

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD  
SUNSET REPORT**

**1. Please state the purpose and/or mission of the advisory board. Is the advisory board serving the purpose for which it was created?**

As stated under Sec 2-181, Code of Ordinances for Orange County, the purpose of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB), is to review the established policies and procedures, land development regulations, adopted comprehensive plan and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding specific initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value. Recommendations may include the modification or repeal of existing policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations or plan revisions, the creation of exceptions if applicable to affordable housing or the adoption of new policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances or plan provisions.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Board has performed satisfactorily in fulfilling the purpose for which it was created. The AHAB makes regular recommendations on strategies incorporated into the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan that provide assistance to hundreds of Orange County residents annually. The AHAB is a requirement in order to receive State Housing Initiatives Partnership ("SHIP") Program funds under Section 420.9076(2) of Florida Statutes.

**2. What are the current need(s) of the county being served by the advisory board?**

In addition to fulfilling the mission established by Orange County, the AHAB participates in making recommendations concerning various local housing issues funded under federal, state, and local housing programs. The AHAB seeks to increase the number of affordable housing units available in the County, provides input to staff regarding affordable housing issues such as establishing sales price thresholds, subsidy levels, and how construction costs affect lower income homebuyer's capacity to purchase homes.

The AHAB consists of nine members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) who have an interest in affordable housing. Committee members include representatives from the home building industry, banking or mortgage banking industry, an advocate for very low- and low-income persons/community based organizations, a provider of affordable housing, a real estate professional and one member from a local planning agency. These members provide a valuable impact from constituents residing in the various Commissioner districts.

**3. What are the accomplishments of the advisory board?**

Recent AHAB accomplishments have included support for an increase of the County's maximum sales price and subsidy levels for down payment assistance, and increased assistance for homeowner rehabilitation; approval of the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan for 2024-2027 and the AHAB looks forward to the opportunity to provide input to the Live Local Act as the County develops procedures.

**4. Is there another public or private board that would better serve the function of the advisory board? If so, please let the board and explain why it would better serve the function.**

We are not aware of another public/private board that can better serve the function of the advisory board.

- 5. Should the resolution creating the advisory board be amended to enable the advisory board to better serve the purpose for which it was created? If so, how should the resolution be amended?**

The existing resolution creating the advisory board serves the intent and purpose for which it was created.

- 6. Should the advisory board's membership requirements be modified? Is so, how should the requirements be modified?**

At the present time Sec 2-181 requires that the board consist of nine (9) members. This number appears to be adequate.

- 7. What are the direct and indirect costs of maintaining the advisory board?**

The advisory board did not incur any direct or indirect costs.

Reviewed and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 by

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Kevin Fitzpatrick Chair