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**ORDINANCE 2024-\_\_ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS,” SECTION 23.2-39 “AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAM,” AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, as provided in Section 2(b), Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and Section 166.021(1), Florida Statutes, the City of Lake Worth Beach (the “City”), enjoys all governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes, except as expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, as provided in Section 166.021(3), Florida Statutes, the governing body of each municipality in the state has the power to enact legislation concerning any subject matter upon which the state legislature may act, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to amend Chapter 23, Article 2 “Administration,” Section 23.2-39 – Affordable/Workforce Housing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida (the “City”), is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Board, in its capacity as the local planning agency, considered the proposed amendments at a duly advertised public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Resources Preservation Board, in its capacity as the local planning agency, considered the proposed amendments at a duly advertised public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds and declares that the adoption of this ordinance is appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the City, its residents and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1:** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of this ordinance as if set forth herein.

**Section 2:** Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations,” Article 2 “Administration,” is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Section 23.2-39 “Affordable/Workforce Housing Program” to read as follows:

**Sec. 23.2-39. – Affordable/Workforce Housing Program.**

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- a) *Intent.* The Affordable/Workforce Housing Program is intended to implement Objective 3.1.2 of the city comprehensive plan future land use element and provisions therein regarding affordable and workforce housing. The Affordable/Workforce Housing Program provides for a density bonus and a reduction in overall housing unit areas for developments that incorporate residential units with restrictive covenants that meet the requirements of the program.
  
- b) *Purpose.* The purpose of the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program is to encourage the inclusion of affordable and workforce housing units within both residential and mixed-use projects as well as planned developments of all types to provide for broader and more accessible housing options within the City. The Affordable/Workforce Housing Program offers the following as “Program Incentives”;
  - 1. Tier One: may apply to all development projects consistent with the provisions of this section
    - (a) Up to a fifteen percent (15%) increase in overall project density;
    - (b) Up to a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in the gross area requirements based on unit type;
    - (c) Up to a twenty five percent (25%) reduction in required parking, provided that each residential dwelling unit is provided at least one (1) parking space. This reduction may not be combined with other parking reduction provisions of these LDRs;
    - (d) Any additional density and/or other benefits provided under this tier shall require that those units benefiting from the provisions be restricted as affordable/workforce housing meeting the requirements of this section through a restrictive covenant.
    - (e) Additional financial incentives may be considered on a case by case basis by the applicable decision-making entity if the project provides more affordable/workforce units than the minimum required.
    - (f) Any lot within either any residential or any mixed-use zoning district is entitled to at least one (1) additional affordable/workforce unit governed by a restrictive covenant meeting this section.
    - (g) Any platted lot of record within the CRA area boundaries, regardless of lot width or lot area, is entitled to one (1) additional affordable/workforce unit governed by a restrictive covenant meeting this section, even where the platted lot(s) of record are combined into a single parcel.
  - 2. Tier Two: applies to all projects utilizing other city incentive and/or bonus program(s)
    - (a) For all projects utilizing any other city incentive or bonus program(s), Fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of dwelling units within added to the project through the increased density under any other city incentive or bonus program(s) without using Tier One incentives must be restricted as affordable/workforce dwelling units meeting the requirements of this section through a restrictive covenant.

