	Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:		Date Rec'd	7/12/2022
	07/25/2022		Clerk's File #	RES 2022-0068
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Submitting Dept	PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Cross Ref #		ORD C36243
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Agenda Item Type	Resolutions	Requisition #		
Agenda Item Name	0650 - MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION SETTING A HEARING			

Agenda Wording

A Resolution expressing the intention of the City Council to designate a residential targeted area, amending SMC 8.15.030 the Multi-Family Tax Exemption incentive, and setting a public hearing.

Summary (Background)

Chapter 84.14 RCW authorizes the City to create a multiple family housing property tax exemption program designating residential targeted areas within urban centers and to certify qualified property owners for that property tax exemption.

Lease? NO Grant related? NO Public Works? NO

Fiscal Impact

Neutral \$

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Committee Agenda Sheet

Urban Experience – July 2022

Submitting Department	Planning and Economic Development
Contact Name & Phone	Teri Stripes, ext 6597, Steve MacDonald and Spencer Gardner
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Council Sponsor(s)	MFTE Update Committee: CP Beggs, CM Bingle and CP Zappone
Select Agenda Item Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Time Requested: <u>10-20 minutes</u>
Agenda Item Name	Multi-Family Tax Exemption Ordinance Recommended Update
Summary (Background)	<p>We will be bringing forward for Council consideration:</p> <p>An ordinance relating to Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (MFTE); amending SMC sections 8.02.0695, 8.15.020, 8.15.030, 8.15.040, 8.15.050, 8.15.060, 8.15.070, 8.15.080, 8.15.090, 8.15.100, 8.15.110, 8.15.120, and 8.15.140.</p> <p>The Washington State Legislature adopted E2SSB 5287 during the 2021 legislative session, which requires us incorporate new requirements within in Chapter 8.15 SMC.</p> <p>This ordinance amends various provisions of Chapter 8.15 SMC regarding MFTE in order to incorporate and comply with the changes to the Chapter 84.14 RCW, the MFTE Update Committee's recommendation, and housekeeping changes.</p>
Proposed Council Action & Date:	<p>We will be seeking setting the of a Hearing on July 25</p> <p>Please see the attached MFTE Update Committee and Staff Recommendations document. This document highlights the significant recommended changes to be consider.</p> <p>The attached Ordinance captures the housekeeping changes, those changes required by E2SSB 52787, and the MFTE Update Committee's recommendations.</p> <p>Also attached is the Spokane Targeted Investment Area Map</p>
<p>Fiscal Impact:</p> <p>Total Cost:</p> <p>Approved in current year budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Funding Source <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring</p> <p>Specify funding source:</p> <p>Expense Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring</p> <p>Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)</p>	
Operations Impacts	
What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?	

Economic Development Strategy Update and MFTE Boundaries

The updated strategy focuses the City's investments to our most economically distressed census tracts. The Spokane Targeted Investment Area (STIA) boundary is based on qualified census tracts as defined by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) of the U.S. Treasury for the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC). Census tracts are qualified if they have: high poverty (20% or more), and/or low Median Family Income (<80% AMI), and/or high unemployment (> 1.5X National rate). The CDFI maps these census tracts for the NMTC program and updates them every few years in between the decennial census. Spokane has 34 Census Tracts that qualify for NMTC benefits.

SMC 08.15 Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption

A. The purposes of this chapter are to:

1. encourage more multi-family housing opportunities, including affordable housing opportunities, within the City;
2. stimulate the construction of new multifamily housing and the rehabilitation of existing vacant and underutilized buildings for multi-family housing;
3. increase the supply of mixed-income multifamily housing opportunities within the City;
4. accomplish the planning goals required under the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW, as implemented from time to time by the City's current and future comprehensive plans;
5. promote community development, neighborhood revitalization, and availability of affordable housing;
6. preserve and protect buildings, objects, sites and neighborhoods with historic, cultural, architectural, engineering or geographic significance located within the City; and
7. encourage additional housing in areas that are consistent with planning for public transit systems.

How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?

