

AMENDMENT NO. ____
TO
ORDINANCE NO. BL2026-1315

Madam President –

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2026-1315 by amending Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. That Title 2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is amended by adding a new Chapter 2.240:

Chapter 2.240 - Permit Prioritization Program

2.240.010 - Permit prioritization program.

The permit prioritization program provides expedited permitting for development projects named in this Chapter. Under the program, qualifying projects in Section 2.240.020 shall be reviewed and inspected in advance of other applications, outside of chronological order, in accordance with Section 2.240.030. The review and inspection processes themselves ~~process itself~~ shall not be otherwise expedited.

2.240.020 - Qualifying projects.

A. Affordable housing:

1. Permit applications and accompanying departmental reviews for multifamily residences meeting at least one of the following standards, based on Area Median Income (AMI):

a. Standards for single-family and two-family uses (as a percentage of total residential units):

- i. At least 12.5 percent are rental at 60 percent AMI or less
- ii. At least 15 percent are rental at 60 percent to 80 percent AMI
- iii. At least 17.5 percent are rental at 80 percent to 100 percent AMI
- iv. At least 10 percent are for-sale at 60 percent to 80 percent AMI
- v. At least 15 percent are for-sale at 80 percent to 100 percent AMI

b. Standards for multi-family uses less than three stories (as a percentage of net leasable residential floor area for rental developments or residential floor area for for-sale developments)

- i. At least 12.5 percent are rental at 60 percent AMI or less
- ii. At least 15 percent are rental at 60 percent to 80 percent AMI
- iii. At least 17.5 percent are rental at 80 percent to 100 percent AMI

- iv. At least 10 percent are for-sale at 60 percent to 80 percent AMI
- v. At least 15 percent are for-sale at 80 percent to 100 percent AMI
- c. Multi-family uses three to six stories (as a percentage of net leasable residential floor area)
 - i. At least 10 percent are rental at 60 percent AMI or less
 - ii. At least 12.5 percent are rental at 60 percent to 80 percent AMI
 - iii. At least 15 percent are rental at 80 percent to 100 percent AMI
- d. Multi-family uses more than six stories (as a percentage of net leasable residential floor area)
 - i. At least 7.5 percent are rental at 60 percent AMI or less
 - ii. At least 10 percent are rental at 60 percent to 80 percent AMI
 - iii. At least 12.5 percent are rental at 80 percent to 100 percent AMI

2. Permit applications and accompanying departmental reviews for recipients of grants or property from the Barnes Fund for Affordable Housing, as recommended through the Metropolitan Housing Trust Commission pursuant to Section 2.149.040 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws.

B. Day care:

- 1. Permit applications and accompanying departmental reviews for a day care center as defined in Title 17.

2.240.030 - Program administration.

A. Within six months of this Chapter's establishment or the enactment of an amendment thereto, the department of planning, the department of transportation and multimodal infrastructure, the department of codes administration, the department of water and sewerage services, the department of waste services, and the metropolitan fire department shall develop and implement a permit prioritization process for qualifying projects listed in this Chapter.

B. The permit prioritization process includes the following permit types and related department reviews performed by the departments listed in Subsection A above:

- 1. permits issued pursuant to Chapter 16.28, including but not limited to master building permits, individual building permits, foundation permits, and demolition permits
- 2. tree removal permits
- 3. reviews for landscape and irrigation
- 4. grading permits
- 5. public water and sewer extension permits

6. cross-connect permits for private water and sewer service
7. reviews of traffic studies, public road improvements, curb cuts, and sidewalks
8. waste collection approvals
9. life safety reviews and sprinkler and/or riser room approvals
10. reviews of plans and building elevations for planned unit developments, overlays, or specific plan developments; plat reviews; reviews of final plat for lot creation, right-of-way dedication, and easement dedication
11. permits issued for office or construction trailers on construction sites
12. inspections required under Chapter 16.32 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws
13. issuance of certificates of occupancy under Chapter 16.36 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws.
14. construction inspections of stormwater facilities required under Chapter 15.64 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws.

C. Permits for qualifying projects related to affordable housing uses, as defined in this Chapter, shall be prioritized over permits for qualifying projects related to day care uses, as defined in this Chapter.

D. If an eligible permit lacks necessary information, is incomplete, or otherwise deficient at the time it is identified for prioritized departmental review, the application shall be returned to its ordinary chronological order with no prioritization provided.

E. The process developed by the departments named in Subsection A above shall include a mechanism by which permit applicants seeking prioritization under this Chapter can affirmatively indicate such request to the reviewing department or departments. It shall be incumbent upon permit applicants seeking prioritization to so indicate.

F. Each request for prioritization shall be reviewed and certified as to whether the project meets the criteria set forth in this Chapter by:

1. for affordable housing projects, the department of planning.
2. for day care projects, the mayor's office of economic and community development.

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