

Chapter 166.0415, the "Live Local Act"**Proposed 2025 amendments are shown underlined.**

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that section, to read:

166.04151 Affordable housing.-

(6) Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or regulation to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality may approve the development of housing that is affordable, as defined in s. 420.0004, including, but not limited to, a mixed-use residential development, on any parcel zoned for commercial or industrial use, or on any parcel, including any contiguous parcel connected thereto, which is owned by a religious institution as defined in s. 170.201(2) which contains a house of public worship, regardless of underlying zoning, so long as at least 10 percent of the units included in the project are for housing that is affordable. The provisions of this subsection are self-executing and do not require the governing body to adopt an ordinance or a regulation before using the approval process in this subsection.

(7) (a) A municipality must authorize multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed use, and in portions of any flexibly zoned area such as a planned unit development permitted for commercial, industrial, or mixed use, if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily development are rental units that, for a period of at least 30 years, are affordable as defined in s. 420.0004. Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or regulation to the contrary, a municipality may not require a proposed multifamily development to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, conditional use approval, variance, transfer of density or development units, amendment to a development of regional

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407 impact, amendment to a municipal charter, or comprehensive plan
408 amendment for the building height, zoning, and densities
409 authorized under this subsection. For mixed-use residential
410 projects, at least 65 percent of the total square footage must
411 be used for residential purposes. The municipality may not
412 require that more than 10 percent of the total square footage of
413 such mixed-use residential projects be used for nonresidential
414 purposes.

415 (b) A municipality may not restrict the density of a
416 proposed development authorized under this subsection below the
417 highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, density
418 on any land in the municipality where residential development is
419 allowed under the municipality's land development regulations.
420 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently
421 allowed density" does not include the density of any building
422 that met the requirements of this subsection or the density of
423 any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other
424 special exception for density provided in the municipality's
425 land development regulations as an incentive for development.
426 For purposes of this paragraph, "highest currently allowed, or
427 allowed on July 1, 2023," means whichever is least restrictive
428 at the time of development.

429 (c) A municipality may not restrict the floor area ratio of
430 a proposed development authorized under this subsection below
431 150 percent of the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July
432 1, 2023, floor area ratio on any land in the municipality where
433 development is allowed under the municipality's land development
434 regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest
435 currently allowed floor area ratio" does not include the floor

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436 area ratio of any building that met the requirements of this
437 subsection or the floor area ratio of any building that has
438 received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for
439 floor area ratio provided in the municipality's land development
440 regulations as an incentive for development. For purposes of
441 this subsection, the term "floor area ratio" includes floor lot
442 ratio and lot coverage.

443 (d)1. A municipality may not restrict the height of a
444 proposed development authorized under this subsection below the
445 highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, height
446 for a commercial or residential building located in its
447 jurisdiction within 1 mile of the proposed development or 3
448 stories, whichever is higher. For purposes of this paragraph,
449 the term "highest currently allowed height" does not include the
450 height of any building that met the requirements of this
451 subsection or the height of any building that has received any
452 bonus, variance, or other special exception for height provided
453 in the municipality's land development regulations as an
454 incentive for development.

455 2. If the proposed development is adjacent to, on two or
456 more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use
457 that is within a single-family residential development with at
458 least 25 contiguous single-family homes, the municipality may
459 restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent
460 of the tallest building on any property adjacent to the proposed
461 development, the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July
462 1, 2023, height for the property provided in the municipality's
463 land development regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher,
464 not to exceed 10 stories. For the purposes of this paragraph,

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the term "adjacent to" means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include properties separated by a public road or body of water, including manmade lakes or ponds. For a proposed development located within a municipality within an area of critical state concern as designated by s. 380.0552 or chapter 28-36, Florida Administrative Code, the term "story" includes only the habitable space above the base flood elevation as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the most current Flood Insurance Rate Map. A story may not exceed 10 feet in height measured from finished floor to finished floor, including space for mechanical equipment. The highest story may not exceed 10 feet from finished floor to the top plate.

3. If the proposed development is on a parcel with a contributing structure or building within a historic district which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places before January 1, 2000, or is on a parcel with a structure or building individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the municipality may restrict the height of the proposed development to the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, height for a commercial or residential building located in its jurisdiction within three-fourths of a mile of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher. The term "highest currently allowed" in this paragraph includes the maximum height allowed for any building in a zoning district irrespective of any conditions.