RCW 84.14.100

Report—Filing—Department of commerce audit or review—Guidance to cities and counties. (Expires January 1, 2058.)

(1) Thirty days after the anniversary of the date of the certificate of tax exemption and each year for the tax exemption period, the owner of the rehabilitated or newly constructed property, or the qualified nonprofit or local government that will assure permanent affordable homeownership for at least 25 percent of the units for properties receiving an exemption under RCW [84.14.021](#), must file with a designated authorized representative of the city or county an annual report indicating the following:

(a) A statement of occupancy and vacancy of the rehabilitated or newly constructed property during the twelve months ending with the anniversary date;

(b) A certification by the owner that the property has not changed use and, if applicable, that the property has been in compliance with the affordable housing requirements as described in RCW [84.14.020](#) since the date of the certificate approved by the city or county;

(c) A description of changes or improvements constructed after issuance of the certificate of tax exemption; and

(d) Any additional information requested by the city or county in regards to the units receiving a tax exemption.

(2) All cities or counties, which issue certificates of tax exemption for multiunit housing that conform to the requirements of this chapter, must report annually by April 1st of each year, beginning in 2007, to the department of commerce. A city or county must be in compliance with the reporting requirements of this section to offer certificates of tax exemption for multiunit housing authorized in this chapter. The report must include the following information:

- (a) The number of tax exemption certificates granted;**
- (b) The total number and type of units produced or to be produced;**
- (c) The number, size, and type of units produced or to be produced meeting affordable housing requirements;**
- (d) The actual development cost of each unit produced;**
- (e) The total monthly rent or total sale amount of each unit produced;**
- (f) The annual household income and household size for each of the affordable units receiving a tax exemption and a summary of these figures for the city or county; and**
- (g) The value of the tax exemption for each project receiving a tax exemption and the total value of tax exemptions granted.**

(3)(a) The department of commerce must adopt and implement a program to effectively audit or review that the owner or operator of each property for which a certificate of tax exemption has been issued, except for those properties receiving an exemption that are owned or operated by a nonprofit or for those properties receiving an exemption from a city or county that operates an independent audit or review program, is offering the number of units at rents as committed to in the approved application for an exemption and that the tenants are being properly screened to be qualified for an income-restricted unit. The audit or review program must be adopted in consultation with local governments and other stakeholders and may be based on auditing a percentage of income-restricted units or properties annually. A private owner or operator of a property for which a certificate of tax exemption has been issued under this chapter, must be audited at least once every five years.

(b) If the review or audit required under (a) of this subsection for a given property finds that the owner or operator is not offering the number of units at rents as committed to in the approved application or is not properly screening tenants for income-restricted units, the department of commerce must notify the city or county and the city or county must impose and collect a sliding scale penalty not to exceed an amount calculated by subtracting the amount of rents that would have been collected had the owner or operator complied with their commitment from the amount of rents collected by the owner or operator for the income-restricted units, with consideration of the severity of the noncompliance. If a subsequent review or audit required under (a) of this subsection for a given property finds continued substantial noncompliance with the program requirements, the exemption certificate must be canceled pursuant to RCW [84.14.110](#).

(c) The department of commerce may impose and collect a fee, not to exceed the costs of the audit or review, from the owner or operator of any property subject to an audit or review required under (a) of this subsection.

(4) The department of commerce must provide guidance to cities and counties, which issue certificates of tax exemption for multiunit housing that conform to the requirements of this chapter, on best practices in managing and reporting for the exemption programs authorized under this chapter, including guidance for cities and counties to collect and report demographic information for tenants of units receiving a tax exemption under this chapter.

(5) This section expires January 1, 2058.

[\[2021 c 187 § 5; 2012 c 194 § 9; 2007 c 430 § 10; 1995 c 375 § 13.\]](#)

How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution?

