



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Housing & Homelessness Solutions  
**AGENDA DATE:** January 25, 2023  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** 7, 8  
**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization  
**EXECUTIVE:** Majed Al-Ghafry

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize **(1)** the sale of up to 15 Land Transfer Program lots to Titan and Associates, Inc., and/or its affiliates (Developer) subject to restrictive covenants, a right of reverter, and execution and recording of all necessary documents, pursuant to the City's Land Transfer Program; **(2)** the release of lien for all non-tax City liens, notices, or orders that were filed on up to 15 Land Transfer Program lots sold to Developer prior to or subsequent to the deeds transferring the lots to the City of Dallas; and **(3)** execution of a development agreement with Developer for the construction of up to 15 single-family homes on the Land Transfer Program lots - Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$17,383.00; Estimated Revenue Foregone: General Fund \$43,210.60 (see Fiscal Information)

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 22, 2019, City Council adopted the Land Transfer Program via Resolution No. 19-0824, as amended. The purpose of the Land Transfer Program is to incentivize: 1) the development of quality, sustainable housing that is affordable to the residents of the City and 2) the development of other uses that complement the City's Comprehensive Housing Policy, economic development policy, or redevelopment policy. Specifically, the Land Transfer Program authorizes the City to sell qualifying City-owned real property and resell tax-foreclosed real property to for-profit, non-profit and/or religious organizations in a direct sale at less than fair market value of the land, consistent with the authorizing state statute or city ordinance.

In September 2022, a qualified participating developer, Titan and Associates, Inc., submitted an application (proposal) to purchase a total of 15 Land Transfer Program lots. The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization (Housing) staff evaluated the application pursuant to the standards set forth in the Land Transfer Program guidelines, which included determining whether the developer met the eligibility standards to be deemed a "Qualified Participating Developer" and underwriting the proposal. The application was determined to be "complete" and was assigned a score. Staff collaborated with the Developer regarding the terms of sale of the vacant lots as well as the terms related to the construction and subsequent sale of single-family housing units to income eligible homebuyers.

The Developer being considered for the sale of 15 lots is Titan and Associates, Inc. The Developer is a domestic for-profit corporation formed in Texas in 2014 and is MWBE-certified, licensed with the City of Dallas and is a participant in the City's Home Improvement and Preservation Program. The company has eight years of home building experience as well as home renovation experience. To date, the applicant has constructed and sold market rate homes in Dallas and the surrounding area. The company does have experience constructing and selling in the target area of South Dallas to homebuyers in the income range as the Land Transfer Program. In addition, the Developer is a past participant in the Land Transfer Program, constructing 11 affordable housing units Districts 4 and 7. The applicant has a current line of credit to support this project 1.43 times. The Chief Executive Officer of the company is Kwame Ellis.

The proposal indicates the construction of 15 single family units ranging from 1,416 square feet to 1,815 square feet with a minimum of three bedrooms and two baths. The price range of the proposed units will be \$191,000.00 - \$246,000.00 targeting homebuyers in an income range of 60% - 120% of the area median income (AMI). Nine units will be used to target homebuyers in an income range of 80% - 120% AMI and six units will be used to target homebuyers in an income range of 60% - 80% AMI. The developer intends to market the City of Dallas Homebuyer Assistance Program to those homebuyers categorized in the 60% - 80% AMI range.

The development terms applicable to each lot are as follows:

- **Vacant Lot Sales Price:** Attached as **Exhibit A**.
- **Single-Family Home Sales Price:** The sales price of the home cannot exceed the current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) homeownership sales price for the Dallas, TX HUD Metro Fair Market Rent (FMR) Area and must be affordable based on the income of the targeted homebuyer.
- **Targeted Income of Homebuyer:** 60%-120% AMI.
- **Construction Timeframe:** Developer must apply for a construction permit and close on any construction financing within 60 days of purchase from the City. In addition, Developer should complete construction and sale of each affordable housing unit to an income eligible homebuyer within two (2) years of the date of acquisition of the vacant lot utilized for construction of the unit.
- **Restrictive Covenants:** Developer must: (1) sell each lot to an income eligible household and (2) prior to the sale, must provide to Housing staff written documentation of the income of the proposed purchaser and the sales price. After sale of the home, the property must be occupied as an income eligible household's principal residence during the entire term of the affordability period.
- **Affordability Period:** Once the property is sold to an income eligible household, it must be occupied as the household's principal place of residence for at least five (5) years. If the original purchaser re-sells the property during the affordability period, the property may only be sold to another income eligible household.

- **Right of Reverter:** Title to the property may revert to the City if Developer has (1) failed to take possession of the land within 90 calendar days after receiving the deed to the parcels of real property; (2) failed to complete construction of all required housing units or other required development on the real property, or failed to ensure occupancy by eligible households within the development timeframe set forth in the development agreement; (3) incurred a lien on the property because of violations of city ordinances and failed to fully pay off the lien within 180 days of the City's recording of the lien; or (4) sold, conveyed, or transferred the land without the consent of the City.
- **Unit Sales Price:** Units must be sold to an income eligible homebuyer between 60 - 120 percent of the area median income, after developer subsidies, at a final sales price between \$191,000.00 and \$246,000.00. The City Manager may modify the sales price, so long as such modification complies with the CHP.

### **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

Begin Project            January 2023  
Complete Project      January 2025

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

[The Housing and Homeless Solutions Committee was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on November 15, 2022. <https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11450523&GUID=9E270DEA-A89D-4B17-967F-B55B99A16B23>](https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11450523&GUID=9E270DEA-A89D-4B17-967F-B55B99A16B23)

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$17,383.00

(**Exhibit A** details the Estimated Revenue the City of Dallas will receive revenue from the sale of the lots in the amount of \$15,133.00. For tax foreclosed lots, the sales price for each lot is a minimum of \$1,000.00 for lots up to 7,500 square feet and an additional \$0.133 per square foot for lots which exceed 7,500 square feet. The City of Dallas will also collect recording fees at closing to ensure property legal documents are properly recorded in the amount of \$2,250.00)

Estimated Revenue Foregone: General Fund \$43,210.60

(**Exhibit A** details the Estimated Foregone Revenues from the release of non-tax City liens.)

### **M/WBE INFORMATION**

In accordance with the City's Business Inclusion and Development Policy adopted on September 23, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-1430, as amended, the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows:

Contract Amount	Procurement Category	M/WBE Goal
\$3,148,898.00	Construction	32.00%
M/WBE Subcontracting %	M/WBE Overall %	M/WBE Overall Participation \$
0.00%	100.00%	\$3,148,898.00
• <del>This contract exceeds the M/WBE goal.</del> <a href="#">This contract does not meet M/WBE subcontracting goal, however the prime contractor is a certified MBE.</a>		
• Titan and Associates, Inc. - Local; Workforce - 100.00% Local		

## **OWNER**

**Titan and Associates, Inc.**

Kwame Ellis, Chief Executive Officer

## **MAP**

Attached