

## Housing Resources Bainbridge

# ADVOCACY ALERT

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### Update

Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, City Council will discuss draft Resolution No. 2023-07, which was introduced at the September 12 Council meeting and which would create a program to subsidize land use permit fees for affordable housing development.

The resolution described a tiered system of fee offsets in which developments with more affordable units and serving households with lower incomes would receive the greatest benefit. The program covered only three fees—site plan and design review, long subdivision, and conditional use permits.

HRB and many of you urged council to do more for 100% affordable developments such as HRB's Ericksen Community. In response, Council directed city staff to revise the resolution. The current version reflects the following changes:

- A new tier will provide 100% affordable developments with a 100% offset for land use permit fees.
- The tiered fee reduction in the original resolution for developments with less than 100% affordability will be available to nonprofit housing developers only, excluding for-profit developers and public agencies.
- The city will contribute \$30,000 toward building permit and utility fees for nonprofit developments with 4 or more units that are 100% affordable at or below 80% area median income.

### Why this matters to HRB

HRB's current project, the Ericksen Community, will be a 100% affordable development serving households at or below 50% area median income with a total project cost of \$10,138,503. We expect to pay \$211,643 in fees. Under the old resolution, HRB would have qualified for the highest-tier subsidy — a 75% reduction in land use fees. This would have saved HRB \$13,148 for site plan review (there are no long subdivision or conditional use permits involved in this project), leaving \$198,495 in uncovered fees.

Under the new resolution, HRB will have 100% of this fee waived (a savings of \$17,530) and receive \$30,000 to apply toward other fees, such as building permit and utility fees. The total savings to HRB will be \$47,530, leaving \$164,113 in uncovered fees. This is a significant improvement.

### Action

Please email [City Council](#) or deliver [public comment](#) at the start of the meeting, urging councilors to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07. Thank them for listening to community feedback and doing more to encourage the development of affordable housing on Bainbridge Island.

### Meeting details

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Council Chambers City Hall

280 Madison Avenue North  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Zoom: <https://bainbridgewa.zoom.us/j/92947338351>

For more information, see the meeting agenda packet [here](#).

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