Human Rights Commission
August 5, 2020
The Housing Action Plan will provide the City with a strategic approach to address current and future housing needs of the Spokane community.
Spokane Housing Action Plan

The goal of the Housing Action Plan is to encourage construction of additional affordable and market rate housing that promotes:

- Greater housing diversity
- Affordable and inclusive neighborhoods
- Access to opportunity for residents of all income levels
Housing Affordability

• A home is generally considered to be affordable if the household is paying no more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs.

• A healthy housing market includes a variety of housing types at different price points that are affordable to a range of different household income levels.

Project Approach

- Data-Driven
- Community-Informed
- Focus on Equity
Housing Action Plan is moving a few key recommendations and next steps provided from the Infill Housing and HQT initiatives:

- **Infill:** Housing Choice Gap Analysis
- **HQT:** Planning issues, Growth Management Act, and policy framework
Major Tasks and Timeline

- **2020 APR**: Project Start-Up
- **MAY**: Housing Needs Assessment
- **JUN**: Housing Policy & Tool Options
- **JUL**: Recommended Actions
- **AUG**: Community Engagement
- **SEPT**: November
- **OCT**: December
- **NOV**: January
- **DEC**: February
- **2021 JAN**: March
- **FEB**: April
- **MAR**: Adoption by Resolution April 1, 2021
Equity in Housing Policy

• WA Commerce Guidance: Housing action plan can and should proactively address the history of racial and income inequality

• Understand history of forced Native removal, redlining, restrictive covenants, exclusionary zoning and ways it has influenced local housing patterns, livelihoods, and opportunities

Displacement Risk

• 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

Spokane Housing Action Plan

The City of Spokane is creating the Housing Action Plan to help increase housing options that are affordable and accessible for people and families of all incomes. As Spokane grows, we are facing a gap in housing supply. The plan will provide a strategic approach to address current and future housing needs of the Spokane community. When completed, it will provide a coordinated vision that supports many people being able to find a home that meets their needs with access to opportunities, services and amenities. This process builds upon previous community discussions and initiatives around infill development, housing quality, and affordable housing funding.

Spokane’s Housing Action Plan will:

- Encourage construction of additional affordable and market rate housing that are accessible to a variety of income levels. This includes options accessible to people and families with low and moderate incomes and cost-effective multifamily developments.
- Examine population, workforce and housing trends.

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Related Links
- Shaping Spokane Comprehensive Plan
- Infill Housing Strategies
- Investment Incentives
- Affordable Housing
- Community, Housing, & Human Services
- Residential Building Review
- Residential Development Options

Spokane Housing Plan Updates
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Stakeholder Prioritization Matrix

**Prioritize**
At-risk communities
Requires significant collaboration or plan and may not meet community needs. Focus on empowering these voices.
- Renters
- People experiencing housing cost burdens
- People of color impacted by historic lending practices (e.g., redlining), displacement pressures and/or biases
- People with special needs
- Undocumented immigrants
- Youth/families/multigenerational families
- Seniors
- People experiencing homelessness
- Mom-and-pop landlords
- Mom-and-pop developers
- People and businesses at risk of displacement
- Social services

**Collaborate**
Influencers
Requires significant collaboration or plan adoption and implementation could stall.
- Homeowners experiencing change
- Housing providers/authorities/consortiums
- Real estate developers
- Construction industry
- “Big” landlords
- Property owners
- School districts

**Monitor for Change**
Concerned residents or bystanders
Inform and consult to confirm baseline conditions and community interests and values. Elevate housing advocates’ voices.
- Renters experiencing stability
- Community-based organizations/nonprofits (non-housing related)

**Leverage**
Potential advocates
Inform and consult as needed to build and maintain advocates.
- Homeowners experiencing stability
- Major employers
- Transportation providers

Potential Stakeholders

- Public Agencies
- Local Governments
- City Council
- Plan Commission
- County Commissioners
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Non-Profit Housing Advocates
- Non-Profit Housing Developers
- Local Builders and Organizations
- Local Realtors
- Local Banks
- Local Religious Groups and Organizations
- Community-Based Organizations
- Community Centers
- Neighborhood Councils
- Diversity and Cultural Organizations
- Health Organizations
- Transportation Agencies
- Homelessness and Anti-Poverty Organizations
- Family Crisis Service Providers
- Education, University and Colleges
- Public Development Authorities
- Local Media
- Trusted Community Advocates
- Community Members
Internal Team

• Multidisciplinary team of City staff to provide expertise and insight on the Housing Action Plan throughout the process

  • Planning Services
  • CHHS
  • Development Services
  • Building
  • Code Enforcement

  • Integrated Capital Management
  • City Council
  • Mayor’s Office
  • Legal
Housing Action Plan
Working Group

• Collaborate with community stakeholders: community groups, community members, local builders, local realtors, nonprofit housing advocates, faith-based organizations, public agencies

• Provide guidance and feedback on data analysis, community engagement, project materials
# Proposed Engagement Activities

- **Internal Team**
- **Working Group**
- **Interviews**
- **Roundtables**
- **Piggyback Events**

- **Boards & Commissions**
- **Council Updates**
- **Community Survey**
- **Online Open House**
- **Project Website**

- **Email, Newsletter**
- **Blog Posts and Social Media**
- **Press Release**
- **Videos**
- **Media Outreach**
How to Engage

• Visit project website
• Sign up for updates
• Share out information in your networks
• Look for opportunities to join in discussions – roundtables, surveys, online engagement
• Ideas for events/groups to connect with
• Updates at Human Rights Commission
Questions?
What is important to you?
How can we connect further?

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