[Title 08](#) Taxation and Revenue

[Chapter 08.15](#) Multiple-family Housing Property Tax Exemption

[Section 08.15.100](#) **Annual Certification and Affordability Certification**

Within thirty days of the anniversary of the date the final certificate of tax exemption was recorded at the County and each year thereafter, for the tax exemption period, the property owner shall file a certification with the director, verified upon oath or affirmation, which shall contain such information as the director may deem necessary or useful, and shall include the following information:

1. A statement of occupancy and vacancy of the multi-family units during the previous year.
2. A certification that the property has not changed use and, if applicable, that the property has been in compliance with the affordable housing requirements as described in [SMC 8.15.090](#) since the date of filing of the final certificate of tax exemption, and continues to be in compliance with the contract with the City and the requirements of this chapter; and
3. If the property owner rents the affordable multi-family housing units, the property owner shall file with the City a report indicating the household income of each initial tenant qualifying as low and moderate-income in order to comply with the twenty percent requirement of [SMC 8.15.090\(A\)\(2\)\(b\)](#) and RCW 84.14.020(1)(ii)(B).
 - a. The reports shall be on a form provided by the City and shall be signed by the tenants.
 - b. Information on the incomes of occupants of affordable units shall be included with the application for the final certificate of tax exemption, and shall continue to be included with the annual report for each property during the exemption period.
4. A description of any improvements or changes to the property made after the filing of the final certificate or last declaration, as applicable.

B. Failure to submit the annual declaration may result in cancellation of the tax exemption.

Date Passed: Monday, August 21, 2017

Effective Date: Saturday, October 7, 2017

ORD C35524 Section

Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Policies:

- LU 1.4 Higher Density Residential Uses
- LU 3.5 Mix of Uses in Centers
- LU 4.2 Land Uses That Support Travel Options and Active Transportation
- LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development

Comprehensive Plan Housing Policies:





- H 1.9 Mixed-Income Housing
- H 1.4 Use of Existing Infrastructure
- H 1.10 Lower-Income Housing Development Incentives
- H 1.11 Access to Transportation
- H 1.18 Distribution of Housing Options

Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Policies:

- ED 2.4 Mixed-Use
- ED 7.4 Tax Incentives for Land Improvement



Spokane Targeted Investment Area

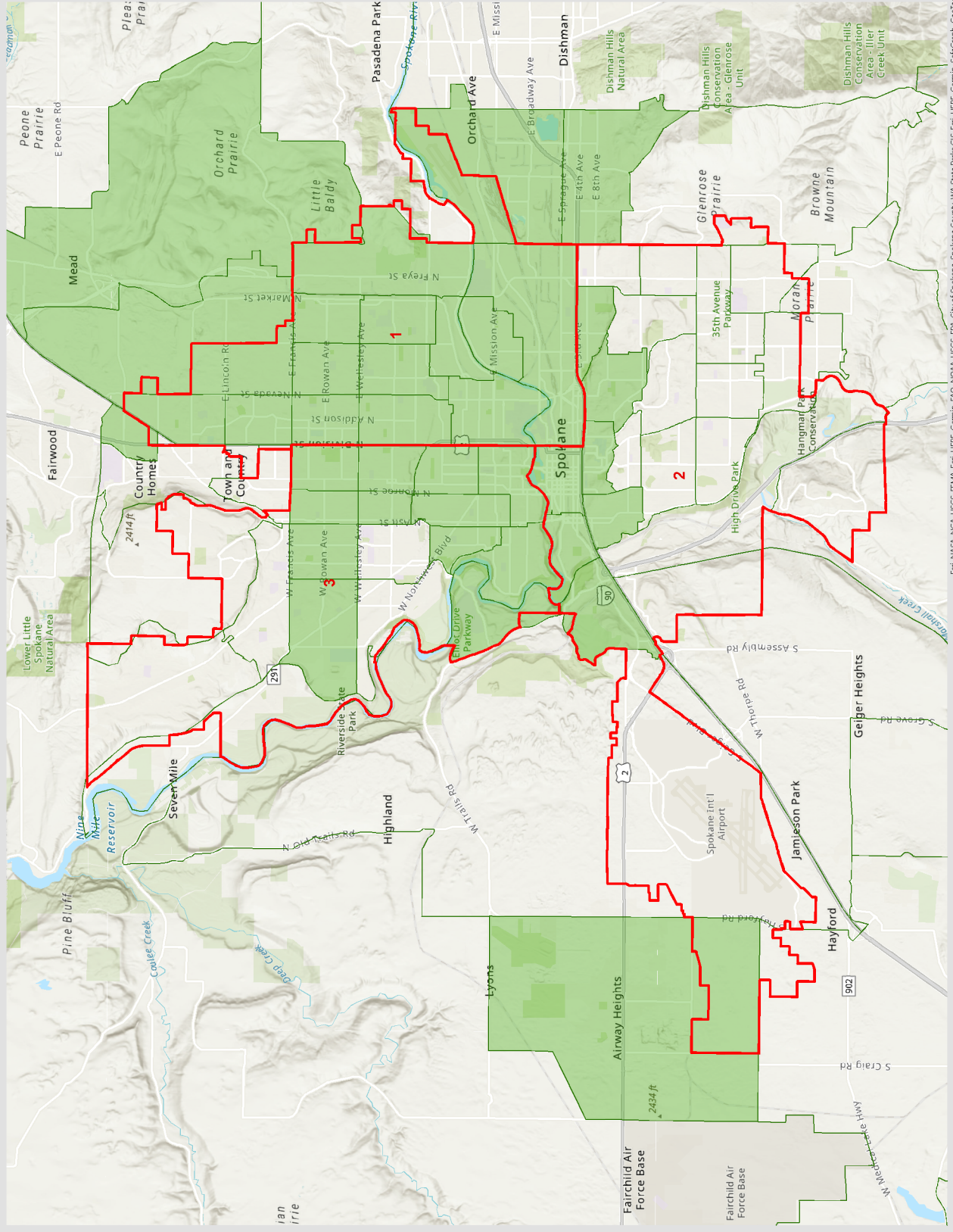
-  City Council District
-  NMTC Qualified?
-  Yes
-  No

