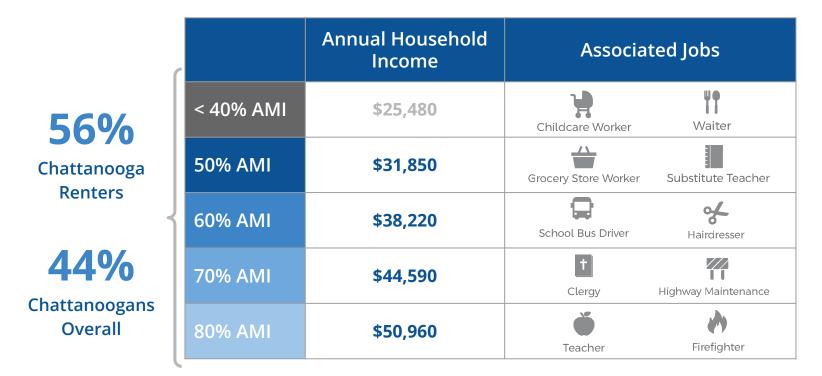
# **New Housing PILOT Program** Bringing Everyone to the Table

### **Chattanooga's Housing Needs**



AMI levels and corresponding household incomes from HUD 2023 (Metropolitan Statistical Area) Income based on 2-person household, **AMI thresholds vary by household size** Mean wages based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2022 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates (Chattanooga, TN-GA)

### What is a **PILOT**?

#### A **PILOT** is a: **Payment In Lieu Of Taxes**

A property's tax bill is **reduced** with a

Tax Abatement

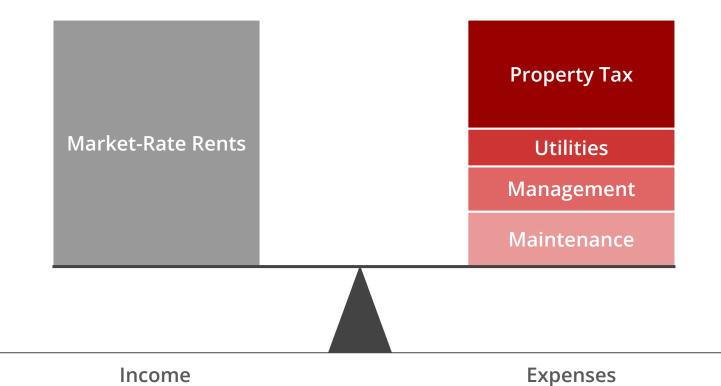
The **remaining taxes** owed constitute the

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

#### Tax Bill \$ **City Taxes County Taxes** \$ + School Taxes \$ **Taxes Owed** \$\$\$ Tax Abatement \$\$ \_ PILOT \$

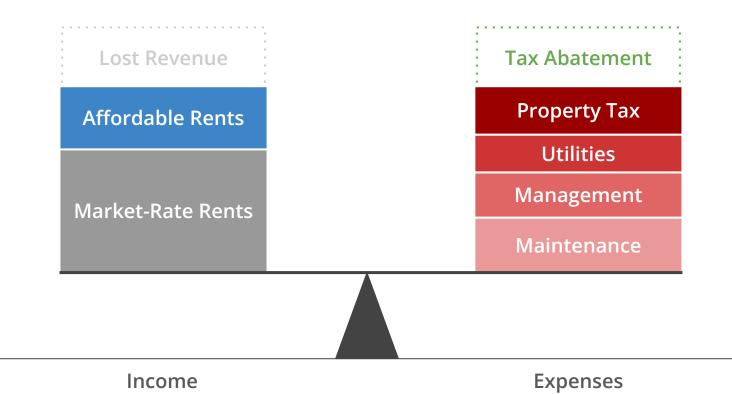
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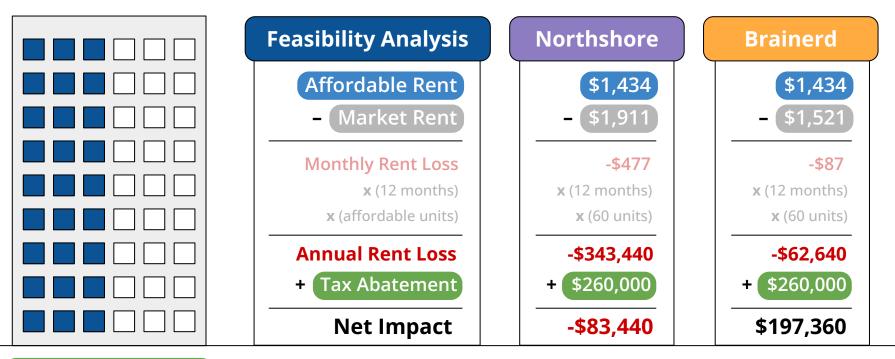
# An Affordable Housing PILOT grants Tax Abatement in exchange for

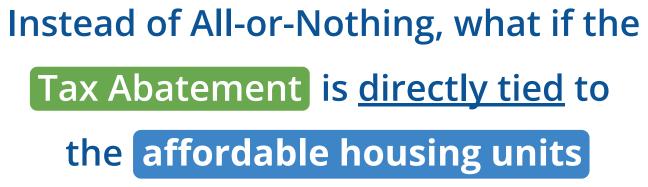
affordable units

# **Current PILOT Framework**

**One-Size-Fits-All Is Not Working** 

#### 120 units Half at 80% AMI





being provided?

