



RESOLUTION NO. 7009

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DLCD) FOR HOUSE BILL 2001 COMPLIANCE AND FOR PREPARATION OF A HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (HIP).

WHEREAS, House Bill 2001 (HB2001), known as the “middle housing bill,” was passed during the 2019 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, communities must amend their comprehensive plans and development codes to meet the minimum compliance requirements for HB2001 or be subject to the state’s model code, which is more stringent and more prescriptive than the minimum compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, Albany received a \$100,000 grant from DLCD for HB2001 implementation that expired on May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, while substantial progress has been made towards compliance, proposed code amendments require further consideration by applying to sample development scenarios, completing additional staff review, and conducting further public outreach; and

WHEREAS, DLCD has indicated additional funds may become available for a second round of technical assistance, and Albany would be eligible to apply for these funds to conclude code work and support the formal adoption process; and

WHEREAS, HB2001 also requires cities to consider ways to increase affordability of middle housing, including but not limited to: waiving or deferring system development charges, property tax exemptions, and assessing a construction tax; and

WHEREAS, like many cities, Albany is experiencing challenges with housing affordability for all housing types, not just middle housing; and

WHEREAS, the city council has directed staff to consider actions to improve housing affordability in Albany in order to meet needs identified in the recently completed Housing Needs Analysis (HNA); and

WHEREAS, DLCD has indicated that grant funds may also be available for considering ways to increase affordability as called for under HB2001 and for developing Housing Implementation Plans (HIP) that would identify strategies to address community needs identified in an HNA; and

WHEREAS, the City’s adopted budget includes limited funds for HB2001 compliance and considering actions to address housing affordability and needs identified in our HNA, and these funds could be used for any required grant match; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently facing unprecedented financial challenges, and receipt of grant funds would be of substantial community benefit and would ensure these important community efforts are able to continue; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated a grant application will require “local official support” of the grant application, and this resolution meets the requirement of such support; and

WHEREAS, separate council action is required to enter into a formal grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that the council endorses the submittal of a grant application to DLCD for HB2001 compliance and preparation of a HIP; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council endorses the use of budgeted funds otherwise intended for related efforts for any required City match; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city council authorizes the mayor to write a letter in support of the grant application on behalf of the City.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2021.



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Mayor

ATTEST:



  
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City Clerk

