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County Commission Meeting November 17, 2021 Agenda Item Number: I.1 Agenda Item Summary #9774

BULK ITEM: No **DEPARTMENT:** Land Authority Governing Board

TIME APPROXIMATE: STAFF CONTACT: Christine Hurley (305) 295-5180

9:25 AM County Land Acquisition and Land Management

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Permission to advertise a public hearing to be held in January 2022 to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Monroe County Code that would establish standards and processes to be used in disposing of real property acquired by the County under the Density Reduction Program to neighboring property owners and Property Owners Associations, with deed restrictions prohibiting the construction of Principal Residential Structures, and other limitations.

ITEM BACKGROUND: County staff seeks permission to advertise a proposed ordinace for public hearing at the January BOCC meeting. As of the agenda deadline, the date for the January BOCC meeting has not been set. The Board will set its calendar for 2022 during the November 17, 2021 BOCC meeting. The ordinance is summarized below.

The County initiated a resale program of lots (stripped of development rights) originally acquired under the Density Reduction Program (DRP) on Duck Key, following F.S. 125.35 (1)(a). That statute requires soliciting bids from any interested party, which can be time consuming and cumbersome. The program was a great success, and, in most cases, the purchasers owned land next to the vacant lot being sold without development rights.

Duck Key Density Reduction Parcels September 2021 Update



Parcel ID #	Legal Address	BOCC Purchase Price	BOCC Sale Price	Difference (indicating TDR value)
00379720- 000000	Block 3, Lot 26, Center Island	\$95,000	\$22,600	\$72,400
00379800- 000000	Block 3, Lot 34, Center Island	\$79,000	\$175,000	N/A
00379820- 000000	Block 3, Lot 35, Center Island	\$81,000	\$21,000	\$60,000
00380240- 000000	Block 6, Lot 3, Center Island	\$85,000	\$20,000	\$65,000
00380440- 000000	Block 6, Lot 23, Center Island	\$65,000	\$30,100	\$34,900
00383270- 000000	Block 4, Lot 7, Plantation Island	\$78,000	\$19,550	\$58,450

00383380- 000000	Block 4, Lot 18, Plantation Island	\$99,000	\$51,209	47,791
00383390- 000000	Block 4, Lot 19, Plantation Island	\$90,000	\$20,700	\$69,300
00383780- 000000	Block 6, Lot 5, Plantation Island	\$95,000	\$20,001	74,999
00383850- 000000	Block 6, Lot 12, Plantation Island	¢160,000	\$20,001	\$59,999
00383860- 000000	Block 6, Lot 13, Plantation Island	\$160,000	\$25,333	\$54,667
		\$927,000	\$425,494	

Subsection (3) of F.S. 125.35 also allows the Commission to create a specific program for disposition that differs from F.S. 125.35(1). Subsection (3) reads as follows:

- (3) As an alternative to subsections (1) and (2), the board of county commissioners may, by ordinance, prescribe disposition standards and procedures to be used by the county in selling and conveying any real or personal property and in leasing real property owned by the county. The standards and procedures must provide at a minimum for:
 - (a) Establishment of competition and qualification standards upon which disposition will be determined.
- (b) Reasonable public notice of the intent to consider disposition of county property and the availability of copies of the standards. Reasonableness of the notice is to be determined by the efficacy and efficiency of the means of communication used.
 - (c) Identification of the form and manner by which an interested person may acquire county property.
- (d) Types of negotiation procedures applicable to the selection of a person to whom county properties may be disposed.
- (e) The manner in which interested persons will be notified of the board's intent to consider final action at a regular meeting of the board on the disposition of a property and the time and manner for making objections.
- (f) Adherence in the disposition of real property to the governing comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances.

The proposed ordinance would create the Disposition (Resale) Program that would limit sale to:

- Contiguous property owners with a primary residential dwelling unit, or
- **Neighborhoods** with an active Property Owners Association

Contiguous:

Contiguous Disposition (Resale) Program Standards:

- Requires the BOCC to adopt a resolution offering parcels for sale
- The parcels shall only be used for accessory uses/structures permitted by the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code
- The parcel can only be sold to a property owner with a contiguous parcel that has a primary dwelling unit
- A Deed restriction is required with sale that disallows owner from seeking a building permit in future
- A unity of title is required to join it with the contiguous parcel with the primary dwelling unit

- The buyers shall agree to a minimum purchase price using the most recent Monroe County Property Appraiser Market Land Value
- Ineligible parcels include:
 - o Parcels that contain protected habitat that were purchase as conservation land
 - o Parcels that were purchased for conservation purposes
 - o Parcels owned by the Monroe County Land Authority
 - o Parcels purchased by the County using conservation grant funding

