to effect a sale, transfer or disposition of the Property to a third party, then prior to listing the property for sale or entering into a purchase and sale agreement, or otherwise taking any steps to consummate the sale of the property, an owner





shall first give the City written notice of such intent (the “Notice of Intent”) addressed to the City’s Housing and Community Development Office. The City shall make the final determination whether or not a potential buyer is qualified, selection preference guidelines have been followed, and the maximum allowable sales price as determined in accordance with the calculation parameters determined by the City.

The Owner shall collect all necessary supporting documents for the City’s final approval. The City will, at a minimum, monitor the process and review buyer qualifications, but may work collaboratively with Developers and Owners on marketing, selection, qualification, and orientation. The City will provide final approval of whether or not a household meets the eligibility requirements.

### **First Time Homebuyers**

Eligible Households will be considered first time homebuyers if the following criteria are met:

1. None of the parties within the household have had an ownership interest in their home within the last three years;
2. A single parent who has owned a residence while married but no longer holds a financial interest in the home; or

Eligibility for First Time Homebuyer status will be limited to a one time only occurrence per household.

First time homebuyer must provide documentation showing that all relevant applicants within a household have completed a homebuyer education course prior to a Purchase and Sale agreement being signed and before the City may approve the household as being eligible to purchase the Workforce Unit. Exemptions may be made for households who can sufficiently demonstrate expertise in real estate. An example of sufficient expertise would be if a member of the Eligible Household currently works in a residential real estate related field such as a Real Estate Broker. Any exemption made must be approved by the City.

### **Affordable Housing Agreement**

The buyer of each Workforce Unit will be required to sign and record in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds an Affordable Housing Agreement (AHA) with the City and to include the affordability restrictions as a covenant to the project’s deed. The Affordable Housing Agreement shall be referenced directly in the property’s deed unless prohibited by federal, state, or local law. In order to guarantee affordability, this recorded covenant will limit increases in sales price according to the calculation defined by the City and the Eligible



Household requirements as they relate to increases in median income. It will limit the incomes of subsequent buyers to the same income limits initially applied. It will also provide a right of first refusal and other purchase rights to the City or its designee (e.g. another Eligible Household, or a nonprofit corporation).

At the time of sale, the Workforce Unit must be the Eligible Household's primary residence. The Unit may not be rented out for short or long term periods to other households.

### **Non-Eligibility/Disqualification**

No employee, agent, stockholder, officer, director, servant, or family member of the Owner or its Management Company, or its employees, agents, or servants thereof, related either by blood, marriage, or operation of law may qualify for a Workforce Unit or receive any benefit related in any way to the administration or compliance with the AHA conditions contained therein.

Employees of the Planning Authority will not be eligible for a Workforce Unit in the City.

### **Financing**

Workforce Units shall not have a mortgage on a unit that contains the following:

1. A pre-pay penalty or a balloon payment
2. A reverse mortgage
3. An adjustable rate mortgage (ARM)
4. A co-signer
5. An interest only loan
6. The loan to value ratio exceeds 95% of the maximum allowable purchase price

### **Refinancing**

The Owner must get the City's approval to refinance the first mortgage or get an additional mortgage for a Workforce Unit. Refinancing must follow the same limitations outlined above for Financing. Owners may not refinance their unit for a value greater than 95% of the maximum allowable sale price at the time of refinancing as determined by the City. Under no conditions will the long term affordability or City's right of first refusal be compromised as a result of refinancing.



### **Transfer to Owner's Heirs**

If the Owner should die still owning the Workforce Unit, then upon receipt of notice from the personal representative of the decedent's estate given within ninety (90) days of the death of such Owner (or the last surviving co-owner if the Property was owned in joint tenancy), the City shall, except for good cause shown, consent to a transfer of the Property to one or more of the following:

1. The spouse of the deceased Owner (in cases where the spouse was not a joint tenant with the Owner); or
2. The child or children of the deceased Owner; or
3. Member(s) of the deceased Owner's household who have resided in the Property for at least three years prior to the Owner's death.

Any subsequent transfer by a transferee under 1, 2, or 3, above, shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement.

### **Enforcement**

The Owner will be required to record the AHA and conditions contained therein and shall file a copy of the recorded Agreement which copy shows the usual recording date, with the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds. In the case of off-site Workforce Units, the Owner shall record the AHA in the chain of title for both properties. No occupancy permit shall be issued until complete certified copies of the AHA with any attachment thereto with the recording date(s) noted thereon, are filed with the County and suitable evidence provided to the City.

Without limitation on any other rights of the City, in the event there is a violation of any conditions contained within the AHA, the City may take any one or combination of the following steps to ensure compliance and these enforcement provisions shall be expressly authorized by and contained within the AHA:

- Revocation or the Project's approval, Building Permit, or Certificate of Occupancy;
- Modification of the AHA;
- Injunctive relief to enforce the terms of the AHA;
- Any and all legal expenses incurred by the City or aggrieved tenant(s); and
- A cash payment, as provided for in Division 30 related to fee-in lieu payments, pro-rated to the number of required affordable units, made to the City if the Owner is unable to provide Workforce Units for occupancy as described in the AHA.



- Payment of money damages to the City in an amount at least equal to and as much as double the difference in value of the maximum allowable sale price and the actual sale price.

The Owner may request a certificate from the City stating that the Owner is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the AHA, or stating non-compliance and the actions necessary to come into compliance. The City will execute and deliver such certificate within thirty (30) business days or receipt of a written request for such a certificate.

### **Appeals**

A Developer or Owner may appeal to the City Manager if they believe that City misinterpreted Division 30 or any subsequent agreements restricting the Workforce Units. All such appeals shall be made in writing and include a description of the City action which is being appealed and the grounds for the appeal.

### **Waiver**

The City reserves the right to waive or amend portions of these regulations on a case by case basis where an Owner is able to sufficiently demonstrate that the need for a waiver is due to the unique circumstances of the property (e.g. in order to make Workforce Units similar in design or size to market rate units) or due to unique physical constraints of the property. The applicant shall bear the burden of presenting substantial evidence to support the grant of a waiver from any portion of these regulations.

Waivers shall not be granted that will have the effect of removing or reducing the minimum of 10% of the total units proposed as Workforce Units available, altering the income limits on eligible households, increasing the maximum allowable sale price or rental rate, or decreasing any fee owed outside of what is stipulated in the above regulations.

Waivers shall be determined by the City's Planning Authority. Owners may appeal the Planning Authority's decision regarding waivers to the City Manager. All such appeals shall be made in writing and include a description of the City action which is being appealed and the grounds for the appeal.