

# **School Use Incentives – Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH YEAR 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW PROCESS OF SECTION 163.3184(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, BY AMENDING THE “RESILIENT LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT,” GOAL RLU 1, ENTITLED “LAND USE,” OBJECTIVE RLU 1.1, ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES,” AT TABLE RLU 1.1 TO PROVIDE FLOOR AREA RATIO (F.A.R.) INCENTIVES THROUGH THE CITY COMMISSION WARRANT REVIEW PROCESS; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan establishes maximum intensity standards (FAR) for development within each future land use category in the City to ensure compatible and sustainable growth; and

**WHEREAS**, there are certain circumstances in which a modest increase in intensity may be appropriate and beneficial, particularly when it advances public policy goals such as expanding access to education, promoting adaptive reuse, or supporting community-serving uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission seeks to provide a flexible but controlled mechanism by which eligible projects may request a limited increase in allowable FAR of up to ten percent (10%), not to exceed 5,000 square feet, through a Commission Warrant process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission Warrant process ensures case-by-case review, public transparency, and the ability to impose conditions as necessary to ensure compatibility and mitigate potential impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that enabling a limited FAR increase through a Commission Warrant process will promote thoughtful development, provide appropriate flexibility, and support community-serving projects while preserving the overall character and capacity of zoning districts;

**WHEREAS**, the amendments set forth below are necessary to accomplish all of the above objectives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The following amendments to the City’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan Resilient Land Use & Development Element are hereby adopted:

## **RESILIENT LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT**

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### **GOAL RLU 1: LAND USE**

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## OBJECTIVE RLU 1.1 Establishment of Future Land Use Categories

The City hereby adopts future land use map categories to provide for an efficient distribution and compatible pattern of land uses, and to maintain and enhance the character of the community.

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**Table RLU 1.1**

The following table is a reference guide that depicts the policy number, and maximum densities and intensities for each future land use map (FLUM) category.

(\* = Refer to policy for limits)

FLUM Category	Density Limits (Units Per Acre)	Intensity Limits (Floor Area Ratio)	Reference (Policy #)
Single Family Residential (RS)	7 units per acre	*	RLU 1.1.1
Townhouse Residential (TH)	30 units per acre	0.7	RLU 1.1.2
Fisher Island Low Density Planned Residential (RM-PRD)	25 units per acre	1.6	RLU 1.1.3
Allison Island Low Density Planned Residential Category (RM-PRD-2)	25 units per acre	1.45	RLU 1.1.4
Low Density Multi Family Residential (RM-1)	60 units per acre	1.25*	RLU 1.1.5
Medium Density Multi Family Residential (RM-2)	100 units per acre	2.0*	RLU 1.1.6
High Density Multi Family Residential (RM-3)	150 units per acre	2.25*	RLU 1.1.7
Medium-Low Density Residential Performance Standard (R-PS-1)	57 units per acre	1.25	RLU 1.1.22
Medium Density Residential Performance Standard (R-PS-2)	70 units per acre	1.5	RLU 1.1.23
Medium-High Density Residential Performance Standard (R-PS-3)	85 units per acre	1.75	RLU 1.1.24
High Density Residential Performance Standard (R-PS-4)	102 units per acre	2.0*	RLU 1.1.25
Low Intensity Commercial (CD-1)	60 units per acre	1.0*	RLU 1.1.8
Medium Intensity Commercial (CD-2)	100 units per acre	1.5*	RLU 1.1.9
High Intensity Commercial (CD-3)	150 units per acre	2.0*	RLU 1.1.10
Urban Light Industrial (I-1)	N/A	1.0	RLU 1.1.21

NOTE: Pursuant to the warrant procedures and for specific types of development as set forth in the Land Development Regulations, the City Commission may increase the maximum intensity for qualifying land development applications in all of the districts identified above by up to 10%, not to exceed a total of 5,000 additional square feet.



**SECTION 2. CODIFICATION.**

It is the intention of the City Commission that this Ordinance be entered into the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Miami Beach, FL, and it is hereby ordained that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

**SECTION 5. TRANSMITTAL.**

The Planning Director is hereby directed to transmit this ordinance to the appropriate state, regional, and county agencies as required by applicable law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect until 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the City that the plan amendment package is complete following adoption, pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes.


**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM AND LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney NK Date 5/9/2025

First Reading: May 21, 2025  
Second Reading: July 23, 2025

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas R. Mooney, AICP  
Planning Director