Contiguous Disposition (Resale) Program Process:

- Notice will be mailed to contiguous property owners that have an existing primary dwelling unit, offering the parcel for sale
- Bidder will provide:
 - o Formal interest in writing
 - o Amount they are bidding
 - o 10% of purchase price
 - Estimated time needed for closing
 - o Attestation of willingness to agree to required standards
- County will accept highest bid or reject all bids

Neighborhood:

Neighborhood Disposition (Resale) Program Standards:

- Requires the BOCC to adopt a resolution offering parcels for sale
- The parcels shall only be used for uses/structures permitted by the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code
- The parcel can only be sold to a Property Owner Association willing to manage the site for the good of the neighborhood
- A Deed restriction is required with sale that disallows owner from seeking a building permit in future
- A Deed restriction that includes a reverter clause indicating the County may take back the
 parcel if the Property Owners Association becomes inactive or discontinues maintenance
 of the land, by notice to the defunct Property Owner Association, property owners
 included in the neighborhood, and after publication in a newspaper of general circulation
- The buyers shall agree to a minimum purchase price using the most recent Monroe County Property Appraiser Market Land Value
- Ineligible parcels include:
 - o Parcels that contain protected habitat that were purchased as conservation land
 - o Parcels that were purchased for conservation purposes
 - o Parcels owned by the Monroe County Land Authority
 - o Parcels purchased by the County using conservation grant funding

Neighborhood Disposition (Resale) Program Process:

- Notice will be mailed to active Property Owners Association, offering the parcel for sale
- Bidder will provide:
 - o Formal interest in writing

- Amount they are bidding
- o 10% of purchase price
- Estimated time needed for closing
- Attestation of willingness to agree to required standards
- County will accept the bid as long as it is the minimum amount specified in the offering or reject all bids

The proposed new ordinance is intended to streamline the disposition process by limiting the pool of potential purchasers to only those buyers who can truly use the property given the development restrictions imposed as a condition of the sale. This is anticipated to expedite the disposition process without the expense of advertising a solicitation of bids from the public at large.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BO	OCC ACTION:
CONTRACT/AGREEMENT N/A	Γ CHANGES:
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	ON: Approval
DOCUMENTATION:	
Resell DR parcels ordinance 1	1-2-21
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	
Effective Date: Expiration Date:	
Total Dollar Value of Contr	act:
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County Match: Insurance Required:	
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MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. -2022

AN**OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ORDINANCE OF MONROE** COUNTY, COMMISSIONERS FLORIDA. AMENDING ARTICLE VII. OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE MONROE COUNTY CODE, AMENDING ARTICLE VII TITLE FROM LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM TO LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION (RESALE) PROGRAM, CREATING DIVISION 1. **MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AUTHORITY, MAINTAINING SECTION 2-395 THROUGH 2-407,** RESERVING SECTION 2-408 THROUGH 2-415, CREATING DIVISION 2. CONTIGUOUS DISPOSITION (RESALE) PROGRAM, CREATING SECTIONS 2-416 THROUGH 2-418 PRESCRIBING DISPOSITION STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED IN CONVEYING DEED RESTRICTED REAL PROPERTY **CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNERS, RESERVING SECTION 2-**418 THROUGH 2-420, CREATING DIVISION 3. NEIGHBORHOOD **DISPOSITION (RESALE) PROGRAM, CREATING SECTIONS 2-**421 THROUGH 2-422 PRESCRIBING DISPOSITION STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED IN CONVEYING DEED RESTRICTED REAL PROPERTY TO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, **CREATING SECTION** 2-423 REVENUE, INDICATING WHERE SALE PROCEEDS WILL BE DEPOSITED, RESERVING SECTIONS 2-424 THROUGH 2-427, CREATING DISPOSITION PROGRAMS UNDER THE COUNTY'S DENSITY REDUCTION ACQUISITION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT INCORPORATION IN THE MONROE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Board of County Commissioners (the "County") initiated a Density Reduction Program to purchase non-conservation land (typically Tier 3) with residential development rights (at least one (1) Transferable Development Right (TDR)) from private owners for the limited purpose of retiring the property's development rights in anticipation of the State's expected cessation of new development once the current pool of Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) allocations is exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the County's Density Reduction Program are to 1) reduce ongoing development pressures and the resulting effect on hurricane evacuation clearance times, 2) reduce the

demands on public facilities and infrastructure, and 3) protect property owner rights, thus ultimately avoiding unnecessary costs associated with defending property rights claims; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the County, in cooperation with the Monroe County Land Authority, has purchased and will continue to purchase density reduction parcels throughout unincorporated Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that reselling parcels purchased under the Density Reduction Program with deed restrictions that prohibit owners from seeking a permit for a residential dwelling unit is a cost effective method of achieving the County's density reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, F.S. 125.35(3) authorizes the County to adopt an ordinance prescribing disposition standards and procedures to be used by the County in selling and conveying any real property as alternatives to F.S. 125.35(1) & (2) as long as the County provides standards and procedures that provide at a minimum:

(a) Establishment of competition and qualification standards upon which disposition will be determined.

