

**RESOLUTION
NO. 11-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PENSACOLA IDENTIFYING THE NEED TO OBTAIN A HIGH
QUALITY MIXED-INCOME RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF
SCALE WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND/OR CLOSE-IN
OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS AS A TOP PRIORITY GOAL OF
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD.**

WHEREAS, for many years, the local governments in this community have sought to establish more affordable housing options for its residents; and

WHEREAS, providing sufficient units of sound housing stock at an affordable price to a majority of the citizens of the City of Pensacola has long been a goal for Downtown Improvement Board; and

WHEREAS, Community Redevelopment Agency has assisted for many years with the removal of slum and blight influences that prevent deterioration of property values and neighborhood decline; and

WHEREAS, the need for significant numbers of quality affordable housing units in areas where many want to live still remains despite the best efforts of the community to date; and

WHEREAS, other communities have addressed such housing needs through one or more development partnerships with experienced national residential developers that have a proven commitment to the challenges of neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, development partners with proven records of engaging the community to obtain high-quality mixed-income residential developments of scale on scattered sites within a defined and planned area have yielded the most successful results over time; and

WHEREAS, a mixed-income housing development of scale that incorporates historic preservation, adaptive re-use, and appropriate new construction in-fill would be most advantageous to the process of building an urban neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, successful mixed-income residential developments have development partners that understand the need for economic and social integration of the neighborhood, the need to stay involved in the community for the long-term, and the need to incorporate appropriate commercial and institutional uses with the new residential products; and

WHEREAS, housing developments of the type envisioned require extensive with multi-layered financial partnerships involving neighborhood groups, financial institutions, foundations, state and local governments, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the realization of such a mixed-income and mixed-use residential project of scale will ensure that the targeted area/neighborhood will be economically diverse, architecturally appropriate and pleasing, functional, connected, and offer a clear sense of place to residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA THAT:

Achievement of a mixed-income residential development of scale in the downtown and/or close-in older neighborhoods is hereby reaffirmed as a top priority for Downtown Improvement Board; and any private development entity or entities experienced with such developments of scale in a urban setting are encouraged and invited to attempt such a project in this community; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA: pledges to work closely with any such experienced housing development entity that brings forward a proposal for establishment of a mixed-income and mixed-use residential community of scale within the downtown area and/or close-in older neighborhoods around downtown for the realization of this most important community priority.

Adopted: June 25, 2009

Approved: _____

Mayor

Attest:

Trisha L. Burnett
City Clerk

Legal in form and valid

if adopted:

City Attorney