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Resolution Regarding 20-ZTA-03, City of Sarasota

Preamble

The original ZTA proposing an overlay regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) introduced at the City Commission Regular Meeting on February 17th, Item III.1, presented itself as an effort to help people afford their homes and age in place as well as generate affordable rental units in economically stressed neighborhoods. The overlay required that the owner reside in either of the units and that the unit be rented at an affordable rate to people whose earnings are at or below 100% Area Medium Income, which is 16 2/3 % lower than the state mandate of 120% AMI.

The City Commission rejected the motion asking that it be rewritten as a city wide ZTA, excluding the barrier islands, to people whose earnings are at or below 120% AMI, i.e., as per the State Mandate, **Florida** Statutes (Section 163.31771(2)(a)), regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, and it was implied by several Commissioners they favored removing the requirement that the owner reside in either dwelling unit.

- Whereas, removing the requirement that the owner reside in either unit will allow and encourage predatory landlords to buy and build in economically stressed neighborhoods;
- Whereas, in every neighborhood, non-owner-occupied dwelling generally are maintained at standards lower than owner occupied dwellings;
- Whereas, setting rents in an economically stressed area at a rate predicated on 120% of AMI where the overall AMI is 10% or more higher than the surrounding counties⁽¹⁾ and almost 35% higher than the statewide Real Median Household Income⁽²⁾, overshoots the intent of the original ZTA overlay and the State Mandate, thereby bypassing the intended targeted homeowner;
- Whereas, citywide zoning of ADUs will encourage market rate or higher rents in neighborhoods that are not stressed, thereby missing the intent of the State Mandate for more affordable housing;
- Whereas, citywide zoning of ADUs impacts each neighborhood differently;
- Whereas, once bestowed, a property entitlement is virtually impossible to take back from a property owner without restitution⁽³⁾;
- Whereas, this proposed ZTA was not discussed with each and every neighborhood effected; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that

CCNA supports the requirement that the property owner reside in one of the dwellings;

CCNA supports the requirement that the ADU be offered at a rate predicated at 100% of the AMI;

CCNA opposes the current ZTA that proposes citywide application of ADUs, excluding the barrier islands; and

CCNA encourages Commission to adopt the original ADUs overlay proposed at the February 17th meeting (Item III.1).

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- (3) Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act, 1995