* The census tracts shown on this map represent the 2010 Census tracts and uses data from the American Communities Survey 2011-2015 Five-Year Average, the currently-adopted standard for determining whether a Tract qualifies for New Market Tax Credit applications.

At some time in the future, the program will be updated to utilize more recent data. Until then, this map represents the qualifying data used to determine NMTC eligibility, as of the date of this map (shown at bottom).



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RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 0068

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE A RESIDENTIAL TARGETED AREA, AMEND SMC 8.15.030 AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, Chapter 84.14 RCW authorizes cities to enact multifamily housing property tax incentive programs by designating residential targeted areas within urban centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane exercised its authority under Chapter 84.14 RCW by enacting Ordinance No. 32575, as codified and amended in Chapter 8.15 SMC, which provides a property tax incentive for multifamily housing in urban centers by establishing a methodology for granting such incentives and designating the urban centers and residential targeted areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has subsequently revised the designated residential targeted areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, along with the City Administration has performed a review of the designation of the residential targeted areas, as well as the impacts from the enactment of ESSSB 5287 by the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to modify the boundary of the existing designated residential targeted areas and to revise the name of the residential targeted areas listed in SMC 8.15.030 as set forth in Ordinance No. C36243, amending SMC 8.15.030; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.14.040 requires public notice and a hearing before the City designates residential targeted areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved by the City Council that it is the intent of the City of Spokane to designate two residential targeted areas as set forth in Ordinance No. C36243 and as generally identified in Attachment A to the ordinance consisting of maps of:

1. Spokane Targeted Investment Area (STIA)—where Zoning allows Multi-Family Housing
2. Affordable Housing Emphasis Area—where Zoning allows Multi-Family Housing outside STIA

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Spokane shall conduct a public hearing on August 15, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm at the City Council Chambers at City Hall, West 808 Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington, to take public testimony and consider the designation of the targeted area as set forth above.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall also consider adoption of Ordinance No. C36243 to amend SMC 8.15.030 to designate, in its sole discretion, all or a portion of the revised residential targeted area as set forth in Attachment A subsequent to the hearing called for in this resolution.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON July 25th, 2022.

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Council President

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7/28/2022
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