




AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	NOVEMBER 9, 2020

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS - COUNCIL LETTER

ITEM:	A resolution of the City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, electing to participate in the local housing incentives account program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act, calendar years 2021 through 2030.		
DEPARTMENT: Community Development		CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:	
BY/DATE: Elizabeth Hammond 10/19/20		BY/DATE:  11/6/20	
CITY STRATEGY: #3: Affordability Additional Strategy? #6: Excellent Housing/Neighborhoods			
SHORT TERM GOAL (IF APPLICABLE): N/A Additional Goal? N/A			

BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (LCA) is a voluntary grant program adopted by the legislature in 1995 to promote housing and economic development in the seven county metro through living wage jobs, a full range of housing options and compact and efficient development. To participate in the program and be an eligible applicant for funding, local governments must meet certain requirements. One of the requirements is that we formally adopt by resolution, the affordable and life cycle housing goals that have been calculated for our City by the Metropolitan Council. These goals are determined on a ten years basis and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and regional forecasting. We have adopted Affordable and Life-cycle housing goals for the previous decade, that expire at the end of 2020 and essentially need to adopt the resolution to re-enroll for 2021- 2030.

Decade	Affordable Housing Goal	Life-cycle Housing Goal
2011-2020	150-231	231-600
2021-2030	73-133	154

Resolution No. 2020-94 adopts the City's new affordable and life-cycle housing goals for the 2021-2030 decade and elects to participate in the local housing incentives account program again. Adopting this resolution does not commit the City to applying for the program, but will allow for the City to have the option to apply for Livable Communities Act grants through the Metropolitan Council during the years 2021 – 2030. If the resolution isn't adopted, the City won't be eligible for funding during this time frame. The City can adopt the resolution any year before November 15th to be eligible for the following years funding. However, once it's adopted we don't have to adopt it again during the next decade, so staff is recommending that we get it taken care of in the event we wish to submit an application in any year in the coming decade.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution as presented.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

Motion: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2020- 94 there being ample copies available to the public.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolution No. 2020- 94 A resolution of the City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, electing to participate in the local housing incentives account program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act, calendar years 2021 through 2030.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2020-94