

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, DENYING THE ISSUANCE OF A SITE PLAN LEVEL II DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN THAT MEETS THE OVERALL INTENT OF THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 30-STORY MIXED USE PROJECT CONSISTING OF 542 RESIDENTIAL FLEX UNITS AND 13,764 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL USE, LOCATED AT 777 SOUTHEAST 3RD AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, IN THE DOWNTOWN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTER – CITY CENTER (RAC-CC) ZONING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Section 47-24.1 of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Unified Land Development Regulations (herein “ULDR”) provides that no development of property in the City shall be permitted without first obtaining a development permit from the City of Fort Lauderdale in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the ULDR; and

WHEREAS, an application was submitted on behalf of the property owners, Ben Ft Laud, LLC and Ben Ft Laud DRC, LLC, for a Site Plan Level II development permit to develop a 30-story mixed use project that consists of 542 residential flex units and 13,764 square feet of commercial use for the property located at 777 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, within the Downtown Regional Activity Center – City Center (RAC-CC) zoning district having an underlying land use designation of Downtown Regional Activity Center (Downtown RAC); and

WHEREAS, Section 47-13.20.J.3. of the ULDR provides that in the event the developer of a parcel of land in the Downtown RAC districts desires to deviate from the requirements of Section 47-13.20.B., the developer may submit the design of the proposed development for review and approval by the City Commission, if the alternative design meets the overall intent of the Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2022, the Development Review Committee (DRC), reviewed the Site Plan Level II development permit application, Case No. UDP-S22035 and issued a report; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed the application for an alternative design for a Site Plan Level II development permit submitted by the applicant as required by the ULDR, and finds that such application does not meet the requirements of the ULDR as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Commission finds that the application for an alternative design for a Site Plan Level II development permit submitted to construct a 30-story mixed use project located at 777 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, consisting of 542 residential flex units and 13,764 square feet of commercial use located within the Downtown Regional Activity Center – City Center (RAC-CC) zoning district with an underlying land use designation of Downtown Regional Activity Center (Downtown RAC) fails to meet the overall intent of the Downtown Master Plan and is hereby denied in accordance with Section 47-13.20.J.3. of the ULDR.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis _____
John C. Herbst _____
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