98 (b) Any combination of Tier One incentives with other city incentive and/or  
99 bonus program(s) related to density, intensity and/or height shall  
100 require that all units benefiting from these increases and/or incentives  
101 be restricted as affordable/workforce dwelling units meeting the  
102 requirements of this section through a restrictive covenant.  
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104 c) *Application and Review Process.*  
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106 1. *Application.* All development proposals seeking increased density of up to  
107 fifteen percent (15%) and/or reductions in overall unit sizes of up to fifteen  
108 percent (15%) shall submit an affordable/workforce housing program  
109 application as provided by the department of community sustainability. The  
110 application shall accompany the standard City of Lake Worth Beach Universal  
111 Development Application for the development proposal. The  
112 affordable/workforce housing program application shall include all of the  
113 following:  
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115 (a) A project fact sheet with building specifications including the number of  
116 additional units, unit types and unit sizes proposed.  
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118 (b) The affordability criteria for each unit proposed to be included in the project.  
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120 (c) Draft restrictive covenant should the City's version not be submitted.  
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122 (d) Any other additional information to ensure the timely and efficient evaluation  
123 of the project by city staff to ensure that the requirements of the  
124 Affordable/Workforce Housing Program are being met.  
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126 2. *Review/decision.* The development review official shall review the application  
127 along with the zoning approvals otherwise required of the development  
128 proposal under these LDRs. Development applications that require further  
129 review or approval by a decision-making board shall also include the  
130 development review official's recommendation regarding the award of  
131 additional density and/or unit size reduction under the Affordable/Workforce  
132 Housing Program. Any decision on the award shall be made by the planning  
133 and zoning board, the historic resources planning board, or the city commission  
134 as applicable. A decision on an award may be appealed under the procedures  
135 applicable to the development application with which it is associated. No waiver  
136 or variance may be granted regarding the award. The award of bonus density,  
137 height or intensity under the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program shall be  
138 based on the following criteria:  
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140 (a) Is the award calculated correctly, consistent with the density and unit size  
141 reduction(s) that are allowed under the Affordable/Workforce Housing  
142 Program, including that the affordable/workforce housing unit type mix be  
143 reflective of the overall unit type mix for the entire project;  
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- 145 (b) Do the proposed income restrictions meet the intent of the  
146 Affordable/Workforce Housing Program;  
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148 (c) Do the proposed annual rents and/or mortgage costs meet the intent of the  
149 Affordable/Workforce Housing Program; and  
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151 (d) Do the proposed restrictive covenants to maintain affordability meet the  
152 intent of the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program?  
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154 d) *Qualifying income restrictions.* The following provisions outline the required  
155 income limits and overall percentage of household income to qualify units as being  
156 affordable/workforce under the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program. All  
157 income values shall be based on the then current area (County) median household  
158 income published annually by the US Department of Housing & Urban  
159 Development. Whether with a rental unit or for a fee simple, for sale unit, the  
160 overall housing expense (rent, mortgage, property taxes, and insurances) for the  
161 unit shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the income limit provided for each unit  
162 type, based upon the number of bedrooms.  
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- 164 1. For a studio unit, the annual gross household income shall not exceed forty five  
165 percent (45%) of area median income and minimum household size is one (1)  
166 person, not to exceed two (2) people.  
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- 168 2. For a one-bedroom unit, the annual gross household income shall not exceed  
169 sixty five percent (65%) of the area median income and minimum household  
170 size of one (1) person, not to exceed two (2) people.  
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- 172 3. For a two-bedroom unit, the annual gross household income shall not exceed  
173 eighty five percent (85%) of the area median income and minimum household  
174 size of two (2) people, not to exceed two (2) people per bedroom.  
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- 176 4. For a three-bedroom unit, the annual gross household income shall not exceed  
177 one hundred and five percent (105%) of the area median income and minimum  
178 household size of three (3) people, not to exceed two (2) people per bedroom.  
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- 180 5. For a four or more-bedroom unit, the annual gross household income shall not  
181 exceed one hundred and twenty five percent (125%) of the area median income  
182 and minimum household size of four (4) people, not to exceed two (2) people  
183 per bedroom.  
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- 185 6. For fee simple ownership, the limits provided above may be increased by fifteen  
186 (15%) based on unit type and shall include the overall housing expense.  
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- 188 7. Alternatively, the income restrictions may adhere to the following guidelines  
189 singularly or in combination.  
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  - 191 a. "Affordable Housing Eligible Households" means a household with an  
192 annual gross household income at or less than eighty percent (80%) of

193 the Area Median Income, calculated as percentages of the Median  
194 Family Income for Palm Beach County, as published annually by the US  
195 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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197 b. "Workforce Housing Eligible Households" means a household with an  
198 annual gross household income within the following income categories:  
199 Moderate (80%-100%) and Middle (101%-140%) of the Area Median  
200 Income, calculated as percentages of the Median Family Income for  
201 Palm Beach County, as published annually by the US Department of  
202 Housing and Urban Development.