### A Flexible, Per Unit Approach

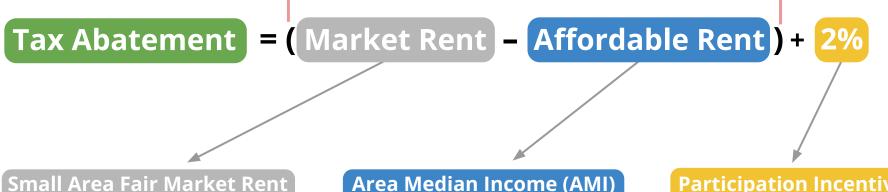
- Creates an incentive for any new development to become **mixed-income**
- Gives developers more flexibility to choose affordability level
- Ensures the tax abatement is **directly tied** to the affordable units provided

Abatement	
	6-Unit Abatement

New Framework
Per-Unit Abatement

A Per-Unit Abatement

#### **Annual Rent Loss**



- Published Annually by HUD
- Zip Code based
- SAFMR represents rents at the 40th percentile, so we use a multiplier (1.3) to adjust roughly to market rate for new construction

#### Area Median Income (AMI)

- Published Annually by HUD
- 50%, 60%, 70%, and 80% AMI
- Rent is 30% of monthly income
- Rent amount varies by number of bedrooms (household size)

#### **Participation Incentive**

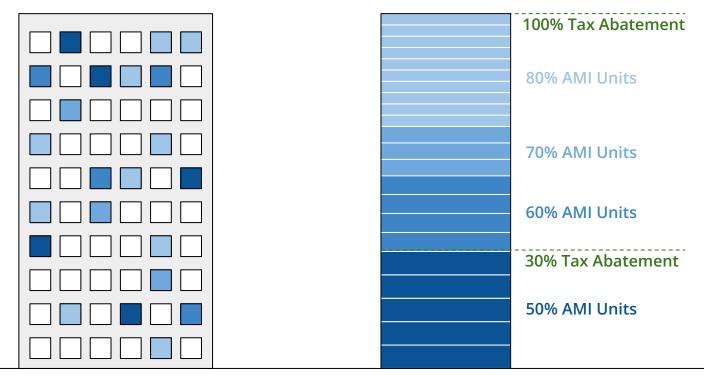
- Makes Tax Abatement slightly larger than **Annual Rent Loss**
- Helps to offset the cost of application and compliance reporting

Tax Abatement Schedule

#### Zip Code

	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR
50% AMI	••••	••••		•••••	•••••
60% AMI	•••	•••	••••		••••
70% AMI	••	••	•••	••••	••••
80% AMI	•	•	••	•••	•••

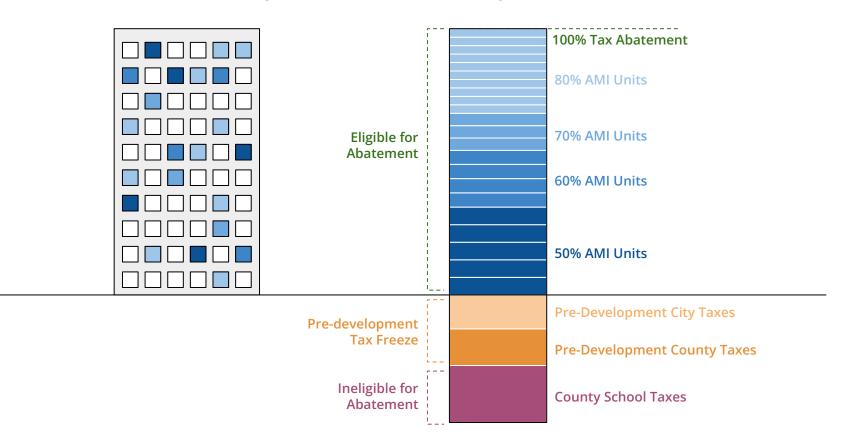
Stacking Together Tax Abatement



**Mixed-Income Development** 

**Tax Abatement** 

Pre-development Tax Freeze Stays in Effect



### **New PILOT Program**

**Programmatic Elements** 

	Program Requirements
Abatement Amount	Abatement is based on <b>assessed value of the improvements</b> , but <b>Hamilton County School Taxes</b> shall not be abated
Project Location	Proposed projects shall be in the City of Chattanooga
Eligible Project Types	New construction or renovation (with substantial capital improvement)
Project Scale	The proposed project shall have a minimum of 10 housing units
Unit Quality	Affordable units shall be <b>of the same quality</b> as market-rate units
Affordability Period	All committed units shall remain affordable for the 15 year PILOT term.
PILOT Term	<b>Projects return to full taxation after year 15.</b> Projects eligible for 1 PILOT renewal request.
Program Limits	This program shall be effective for <b>10 years</b>

# **New PILOT Program**

**Ensuring Accountability** 

### Affordability Terms:

- Property managers must submit income and rent verification to the City annually
- If out of compliance, property returns to full taxation

### Habitability Standards:

- The City may conduct **interior inspections** in years 5,10, 12, and 14 of the PILOT term and/or in response to tenant complaints
- If code violations are not remedied within 6 months, property returns to full taxation
- **\$5,000 per unit fine** will be collected

### Conclusions

- 1. The PILOT is a **critical tool** to meet our affordable housing goals
- 2. Our current PILOT framework **fails to incentivize** mixed-income development
- 3. A new PILOT framework will **give all developers the incentive** to provide affordable housing units, while **fairly calculating tax abatement**

# **Questions?**