Office of the County Auditor Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 90-2020

Introduced: June 1, 2020 Auditor: Michael A. Martin

Fiscal Impact:

This legislation has no fiscal impact to the County.

Currently, there are no units held in the Housing Unit Allocations Waiting Bin and, according to the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), demand for development will fall well below the 1,850 units allocated for 2023.

Changes in the Fiscal Year 2023 Housing Unit Allocations from the projected allocations presented in Council Resolution 98-2019 include the remaining unallocated units (930) for Downtown Columbia, which are distributed in a three-year rolling average calculation of 310 units.

Purpose:

Per the Adequate Public Facilities Act, the Department of Planning and Zoning is required to update the Housing Allocation Chart each year to establish the maximum number of housing units available for development. Section 16.1102(b) of the County Code states that this chart be adopted by Resolution of the County Council.

Other Comments:

Prior year Housing Unit Allocation legislation, County Resolution 98-2019, was unanimously tabled by the County Council on July 1, 2019.

Effective July 1, 2020, County Bill 14-2020 states that all prior available allocations are expired and shall be excluded from the rolling average. This provision does not apply to Downtown Columbia housing unit allocations.