(e)1. A proposed development authorized under this subsection must be administratively approved without ~~and no~~ further action by the governing body of the municipality or any

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494 quasi-judicial or administrative board or reviewing body ~~is~~
495 ~~required~~ if the development satisfies the municipality's land
496 development regulations for multifamily developments in areas
497 zoned for such use and is otherwise consistent with the
498 comprehensive plan, with the exception of provisions
499 establishing allowable densities, floor area ratios, height, and
500 land use. Such land development regulations include, but are not
501 limited to, regulations relating to setbacks and parking
502 requirements. A proposed development located within one-quarter
503 mile of a military installation identified in s. 163.3175(2) may
504 not be administratively approved. Each municipality shall
505 maintain on its website a policy containing procedures and
506 expectations for administrative approval pursuant to this
507 subsection. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "allowable
508 density" means the density prescribed for the property in
509 accordance with this subsection without additional requirements
510 to procure and transfer density units or development units from
511 other properties.

512 2. The municipality must administratively approve the
513 demolition of an existing structure associated with a proposed
514 development under this subsection, without further action by the
515 governing body of the municipality or any quasi-judicial or
516 administrative board or reviewing body, if the proposed
517 demolition otherwise complies with all state and local
518 regulations.

519 3. If the proposed development is on a parcel with a
520 contributing structure or building within a historic district
521 which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places
522 before January 1, 2000, or is on a parcel with a structure or

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building individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the municipality may administratively require the proposed development to comply with local regulations relating to architectural design, such as facade replication, provided it does not affect height, floor area ratio, of density of the proposed development.

(f)1. A municipality must, upon request of an applicant, ~~reduce~~ ~~consider reducing~~ parking requirements for a proposed development authorized under this subsection by 15 percent if the development:

a. Is located within one-quarter mile of a transit stop, as defined in the municipality's land development code, and the transit stop is accessible from the development; ~~or~~

~~2. A municipality must reduce parking requirements by at least 20 percent for a proposed development authorized under this subsection if the development:~~

~~b.a.~~ Is located within one-half mile of a major transportation hub that is accessible from the proposed development by safe, pedestrian-friendly means, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, elevated pedestrian or bike paths, or other multimodal design features; ~~or~~

~~c.b.~~ Has available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development which may consist of options such as on-street parking, parking lots, or parking garages available for use by residents of the proposed development. However, a municipality may not require that the available parking compensate for the reduction in parking requirements.

~~2.3.~~ A municipality must eliminate parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development authorized under

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552 this subsection within an area recognized by the municipality as
553 a transit-oriented development or area, as provided in paragraph
554 (h).

555 3.4- For purposes of this paragraph, the term "major
556 transportation hub" means any transit station, whether bus,
557 train, or light rail, which is served by public transit with a
558 mix of other transportation options.

559 (k) Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or
560 regulation to the contrary, a municipality may allow an adjacent
561 parcel of land to be included within a proposed multifamily
562 development authorized under this subsection.

563 (l) The court shall give any civil action filed against a
564 municipality for a violation of this subsection priority over
565 other pending cases and render a preliminary or final decision
566 as expeditiously as possible.

567 (m) If a civil action is filed against a municipality for a
568 violation of this subsection, the court must assess and award
569 reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. An
570 award of reasonable attorney fees or costs pursuant to this
571 subsection may not exceed \$250,000. In addition, a prevailing
572 party may not recover any attorney fees or costs directly
573 incurred by or associated with litigation to determine an award
574 of reasonable attorney fees or costs.

575 (n) As used in this subsection, the term:

576 1. "Commercial use" means activities associated with the
577 sale, rental, or distribution of products or the performance of
578 services related thereto. The term includes, but is not limited
579 to, such uses or activities as retail sales; wholesale sales;
580 rentals of equipment, goods, or products; offices; restaurants;

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public lodging establishments as described in s. 509.242(1)(a);
food service vendors; sports arenas; theaters; tourist
attractions; and other for-profit business activities. A parcel
zoned to permit such uses by right without the requirement to
obtain a variance or waiver is considered commercial use for the
purposes of this section, irrespective of the local land
development regulation's listed category or title. The term does
not include home-based businesses or cottage food operations
undertaken on residential property, public lodging
establishments as described in s. 509.242(1)(c), or uses that
are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or
allowed only on a temporary basis. Recreational uses, such as
golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, and clubhouses,
within an area designated for residential use are not commercial
use, irrespective of how they are operated.

