

## Systemic Racism Review Committee Legislation Review Summary

Serial Number/Title: **Ordinance 2022-42** An Ordinance Providing for a Property Tax Abatement Program to Incentivize the Development of Higher Density Housing.

Introduced: 9/12/22 Public Hearing Date: 9/28/22 SRRC Review Date: 9/13/22

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Purpose of Legislation (background/summary of intent):

The Housing Action Plan and Juneau Economic Development Plan identify property tax abatement as an incentive to encourage new housing development. Building on an existing provision for downtown housing, this ordinance proposes to expand tax abatement for qualifying new housing developments borough-wide. Only housing developments on a single lot that remain under common ownership would qualify. This incentive is intended to help address Juneau's shortage of adequate and affordable housing, which the Assembly identified as a high priority in its 2022 Goals. This tax abatement would sunset on October 1, 2032; which will induce a future review to determine if the program is accomplishing its aims as designed.

Connection to existing legislation:

This ordinance amends Section 69.10.023 of CBJ's Code.

Connection to adopted planning documents:

Housing Action Plan, Juneau Economic Development Plan, Assembly 2022 Goals

### Step One: What is the impact of the proposed legislation?

- a. Does the proposed legislation negatively impact or unduly advantage a particular racial/ethnic group or otherwise perpetuate systemic racism?

*If No, review is completed. If yes, go on to the next question:*

YES	NO

- b. Does the legislation work to mitigate and/or eliminate structural racism  
*If Yes, review is completed. If No, or Undetermined, continue through the remaining steps.*

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### Step Two: How does the legislation perpetuate systemic racism?

- What are potential unintended consequences?
- What benefits may result?
- What is the potential long term impact of the proposed legislation?

Details: This legislation is intended to incentivize housing development in Juneau. More housing units lead to more available and affordable housing for Juneau's residents and the summer workforce. Availability of affordable housing stimulates the economy and promotes the vitality of the community.

d. What quantitative and qualitative evidence of inequality exists?

Details:

- e. What steps has the department or legislation sponsor taken to notify those impacted of the proposed changes?
- f. Have key stakeholders who could be potentially impacted by the proposed legislation been engaged?

Details: The Assembly Finance Committee discussed this topic at the July 7, August 3, and September 7, 2022 meetings.

- g. Has public input been received?
- h. If public comment has been received, what is the substance of that comment?

Details: Public comment on this ordinance will be held on September 28, 2022.

### Step Three: Who is affected by the Proposed Legislation?

a. Who are the impacted group(s)?

- ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ Two or more races ☐ Other

b. Are there impacts on specific geographic areas?

Race Considerations - Total Community is 69.7% White Only - 30.3% Minority						Economic Considerations	
Census Tract/Block Groups	Minority Pop.	Census Tract/Block Groups	Minority Pop.	Census Tract/Block Groups	Minority Pop.	Elementary School Boundaries	
CT 1: Auke Bay/Out the Road		CT 3: Mendenhall Valley Airport/ East Valley		CT 5: Downtown		Gastineau	Title 1
BG1: Out the road	11.9%	BG1: N. of Jennifer	42.5%	BG 1: Highlands	20.6%	Harborview	Title 1
BG2: Lena area	15.5%	BG 2: Glacier Valley	39.8%	BG2: DT/Starr Hill	24.8%	Glacier Valley	Title 1
BG3: Montanna Creek	14.5%	BG 3: Airport	40.8%	BG 3: Flats/Village	30.8%	Mendenhall River	
BG4: Fritz Cove area	10.1%	BG 4: Raddcliffe	24.6%			Riverbend	Title 1
						Auke Bay	
CT 2: Mendenhall Valley withn the Loop		CT 4: Salmon Creek/Lemon Creek		CT 5: Douglas Island		Lower Income Housing Areas	
BG1: Mendenhall Taki	27.8%	BG 1: DZ/Freds	60.9%	BG 1: North Douglas	15.9%	Chinook/Coho	
BG2: Upper Riverside	23.1%	BG 2: Davis	45.0%	BG 2: West Juneau	28.0%	Cedar Park Area	
BG 3: Portage/McGinr	33.7%	BG 3: Belardi Costco	63.8%	BG 3: Crow Hill/ DT D	27.6%	Gruening Park Area	
BG 4: Long Run	19.6%	BG 4: Twin Lakes	25.9%			Switzer Area	
BG 5: Glacierwood/Vir	41.2%					Kodzhoff Area	
						Douglas Hwy Corridor	

c. Is there a benefit to a specific census block district/neighborhood/school zone?

If Yes, does it come at the detriment of another?

Details:

YES	NO

d. Is there a benefit to an individual, group of individuals, or business/organization?

If yes, does that come at a detriment of others?


Details:

**Step Four: What solutions could remedy the legislation's implications in perpetuating systemic racism? Check all that apply:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommend additional public input be gathered (Neighborhood/census block meetings, assembly/ committee meetings)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommend that the legislation move forward with accountability measures (sunset provisions, 6 mo./annual review of impacts/implications for system racism.) to monitor impact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Propose revised language to strengthen the legislation or the legislation or regulations cross-referenced within the proposed legislation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommend the proposed legislation not move forward.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: (explain)

**Step Five: Further Feedback to the Assembly on systemic racism implications**

The SRRC will forward to the Assembly any additional questions that arose during the legislation review that the committee feels may be important for the Assembly to consider.

If a systemic racism implication is identified, the SRRC will provide a written report to the Assembly that includes consideration of the provisions below:

What are the indicators and progress benchmarks?

Program strategies?

Policy Strategies?

Partnership Strategies?