- (b) Reasonable public notice of the intent to consider disposition of county property and the availability of copies of the standards. Reasonableness of the notice is to be determined by the efficacy and efficiency of the means of communication used.
- (c) Identification of the form and manner by which an interested person may acquire county property.
- (d) Types of negotiation procedures applicable to the selection of a person to whom county properties may be disposed.
- (e) The manner in which way interested persons will be notified of the board's intent to consider final action at a regular meeting of the board on the disposition of a property and the time and manner for making objections.
- (f) Adherence in the disposition of real property to the governing comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to create a Disposition Program, in accordance with F.S. 125.35(3) to provide for the resale of real property to contiguous homeowners or Property Owners Associations, subject to deed restrictions prohibiting establishment of a dwelling unit; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County policies and regulations adopted in the 2030 Monroe County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code are to maintain public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Florida Keys and to strengthen our local government capability to manage land use and development; and

WHEREAS, the disposition of density reduction program parcels with deed restrictions, as described herein, is consistent with Policies 102.4.3 and 102.4.5 of the 2030 Monroe County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Florida Constitution and Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, Monroe County possesses the powers to enact ordinances in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

99 100	Section 1:	The "Whereas" clauses set forth above are incorporated herein as findings
101	Section 1.	by the Board.
102 103 104	Section 2:	The text of Article VII of the Monroe County Code is hereby amended as follows (deletions are shown stricken through; additions are shown (underlined):
105 106	ARTICLE V	II. LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION (RESALE) PROGRAM
107 108	Section 3:	Division 1 is hereby created to read as follows:
109 110	DIVISION 1.	- MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
111 112	Section 4:	Sections 2-395 through 2-407 are maintained as written.
113 114	Section 5:	Sections 2-408 through 2-415 are Reserved.
115 116	Section 6:	Division 2 is hereby created to read as follows:
117 118	DIVISION 2.	– CONTIGUOUS DISPOSITION (RESALE) PROGRAM
119 120	Section 7:	Section 2-416 of the Monroe County Code is hereby created to read as
121 122		follows:
123 124	Sec. 2-416	Contiguous Disposition (Resale) Program Standards.
125		The County may, at the County's discretion, and upon approval of a resolution,
126		initiate the sale of real property belonging to the County, to contiguous (land
127		touching at more than one point) homeowners in accordance with the following
128		standards:
129		(a) The County determines the desire to dispose of parcels of real property
130		belonging to the County; and
131		(b) It is in the best interest of the County to offer a parcel for accessory
132		uses/accessory structures permitted by the Comprehensive Plan and Land
133		Development Code. Accessory uses or accessory structures shall have the
134		meaning provided in Section 101-1 of the Land Development Code; and
135		(c) The parcel is of use to one or more contiguous homeowners who have already
136		built and currently have an existing residential structure as its principal
137		structure/use. When available, this is the priority use under the Disposition
138		(Resale) Program; and
139		(d) Purchasers shall be prohibited from seeking a permit for a residential dwelling
140		unit on the parcel, based on the overriding public interest of:
141 142		a. reducing hurricane evacuation clearance times; and
142 143		 b. reducing the demands on public facilitates and infrastructure; and c. protecting property owner rights, thus avoiding unnecessary costs
143 144		associated with defending property rights claims; and
144		(e) The parcel shall be deed restricted to prohibit prospective purchasers from
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a. a permit for the construction of a residential dwelling unit; and/or

