

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

August 21, 2019

Mr. Robert D. Rivers
Executive Director
City Planning Commission
City Hall – 7th Floor
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: REQUEST TO CONDUCT A HOUSING STUDY

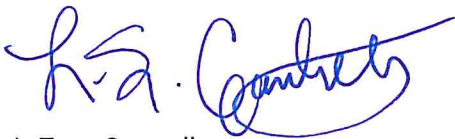
Dear Mr. Rivers,

In accordance with Section 5-402(5) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, I hereby direct the City Planning Commission (CPC) to engage in a study to review and provide recommendations regarding tools to effectively increase the development and retention of affordable housing units in the City of New Orleans.

The CPC shall hold a public hearing within 60 days of receipt of this communication to receive comments on tools and strategies for consideration. In the course of this review, the CPC shall summarize opportunities for changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) based on the most recent amendments to the City's Master Plan; review and report on successful programs nationwide and the use of strategies that include but are not limited to: the new construction of accessory structures for and/or the conversion of accessory structures to residential use, the adjustment and possible re-alignment of bulk and area standards city-wide, placing limitations on the removal of residential units from historic two-family and multi-family structures, placing limitation on the conversion of existing residential units to non-residential use, the use of public land for affordable housing, the redevelopment of vacant blighted properties for affordable housing, and the exploration of new building types such as "tiny houses".

Furthermore, in the process of conducting a public hearing and study as provided herein, the City Planning Commission and staff are granted the flexibility to expand the scope of the study and make all legal and appropriate recommendations deemed necessary in light of the purpose of the study, the requested review, and the public testimony resulting from this request.

Sincerely,



LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans

cc: All Councilmembers
Gilbert Montañó, Chief Administrative Officer
John Pourciau, Chief of Staff
Sunni LeBeouf, City Attorney

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