2. "Industrial use" means activities associated with the
manufacture, assembly, processing, or storage of products or the
performance of services related thereto. The term includes, but
is not limited to, such uses or activities as automobile
manufacturing or repair, boat manufacturing or repair, junk
yards, meat packing facilities, citrus processing and packing
facilities, produce processing and packing facilities,
electrical generating plants, water treatment plants, sewage
treatment plants, and solid waste disposal sites. A parcel zoned
to permit such uses by right without the requirement to obtain a
variance or waiver is considered industrial use for the purposes
of this section, irrespective of the local land development
regulation's listed category or title. The term does not include
uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable

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610 uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis. Recreational uses,
611 such as golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, and
612 clubhouses, within an area designated for residential use are
613 not industrial use, irrespective of how they are operated.

614 3. "Mixed use" means any use that combines multiple types
615 of approved land uses from at least two of the residential use,
616 commercial use, and industrial use categories. The term does not
617 include uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the
618 allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

619 Recreational uses, such as golf courses, tennis courts, swimming
620 pools, and clubhouses, within an area designated for residential
621 use are not mixed use, irrespective of how they are operated.

622 4. "Planned unit development" has the same meaning as
623 provided in s. 163.3202(5)(b).

624 (o) ~~(k)~~ This subsection does not apply to:

- 625 1. Airport-impacted areas as provided in s. 333.03.
626 2. Property defined as recreational and commercial working
627 waterfront in s. 342.201(2)(b) in any area zoned as industrial.

628 3. The Wekiva Study Area, as described in s. 369.316.

629 4. The Everglades Protection Area, as defined in s.
630 373.4592(2).

631 (p) ~~(l)~~ This subsection expires October 1, 2033.

632 (9)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d), a
633 municipality may not enforce a building moratorium that has the
634 effect of delaying the permitting or construction of a
635 multifamily residential or mixed-use residential development
636 authorized under subsection (7).

637 (b) A municipality may, by ordinance, impose or enforce
638 such a building moratorium for no more than 90 days in any 3-

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639 year period. Before adoption of such a building moratorium, the
640 municipality shall prepare or cause to be prepared an assessment
641 of the municipality's need for affordable housing at the
642 extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-
643 income limits specified in s. 420.0004, including projections of
644 such need for the next 5 years. This assessment must be posted
645 on the municipality's website by the date the notice of proposed
646 enactment is published and must be presented at the same public
647 meeting at which the proposed ordinance imposing the building
648 moratorium is adopted by the governing body of the municipality.
649 This assessment must be included in the business impact estimate
650 for the ordinance imposing such a moratorium required by s.
651 166.041(4).

652 (c) If a civil action is filed against a municipality for a
653 violation of this subsection, the court must assess and award
654 reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. An
655 award of reasonable attorney fees or costs pursuant to this
656 subsection may not exceed \$250,000. In addition, a prevailing
657 party may not recover any attorney fees or costs directly
658 incurred by or associated with litigation to determine an award
659 of reasonable attorney fees or costs.

660 (d) This subsection does not apply to moratoria imposed or
661 enforced to address stormwater or flood water management, to
662 address the supply of potable water, or due to the necessary
663 repair of sanitary sewer systems, if such moratoria apply
664 equally to all types of multifamily or mixed-use residential
665 development.

666 (10)(a) Beginning November 1, 2026, each municipality must
667 provide an annual report to the state land planning agency which

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includes:

1. A summary of litigation relating to subsection (7) that was initiated, remains pending, or was resolved during the previous fiscal year.

2. A list of all projects proposed or approved under subsection (7) during the previous fiscal year. For each project, the report must include, at a minimum, the project's size, density, and intensity and the total number of units proposed, including the number of affordable units and associated targeted household incomes.

(b) The state land planning agency shall compile the information received under this subsection and submit the information to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by February 1.

Section 3. An applicant for a proposed development authorized under s. 125.01055(7), Florida Statutes, or s. 166.04151(7), Florida Statutes, who submitted an application, a written request, or a notice of intent to use such provisions to the county or municipality and which application, written request, or notice of intent has been received by the county or municipality, as applicable, before July 1, 2025, may notify the county or municipality by July 1, 2025, of its intent to proceed under the provisions of s. 125.01055(7), Florida Statutes, or s. 166.04151(7), Florida Statutes, as they existed at the time of submittal. A county or municipality, as applicable, shall allow an applicant who submitted such application, written request, or notice of intent before July 1, 2025, the opportunity to submit a revised application, written request, or notice of intent to