

**Inclusionary Housing RFP – City response to questions (City responses are in blue)**

1. What is the City's expectation for meetings? Would the City be amenable to virtual meetings, or would in-person meetings be preferred?

All virtual meetings would be acceptable however Lakewood will require two in-person meetings: One before the Planning and Environment Commission (PEC) and one before the Council.

2. In the Scope of Work section, the RFP states that one of the Proponent's tasks will be to "compare the City's recommended required percentage of affordable units, the In-Lieu Inclusionary Housing Fee, and mixed-use linkage fees with that of other, similar cities" located in the region. To get clarification on this point, does the City currently have linkage fees? Would you want the Proponent to compare in-lieu fees to commercial linkage fees?

Currently, Lakewood does not include these fees in the draft ordinance. Commercial linkage fees should be considered as an option. A consultant should consider the linkage fees as it relates to the current market and should be able to define how the proforma would be impacted by those fees. For example, will these linkage fees impact future development.

Alternatively, a consultant may look at how the City could use the EIFD funds to fund affordable housing as the primary source and leave linkage fees out.