

Definitions:

Affordable Housing (RCW [36.70A.030](#) (5): "Affordable housing" means, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, residential housing whose monthly costs, including utilities other than telephone, do not exceed thirty percent of the monthly income of a household whose income is:

(a) For rental housing, 60 percent of the median household income adjusted for household size, for the county where the household is located, as reported by the United States department of housing and urban development; or

(b) For owner-occupied housing, 80 percent of the median household income adjusted for household size, for the county where the household is located, as reported by the United States department of housing and urban development.

Transitional Housing: RCW 84.36.043, transitional housing is a facility that provides housing and supportive services to homeless individuals or families for up to two years. The primary purpose is facilitating the movement of homeless persons and families into dependent living.

Emergency Housing: RCW 84.36.043, Provides housing and supportive services to homeless person or families for up to 60 days

Emergency Shelter: RCW 36.70A.030, a facility that provides a temporary shelter for individuals or families who are currently homeless. Emergency shelter may not require occupants to enter into a lease or an occupancy agreement. Emergency shelter facilities may include day and warming centers that do not provide overnight accommodations.

Permanent Supportive Housing: RCW 36.70A.030, subsidized, leased housing with no limit on length of stay that prioritizes people who need comprehensive support services to retain tenancy and utilizes admissions practices designed to use lower barriers to entry than would be typical for other subsidized or unsubsidized rental housing, especially related to rental history, criminal history, and personal behaviors. Permanent supportive housing is paired with on-site or off-site voluntary services designed to support a person living with a complex and disabling behavioral health or physical health condition who was experiencing homelessness or was at imminent risk of homelessness prior to moving into housing to retain their housing and be a successful tenant in a housing arrangement, improve the resident's health status, and connect the resident of the housing with community-based health care, treatment, or employment services. Permanent supportive housing is subject to all of the rights and responsibilities defined in chapter 59.18 RCW.

Impact Fee: RCW 82.02.090 means a payment of money imposed upon development as a condition of development approval to pay for public facilities needed to serve new growth and development, and that is reasonably related to the new development that creates additional demand and need for public facilities, that is a proportionate share of the cost of the public facilities, and that is used for facilities that reasonably benefit the new development. "Impact fee" does not include a reasonable permit or application fee.

Green Infrastructure: RCW 36.70A.030, a wide array of natural assets and built structures within an urban growth area boundary, including parks and other areas with protected tree

canopy, and management practices at multiple scales that manage wet weather and that maintain and restore natural hydrology by storing, infiltrating, evapotranspiring, and harvesting and using stormwater.

Workforce Housing: WAC 365-196-410: housing affordable to households earning between 80 to 120 percent of the median household income. Typically targets middle-income workers which includes professions such as police officers, firefighters, teachers, health care workers, retail clerks, etc.

Vulnerable populations: RCW 36.70A.030, population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms, due to: (i) Adverse socioeconomic factors, such as unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, limited access to nutritious food and adequate health care, linguistic isolation, and other factors that negatively affect health outcomes and increase vulnerability to the effects of environmental harms; and (ii) sensitivity factors, such as low birth weight and higher rates of hospitalization. Vulnerable populations" includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Racial or ethnic minorities;

(ii) Low-income populations; and

(iii) Populations disproportionately impacted by environmental harms.

Affordable Workforce Housing: affordable housing development for households at 50-80% of the area median income

Jobs-to-housing balance: WAC 365-196-410: the number of jobs in a city or county relative to the number of housing units

Income Band

Low-Income: RCW 84.14.010 (8) Low-income household" means a single person, family, or unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income is at or below eighty percent of the median family income adjusted for family size, for the county, city, or metropolitan statistical area, where the project is located, as reported by the United States department of housing and urban development.

Extremely low: RCW 36.70A.030 (17) Extremely low-income household" means a single person, family, or unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income is at or below thirty percent of the median household income adjusted for household size, for the county where the household is located, as reported by the United States department of housing and urban development.