148		b. points in the Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) application process
149		for receiving a ROGO allocation; and
150		(f) The parcel shall be combined using a unity of title real estate instrument; and
151		(g) There shall be a minimum purchase price established by an appraisal of the
152		parcels to be offered for sale based on the parcels' value without development
153		rights; and
154		(h) The following are ineligible for this disposition program:
155		(a) Parcels containing protected habitat, acquired as conservation land, or
156		being managed as conservation land; and
157		(b) Parcels dedicated to the County for ROGO points for conservation
158		purposes; and
159		(c) Parcels owned by Monroe County Land Authority; and
160		(d) Parcels purchased with grant funds requiring conservation or requiring
161		County ownership in perpetuity.
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163	Section 8:	Section 2-417 of the Monroe County Code is hereby created to read as
164		follows:
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166	Sec. 2-417	Contiguous Disposition (Resale) Program Process:
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168		(a) Notice shall be sent of the intended action to dispose of eligible parcels to
169		owners of contiguous properties by certified mail providing at least 30 days
170		for bidders to respond, in writing, on a form to be provided, indicating:
171		a. interest in the purchase of parcel being offered for disposition; and
172		b. the minimum bid price; and
173		c. the bid the buyer is making to purchase the parcel; and
174		d. willingness to close in 6 months (if closing doesn't occur County may
175		move to next lowest bidder); and
176		(b) If the County is disposing of two or more contiguous parcels, then all
177		homeowners of any contiguous parcel being sold shall be considered eligible
178		buyers and shall be noticed of the pending disposition and invited to bid; and
179		(c) Names and addresses from the Monroe County Property Appraiser website
180		shall be used for sending the notices to contiguous properties; and

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- (d) The Notice shall inform prospective bidders and bidders shall agree in writing at the time of the bid:a. that each parcel being sold will be subject to a deed restriction
 - a. that each parcel being sold will be subject to a deed restriction prohibiting the construction of a residential dwelling unit on the parcel and shall only be used consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code for accessory uses and structures; and
 - b. that the parcel being sold shall be combined by unity of title with the contiguous property with the existing principal residential use; and
 - c. to the minimum purchase price established by the County by resolution; and
 - d. that there is a minimum deposit amount of 10% of total bid amount required to accept the bid(s); and
- (e) The County shall accept the highest bid, at or above the minimum purchase price established in the Notice or may reject all bids. If the highest bidder does not purchase and close on the parcel, the County shall have the authority to

196		consider the next highest bidder, provided the bid meets or exceeds the
197		minimum purchase price established; and
198		(f) As used in this section, a contiguous parcel or contiguous property means
199		parcels of land sharing of a common border at more than a single point of
200		intersection; and
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202	Section 9:	Sections 2-418 through 2-420 are Reserved.
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205	Section 10:	Division 3 is hereby created to read as follows:
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207	<u>DIVISION 3.</u>	-NEIGHBORHOOD DISPOSITION (RESALE) PROGRAM
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210	Section 11:	Section 2-421 of the Monroe County Code is hereby created to read as
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213	Section 2-421	Neighborhood Disposition (Resale) Program Standards
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215		The County may, at the County's discretion, and upon approval of a resolution by
216		the BOCC, initiate the disposal of qualifying property to a Property Owners
217		Association in terms determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the
218		County, subject to the following conditions and limitations:
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220		(a) The Board is satisfied that there is an active Property Owners Association, as
221		that term is defined in F.S. 712.01(5);
222		(b) The Board determines that it is in the best interest of the County to offer a
223		parcel for neighborhood uses, as permitted by the Comprehensive Plan and
224		Land Development Code, to that Property Owners Assocation;
225		(c) The parcel shall be deed restricted to prohibit prospective purchasers from
226		seeking:
227		a. <u>a permit for the construction of a residential dwelling unit; and/or</u>
228		b. points in the Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) application process

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- (d) The parcel shall be deed restricted with a reverter clause, so that if the Property Owners Association dissolves and/or fails to maintain the property, the County may at exercise the reverter.
- (e) Once transferred, the parcel shall be managed by an active Property Owners Association; and
- (f) Other terms and conditions that the Board deems just and proper under which it will contemplate the transfer of ownership to the Property Owners Association; but
- (i) The following are ineligible for this disposition program:
 - (a) Parcels containing protected habitat, acquired as conservation land, or being managed as conservation land;
 - (b) Parcels dedicated to the County for ROGO points for conservation purposes;
 - (c) Parcels owned by Monroe County Land Authority; and

(d) <u>Parcels purchased with grant funds requiring conservation or requiring county ownership in perpetuity.</u>

Section 12: Section 2-422 of the Monroe County Code is hereby created to read as follows:

<u>Section 2-422. – Neighborhood Disposition (Resale) Program Process</u>

- (a) Notice shall be sent of the intended action to dispose of eligible parcels, to all Property Owners' Associations active in a neighborhood in which the property exists.
- (b) Notice shall be sent by certified mail, providing at least 30 days for interested Property Owners Associations to respond, in writing, on a form to be provided, indicating:
 - a. interest in the purchase of parcel being offered for disposition;
 - b. the minimum price the County will accept for the property;
 - c. the price willing to be paid for the parcel; and
 - d. Any other terms determined by the Board.
- (c) The Board shall retain the sole discretion to accept a Property Owner's Association's bid.
- (d) Names and addresses from the Monroe County Property Appraiser website or other State of Florida website, shall be used for sending the notices to Property Owner Association.
- (e) The Notice shall inform prospective Property Owners Associations seeking to acquire a parcel that it shall agree in writing at the time of the transfer that:
 - a. each parcel being conveyed will be subject to a deed restriction prohibiting the construction of a residential dwelling unit on the parcel, prohibiting the resale of the parcel without County consent, and shall only be used consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code for neighborhood uses and structures;
 - b. the Property Owners' Association (Association) shall maintain the property and that the parcel shall be subject to a reverter clause providing that the parcel may return to County ownership if the Association dissolves and/or fails to properly maintain the parcel, in which case the parcel shall revert back to the County; and
 - c. the Board shall retain the option to decide whether it wants to exercise the reverter or not.
- (f) To exercise the reverter, the following must occur:
 - a. The Board shall authorize the exercise of the reverter clause;
 - b. The County must notify the Association by certified mail, at the most recent address recorded with the Monroe County Property Appraiser or the last known address on record with the Florida Secretary of State, Division of Corporations for the Association indicating the maintenance deficiencies, providing an opportunity to cure, and indicating the intent to exercise the reverter if not cured;
 - c. The County must notify the property owners in the subdivision(s) affiliated with the Property Owners Association, using the most recent address recorded with the Monroe County Property Appraiser of same of the Board's intention to exercise the reverter; and

294		d. The County shall publish a notice in a newspaper authorized by statute
295		to publish legal notices in the County, providing notice of the intent to
296		exercise the reverter.
297		e. <u>In the event of an exercise of the reverter, the Association shall execute</u>
298		a deed to the County for the subject property. If the Association does
299		not produce a deed to the County for the subject property, then the
300		County may seek a court order confirming the reversion has occurred.
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302	Section 13:	Section 2-423 of the Monroe County Code is hereby created to read as
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305	Sec. 2-423	Revenue
306		Any revenue derived from the disposition/sale of parcels shall be deposited to
307		Fund 316, the fund used to pay for land acquisitions under the density reduction
308		and/or Less than Fee programs.
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310	Section 14:	Sections 2-424 through 2-427 are Reserved.
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312	Section 15:	Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this
313	<u></u>	ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to the invalid, the remainder
314		of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.
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316	Section 16:	Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are
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319	Section 17:	Inclusion in the Monroe County Code of Ordinance. The provisions of this
320	Beeron 177	Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the
321		County of Monroe, Florida, as an addition to amendment thereto, and shall be
322		appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform marking system of the Code.
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324	Section 18:	Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State and
325	Beeron 100	shall be effective as provided in F.S. 125.66(2).
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328	PASS	SED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County,
329		regular meeting of said Board held on the day of January, 2022.
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County of Monroe The Florida Keys



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BULK ITEM: No DEPARTMENT: County Land Acquisition and Land

Management

TIME APPROXIMATE: STAFF CONTACT: Christine Hurley (305) 295-5180

9:25 AM

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of a resolution formalizing the creation of a Density Reduction Program for acquiring parcels with at least 1 residential development right from willing sellers.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution formalizes the Density Reduction Program, developed during 2016.

The purpose is to acquire vacant, privately owned, non-conservation parcels with at least 1 Transferrable Development Right (TDR). This program furthers the goals of the County by 1) reduce ongoing development pressures and the resulting effect on hurricane evacuation clearance times, 2) reduce the demands on public facilities and infrastructure, and 3) protect property owner rights, thus ultimately avoiding unnecessary costs associated with defending property rights claims.

It is consistent with Comprehensive Plan Policies 102.4.3:

Policy 102.4.3

Monroe County shall maintain and implement a land acquisition program in recognition of the critical need for the County to aggressively address the imbalance between development expectations of private property owners and the finite carrying capacity of the natural and man-made systems in the Florida Keys. Pursuant to Section 380.0552, F.S. and Rule 28-20.140, F.A.C., this policy recognizes the public safety concern of maintaining a maximum hurricane evacuation clearance time of 24 hours.

Eligibility Criteria include:

- 1. Willing Seller
- 2. Non-conservation parcels
- 3. Residential development rights (at least 1 Transfer of Development Right (TDR))
- 4. Ability to receive a building permit for construction of a new residential dwelling unit under the