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204 e) *Additional restrictions.* The following requirements outline the restrictive covenant  
205 that shall be recorded and maintained on each unit awarded under the  
206 Affordable/Workforce Housing Program.

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208 1. The restrictive covenant shall be in a legal form acceptable to the department  
209 of community sustainability and the city attorney's office or as otherwise  
210 provided by the city and shall require each unit awarded be maintained at the  
211 awarded level of affordability, in accordance with the Affordable/Workforce  
212 Housing Program, for a minimum of twenty (20) years.

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214 2. The restrictive covenant shall include the more restrictive program  
215 requirements, which shall govern the project if other affordable/workforce  
216 housing incentives are combined with use of the Affordable/Workforce Housing  
217 Program.

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219 3. The restrictive covenant shall require an annual report of the project's  
220 compliance with the restrictive covenants and the requirements of the  
221 Affordable/Workforce Housing Program be provided to the City or its designee  
222 for evaluation, review and approval. Should the annual report not be submitted  
223 or should it demonstrate the project is not meeting the requirements of the  
224 Affordable/Workforce Housing Program, the project owner shall pay the city, as  
225 a penalty, an amount no less than fifteen dollars (\$15) per square foot for each  
226 unit that did not comply with the program's requirements for the previous year,  
227 or portion thereof. If the report is not submitted, the penalty payment will be  
228 calculated as though no units met the requirements of the Affordable/Workforce  
229 Housing Program for the reporting period. The per square foot penalty value  
230 may increase based on the annual U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) and shall  
231 be reflected in the City's adopted annual Schedule of Fees and Charges. Any  
232 required penalty payment shall be made within ten (10) days of notification from  
233 the city of the calculated payment based on the report or failure to submit the  
234 report and the annual penalty value as adopted by the city.

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236 4. The restrictive covenant shall provide for extension of the affordability period,  
237 as set forth in this section.

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239 f) *Financial incentives.* The following are parameters for financial incentive values  
240 based on unit type, which may be utilized to ensure more than the required fifteen

241 percent (15%) of the dwelling units available after the density increase incentive  
242 remain affordable for a guaranteed twenty-five (25) year period as governed  
243 through a covenant and/or deed restriction. Values may be paid through utilization  
244 of Sustainable Bonus Incentive Values, Transfer Development Right Values or  
245 cash payments from the City from the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program  
246 Trust Fund, Sustainable Bonus Incentive Trust Account or the Transfer  
247 Development Rights Trust Account or other legally approved funding source(s).

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- 249 1. For a studio dwelling unit, a one-time payment of \$40,000 or 50% percent of  
250 the area median income, whichever is greater;
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- 252 2. For a one-bedroom dwelling unit, a one-time payment of \$60,000 or 75%  
253 percent of the area median income, whichever is greater;
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- 255 3. For a two-bedroom dwelling unit, a one-time payment of \$80,000 or 100%  
256 percent of the area median income, whichever is greater;
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- 258 4. For a three-bedroom dwelling unit, a one-time payment of \$100,000 or 125%  
259 percent of the area median income, whichever is greater;
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- 261 5. For a four or more-bedroom dwelling unit, a one-time payment of \$120,000 or  
262 150% percent of the area median income, whichever is greater;
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- 264 6. For a fee simple ownership dwelling unit, an additional one-time payment of  
265 \$25,000 may be provided; and
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- 267 7. Payments shall be made at time of dwelling units receiving a final certificate of  
268 occupancy or certificate of completion.

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270 g) *Affordability extension(s)*. The City shall have the express right, in its sole  
271 discretion, to extend the affordability deed restrictions and covenants for another  
272 period of no less than twenty-five (25) years) through the provision of a then current  
273 economic incentive payment based on unit size.

