

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Economic Vitality Board

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SUBJECT: Trade-offs to Consider for the Fowler Affordable Housing Project

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Policy Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Provide a recommendation to the Bozeman City Commission.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.5 Housing and Transportation Choices: Vigorously encourage, through a wide variety of actions, the development of sustainable and lasting housing options for underserved individuals and families and improve mobility options that accommodate all travel modes.

BACKGROUND: As the Fowler Affordable Housing Project is in early stages, City Staff is looking for feedback on potential unit sizes, and the associated trade-offs. City Staff is asking the board to consider and provide a recommendation to the City Commission on the number of units, number of bedrooms per unit, and height. Changes in the number of bedrooms per unit and height will have a direct impact on the number of units constructed and required subsidy that can be provided on the 5-acres of developable land.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None as this project is in the early planning stages.

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the Board.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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