



## Planning Commission Memorandum

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**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Planning Commission  
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**SUBJECT:** **Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Chapter 5: Housing & Neighborhoods**  
**DATE:** September 17, 2026

### **SUMMARY:**

In an effort to assist a challenged housing market and housing affordability, there have been numerous revisions to state code regarding housing policies that are required in local governments' Comprehensive Plans. Staff has been analyzing the Town's current Comprehensive Plan to diagnose areas which need to be updated to be in compliance with these code revisions. Staff is making final edits to the diagnostic and draft chapter.

### **BACKGROUND**

Chapter 5 of the revised Comprehensive Plan will provide information related to the town's housing and neighborhoods and will include policies for future housing. Certain policies are mandated by state code to assist housing in Virginia and housing affordability. From staff's analysis of these state code changes and a diagnostic of the existing Plan's housing chapter Staff is finalizing revisions to the housing chapter. This chapter will become Chapter 5 of the revised Comprehensive Plan.

Given the diagnostic and final edits needed, this document will be provided in a second agenda packet for the Commission's September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be sent on Monday, September 14, 2026

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Provided for Planning Commission review and discussion as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process.