

MBTA Question of the Week: Is the Task Force requiring Affordable units?

The Task Force is committed to requiring the highest percentage of affordable units allowable in any MBTA-related zoning changes it proposes.

The state's guidelines allow MBTA zoning to require up to 10% affordable units. If an economic analysis determines that up to 20% could be affordable without being a deterrent to the creation of multi-family units, then the Town may mandate a requirement of up to 20% affordable units in any MBTA district. The Task Force has requested and received a proposal for such an economic analysis to justify the 20% affordability requirement. It would likely apply the 20% requirement only to projects of five or more units.