

Resolution No. 2022-06

A Resolution Adopting the City of Hood River Affordable Housing Strategy

The City Council of the City of Hood River finds as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes a compelling and critical public need for affordable and moderate income housing in Hood River (up to 120% MFI) and the Council's goals include Affordable Housing as a key priority for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted Housing Needs Analysis identifies the shortage of affordable housing options for low and standard wage-earning individuals and families in the City; and

WHEREAS, the private housing development market is not producing housing that is affordable to families earning at or below the median family income (MFI); and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes it has an important role in encouraging affordable housing development and has adopted or made progress on many significant policy initiatives to address housing including development of a short-term rental licensing program, updated and streamlined townhome land use provisions, implementation of a construction excise tax dedicated to affordable housing, updated code provisions to encourage development of accessory dwelling units, adoption of middle housing code provisions, and the acquisition of land for the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Council's 2021 Work Plan included the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy to build on past and current housing initiatives and to identify policy tools and strategies the City can use to encourage the production of supported, long-term affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Council established goals for the Affordable Housing Strategy to increase and retain housing opportunities for households with incomes up to 120% of Hood River's Median Family Income (MFI); ensure underrepresented residents are included in project outcomes; adopt limited and actionable number of strategies with strong likelihood to result in affordable housing development; ensure strategies address equity; and provide clear guidance about the specific policies, tools and actions the city will use to encourage the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Council appointed twelve community members who represent a diverse range of ages, incomes, expertise, housing interests, and other demographics to serve on an advisory community task force to provide community inputs and feedback in the development of actions and policies in the Affordable Housing Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the City received additional input from community stakeholders including social and community service providers, employers, local builders, affordable housing developers from across the region, Latino community members, and local government agency leaders who participated in seven listening sessions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the proposed scope, strategies, and implementation at regular public meetings on April 26, 2021, August 9, 2021, January 24, 2022, and April 25, 2022 at which time it allowed public comments on the proposed strategy.

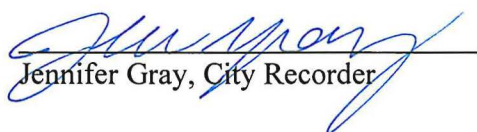
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hood River City Council that, based on the foregoing findings, it is in the public interest to adopt the Affordable Housing Strategy to address, in part, the documented need for more affordable housing opportunities in the City.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a significant public benefit will result from the development of affordable housing that expands housing opportunities for residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed and authorized to take necessary steps to implement the strategies that are consistent with this Council Resolution.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, approved and effective this date of May 9, 2022.

Attest:


Jennifer Gray, City Recorder


Kate McBride, Mayor
Approved as to form:


Daniel Kearns, City Attorney