

Developer proposes apartments connected to Fort Lauderdale Brightline station (Photos)



Brightline Residences in Fort Lauderdale wold rise 40 stories.



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OceanLand Investments has proposed an apartment complex with a covered walkway connected to the neighboring Brightline passenger rail station in Fort Lauderdale.

The city's Development Review Committee will consider plans for Brightline Residences on July 11. Brightland FTL Owner LLC, part of Fort Lauderdale-based OceanLand Investments, <u>acquired the 0.95-acre site</u> at 105 N.W. Third Ave. from Florida East Coast Industries (FECI) for \$13.2 million in March.



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Totaling 609,381 square feet in 40 stories, Brightline Residences would feature 392 residential units, 5,986 square feet of commercial space, 2,888 square feet of restaurants and 493 parking spaces. There would be a pool deck on the 10th floor, although apartments would start on the second floor.

<u>Marc-Andre Roy</u>, senior VP of OceanLand Investments, said additional amenities would include a pool, hot and cold plunge pools, and a fitness center.

"The biggest thing for us is having the direct connection to the Brightline," Roy said. "That sets us apart, being able to walk from our lobby 25 steps under a covered walkway to the Brightline lobby."

The Brightline connects to Miami, Aventura, Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, with the Orlando station set to open later this year.

The apartments would range from 566 to 1,355 square feet. There would be 60 studio apartments, 180 one-bedroom units, and 152 two-bedroom units.

FSMY Architects + Planners in Fort Lauderdale designed the project. Local attorney <u>Courtney</u> <u>Crush</u> represents the developer in the application.

