Online Open House
May 18, 2021

https://my.spokanecity.org/housing/spokane-housing-action-plan/
Zoom How-To

• Participants are in view-only mode
• Please use the Q&A function to ask questions you have
• You can turn on or off the Automatic Live Transcription
• This open house is being recorded and will be shared on the City website
Agenda

• Overview of the Spokane Draft Housing Action Plan
  • What is in the Draft Plan?
  • Planning Process and Key Findings
  • Draft Priorities
  • How to submit public comment

• Question & Answer

💡 Staff Introductions
For video, visit: https://my.spokanecity.org/housing/spokane-housing-action-plan/
The **Housing Action Plan** will promote greater housing diversity, affordability, and access to opportunity for residents of all incomes.
Developing a Housing Action Plan

2020
APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

PROJECT START-UP

2021
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

HOUSING POLICY & TOOL OPTIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City Council Adoption by Resolution
ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

- PROJECT WEBPAGE
- MULTIDISCIPLINARY CITY TEAM
- STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS
- BOARD, COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS
- HOUSING ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP
- STAKEHOLDER AND STAFF ROUNDTABLES
- ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEYS
- BLOG POSTS, SOCIAL MEDIA, PRESS RELEASES

Materials and notes on the project page under Materials and Presentations:
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What is Housing Affordability?

Housing costs no more than 30% of a household’s income

Source: US HUD
In 2018, close to 2 in 5 households in the City of Spokane spent more than 30% of their income on housing.

- Close to 38,000 households are cost burdened, or 35% of all households.
- Over half of renters in the city of Spokane are cost burdened.
- Close to 18,000 households are severely cost burdened, or 17% of all households.
- Over a quarter of renters are severely cost burdened.
HOUSING ACTION PLAN

May 2021 • Public Review Draft

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL

Prepared by the City of Spokane
What is in the Draft Housing Action Plan?

1. Introduction
   - Why did we create a Housing Action Plan?

2. Housing Needs and Findings
   - What are major things we learned?

3. Housing Priorities and Strategies
   - What are the priorities for addressing housing needs?

4. Implementation and Monitoring
   - How are we going to move forward?
Draft Housing Action Plan is available for download on the City website:

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Draft Housing Action Plan

Key Project Components

Available to view as Appendices on the City website:
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A. Housing Needs Assessment
B. Additional Data Analysis
C. Housing Policy Framework
D. Summary of Community Engagement
E. Displacement Risk Analysis
F. Proposed Monitoring Program
The City of Spokane and greater region is seeing steady population and job growth. Changing household characteristics result in changing housing needs. Homeownership is increasingly out of reach for a growing proportion of residents.

Housing prices have outpaced household incomes in the City of Spokane and greater Spokane housing market.

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For the complete City of Spokane Draft Housing Needs Assessment, visit: https://my.spokanecity.org/housing/spokane-housing-action-plan/
Community Survey: Housing Experiences and Issues

Finding safe and quality housing that is affordable and meets household needs is a challenge for many, and is not felt equally.

Over half of renters at all income levels indicated they would like to buy a home in the near future, but face significant challenges when seeking a home they can afford.

In-migration and population growth are contributing to housing affordability challenges and low vacancy rates.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased housing instability for many who are already struggling, placing additional pressure on the housing market.

For the complete survey summaries:
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Displacement refers to individual households who are forced or pressured to move from their home.

Consider strategies to minimize the physical, economic, or cultural displacement of low-income residents resulting from redevelopment.

Photo by Tyler Lariviere via American Planning Association
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The strategies identified in the Housing Action Plan are recommendations, and if each action is undertaken, it will be subject to its own public process of review and adoption.
The Housing Action Plan does…

• **Build on community conversations** around housing challenges and solutions

• **Help focus attention** on actions the City can take to address housing needs

• **Provide policy guidance** and recommendations on a spectrum of actions for staff and elected officials

• **Enact accountability** for action through adoption by resolution
The Housing Action Plan does not…

• Change code, zoning, land use policies upon adoption
  • Additional public process for each action to further define steps and outcomes

• Address housing outside of the City of Spokane, though the plan acknowledges the broader scale of the regional market
How To Comment

We invite the public to review and provide feedback.

• By email to: spokanehousingplan@spokanecity.org

• In writing:
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  Attn: Maren Murphy, Planner
  808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard
  Spokane, WA 99201-3333

• Public Testimony at upcoming Plan Commission Public Hearing and/or City Council Public Hearing

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Upcoming Meetings

We invite the public to review and provide feedback. Public comments can be submitted by email to spokanehousingplan@spokanecity.org.

For the latest Plan Commission agendas and information on viewing the online meetings, please visit the Plan Commission webpage: https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/plan-commission/
Resolution Adoption Process

Plan Commission Workshops → Plan Commission Public Hearing → Plan Commission Recommendation to City Council → City Council Briefing → City Council Public Hearing → City Council Adoption by Resolution

PUBLIC COMMENT

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