



SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL ATTAINABLE HOUSING PLAN

Sales and Use tax for affordable housing

POLICY SUMMARY



RCW 82.14.530 provides the ability for the Spokane City Council to levy a sales and use tax for housing and related services. A one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales tax would raise approximately \$5.8 million a year. Revenue used to construct affordable housing and provide supportive housing services. This increase is estimated to cost around \$25 per family per year

HELPING THE COMMUNITY



The affordable housing and facilities provided to persons within any of the following population groups whose income is at or below sixty percent of the median income: Persons with behavioral health disabilities; Veterans; Senior citizens; Homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children; Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults; Persons with disabilities; or Domestic violence survivors.

DIVERSE HOUSING



A minimum of 60% of the money collected must be used for Constructing affordable housing, Constructing mental and behavioral health related facilities, Funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers

IMPACTS OF HOUSING



Positive impacts of housing includes safe housing environments, quality child care/development, reduction of homelessness, domestic violence prevention, controlled health behaviors and reduction of low-level crimes.

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