



## Watertown City Council

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**ORDINANCE # 90**

**2021-O-90**

### AN ORDER DISSOLVING THE WATERTOWN HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

**WHEREAS:** Safe, healthy, and financially affordable housing is a critical need within the City of Watertown and throughout the Greater Boston region; and

**WHEREAS:** The Housing Plan adopted by the City of Watertown in March 2021 documented the need to create and preserve more affordable housing within the City; and

**WHEREAS:** The Watertown Housing Partnership has led the City's efforts to create affordable housing and has earned the community's appreciation for its hard work and key role in the progress the City has achieved; and

**WHEREAS:** The Watertown Housing Partnership recommended the formation of a municipal affordable housing trust under MGL c. 44, § 55C, as a logical next step in Watertown's efforts; and

**WHEREAS:** The Watertown Affordable Housing Trust (the "Trust") has been established in accordance with MGL c. 44, § 55C; and

**WHEREAS:** It is the intent of this Order to dissolve the Watertown Housing Partnership and to transfer its powers and duties to the Watertown Affordable Housing Trust.

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY WATERTOWN ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

### TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE WATERTOWN HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

All responsibilities of the Watertown Housing Partnership shall be transferred to the Trust upon the recording of an executed declaration of trust at the registry of deeds. Said responsibilities include its administration of certain affordable housing accounts held by the City or the WestMetro HOME Consortium, its role as an

advisor to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, City Manager and City Council with respect to housing matters and inclusionary zoning (Section 5.07), and its overall role in promoting the creation and preservation of affordable housing. Within 10 days after said recording of the Trust instrument, the Watertown Housing Partnership shall dissolve and terminate. After the Watertown Housing Partnership is dissolved, all references to the Partnership in Ordinances, including Section 5.07 of the Zoning Ordinance, shall mean the Trust.

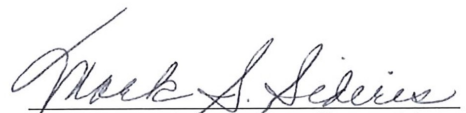
**ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCOUNTS**

The Trust is hereby authorized to control the following accounts held by the City Treasurer: The Affordable Housing Fund established to accept payments in lieu of the provision of inclusionary units; and the Community Development Block Grant account established for program income earned by the City in connection with home buyer and homeowner assistance. The Trust is hereby authorized to requisition and use funds held by the WestMetro HOME Consortium as program income earned by the City in connection with past HOME projects. The City shall continue to have the authority to requisition and use funds designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the City's annual HOME allocation.

  
S1/HWP Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote of for, against, and present on November 23, 2021.

  
Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

  
Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
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