

Housing: Investing in Every Step

The City of Spokane's new "all-of-the-above" approach to housing prevents homelessness before it starts, redesigns and improves its emergency shelter model, incentivizes housing development, and invests in proven pathways to stability.

As part of this approach, Spokane is using opioid settlement dollars to support recovery and housing-focused programs, advancing crucial housing reform policies, and setting bold housing goals.

Prevention

- Eviction Prevention and Diversion
- · Rental Assistance
- Job Training Programs

Unsheltered Homelessness

- Street Outreach
- Street Medicine
- Encampment Resolution

Emergency Shelter

- · Navigation Center
- Scattered Sites
- Inclement Weather Beds

Rapid Rehousing

- Short-Term Rental Assistance
- Case Management Services

69% successful exits to permanent housing

Transitional Housing

- Longer-Term Housing
- Wraparound Support Services

61% successful exits to permanent housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Tenant-Based Housing Subsidies
- Wraparound Supports
- On-Site Care

93% successful exits and retention

Rental Housing & Home Ownership

- · Multifamily Housing
- Workforce Housing
- · Missing Middle
- Market Rate

Goal: 22,359 new units by 2046

Building a Coordinated System:

Since the start of 2024, the Brown Administration has been laying the foundations to build out an effective housing and homelessness system. This includes strengthening coordination between partners and providers to ensure that people needing assistance are connecting to the proper resources:

- Spokane 311: Leveraging the 311 system for outreach requests and follow-up
- Coordinated Street Outreach: Four deployable street outreach teams in each quadrant of the city working seven days per week
- Daytime Navigation Center: A daytime facility navigating unhoused individuals to mental health care, addiction treatment, housing placement, employment services, and primary care
- Scattered Site Shelters: Small, specialized shelters located within non-profit and faith community facilities that serve individual populations and connect people to emergency housing, medical respite, substance use disorder treatment, employment, housing case management, peer recovery support, and other services

Opioid Investments:

National opioid settlement funds are being strategically allocated to combat the opioid crisis and expand crucial treatment and recovery services. So far, the City of Spokane has distributed more than \$3.3 million to:

- Expand Spokane Fire's CARES Team
- · Launch the High Utilizer Initiative
- Expand medication-assisted treatment

- Embed a behavioral health provider into the Homeless Outreach Team
- · Expand sobering bed capacity
- Support infants suffering from neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Navigate people living outdoors into housing

Housing Policy Reforms:

Spokane leads in zoning code and housing reform policy. In the past two years, the city has set permitting records and enhanced housing development opportunities by:

- Allowing multiple units on every residential lot in the city
- Eliminating parking minimums for all residential construction
- · Removing height restrictions downtown

- Reducing lot sizes for residential development
- Allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on any residential lot
- Encouraging a greater variety of housing types, including mixed-income housing
- Expanding the areas eligible for the Multi-Family Tax Exemption and Parking Lot and Office Conversion to Housing programs

What Comes Next?

- · Expanding Spokane County's crisis stabilization center
- Creating mobile alternative response teams



H.O.M.E. Starts Here

What does this ordinance do?

- Creates a unified strategy for the City of Spokane to meaningfully address the complex factors that contribute to housing instability and homelessness
- ✓ Focuses on healthcare, outreach, multidisciplinary engagement, economic security, and where these areas intersect
- Establishes key indicators of success:
 - O Reducing the number of Spokane residents who are housing cost-burdened
 - O Growing the median household income
 - O Adding new housing at all income levels
 - O Expanding homeownership rates
 - O Increasing the percentage of people who have access to healthcare





Scan to learn more about the H.O.M.E. Starts Here Initiative

Engagement and Enforcement of Unauthorized Camping

What does this ordinance do?

- ✓ Ensures everyone has access to public property and rights-of-way
 by regulating the conduct of people knowingly obstructing access
- Prohibits unauthorized camping
- Prioritizes engagement subject to enforcement by connecting people to evidence-based navigation services
- Provides law enforcement a clear, more consistent enforcement mechanism

This ordinance is enforceable citywide.

Inclement Weather, Siting and Good Neighbor Agreements

What does this ordinance do?

- Changes requirements for inclement weather activation to an index measure
- ✓ Codifies community engagement and neighborhood notice requirements for any city-funded shelter with more than 20 beds
- ✓ Requires and outlines a process for "Good Neighbor"
 agreements between the City of Spokane and shelter providers