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- 275 1. The City shall provide formal notice of intent to extend affordability of units a  
276 minimum of six (6) months prior to the expiration of the affordability deed  
277 restrictions and covenants.
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- 279 2. The City's notice shall include the number and type of units having affordability  
280 extended and the economic incentive to be provided for those units.
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- 282 3. The affordability extension may not exceed the original number and type of  
283 units governed by the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program.
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- 285 4. There shall be no limit on the number of affordability extensions the city may  
286 fund for a project.
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- 288 5. The extension incentive payment shall follow the parameters as set forth in f)  
 289 of this section based on the values established for the year that the extension  
 290 is authorized.  
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- 292 h) *Policies and Procedures.* The city's director for community sustainability is hereby  
 293 authorized to establish policies and procedures including covenants, accountability  
 294 and reporting to ensure effective implementation of the Affordable/Workforce  
 295 Housing Program and clarify the requirements and procedures as set forth herein.  
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- 297 i) *Trust Fund.* There is hereby established an Affordable/Workforce Housing  
 298 Program Trust Fund. The trust fund will be a separate line item in the City's budget.  
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- 300 1. Payments required by the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program due to non-  
 301 compliance with restrictive covenants shall be paid into the trust fund.  
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- 303 2. Funds in the trust fund will be used to fund the financial incentives and the  
 304 affordability extensions under the Affordable/Workforce Housing Program.  
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- 306 3. At least once each fiscal period, the city manager shall present to the city  
 307 commission a report on funds held in the trust fund, including any accrued  
 308 interest, and any proposed use thereof. Monies, including any accrued interest,  
 309 not assigned in any fiscal period shall be retained in the trust fund until the next  
 310 fiscal period.  
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- 312 j) *In Lieu Payment Provision.* In some instances, projects including Density, Intensity  
 313 and/or Height Bonuses may not be appropriate for participation in the Program. In  
 314 these cases, the project may pay an in lieu of payment based on the following  
 315 provisions;
- 316 1. The fee shall be calculated on fifteen percent (15%) of the gross area of the  
 317 bonuses requested for the project.  
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- 319 2. The fee shall be a one-time payment of \$50 or 0.0625% of the area median  
 320 income, whichever is greater, per gross square foot.  
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- 322 3. Projects eligible for an in lieu of payment may include the following:  
 323 i. Single or multiple use projects that do not include a residential use;  
 324 ii. Mixed use projects that include residential and fewer than 25  
 325 residential units;  
 326 iii. Residential only projects that include fewer than 15 residential units;  
 327 iv. Any project that includes a residential use(s) and all of the dwelling  
 328 units are for sale, home ownership such as condominiums,  
 329 townhouses and/or single-family residences of which none are deed  
 330 restricted as affordable/workforce housing.  
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- 332 4. Fee payment shall be due prior to issuance of any building permits related  
 333 to the project.  
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- 335 k) *Exemptions.* Projects in specific locations are exempt from the requirements of  
 this section due to their maximum allowed density and/or to their allowed uses.  
 1. Individual residential dwelling units in the Single Family Residential (SF-R)  
 and Single Family/Two Family Residential (SF/TF) Zoning Districts unless

336 units are part of a project requesting additional densities under the  
337 provisions of one of the city’s incentive programs.

338 2. Projects within the Public (P), Public Recreation and Open Space (PROS),  
339 Beach and Casino (BAC), Conservation (C) and Industrial Park of  
340 Commerce (I-POC) Zoning Districts.

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342 **Section 3:** Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or  
343 portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of  
344 competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and  
345 independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
346 portions thereof.

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348 **Section 4:** Repeal of Laws in Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in  
349 conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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351 **Section 5:** Codification. The sections of the ordinance may be made a part of  
352 the City Code of Laws and ordinances and may be re-numbered or re-lettered to  
353 accomplish such, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “division”, or  
354 any other appropriate word.

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356 **Section 6:** Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 10 days after  
357 passage.

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359 The passage of this ordinance on first reading was moved by  
360 \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a  
361 vote, the vote was as follows:

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363 Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
364 Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy  
365 Commissioner Sarah Malega  
366 Commissioner Mimi May  
367 Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

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369 The Mayor thereupon declared this ordinance duly passed on first reading on the  
370 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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373 The passage of this ordinance on second reading was moved by  
374 \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote,  
375 the vote was as follows:

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377 Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
378 Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy  
379 Commissioner Sarah Malega  
380 Commissioner Mimi May  
381 Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

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385 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Resch, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

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