

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1647**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A HOUSING STRATEGY PLAN PURSUANT TO RCW 36.70A.600**

**WHEREAS**, King County is facing a housing crisis due to a shortage of supply in affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Washington State Legislature adopted Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1923, now codified in RCW 36.70A.600, authorizing the Washington State Department of Commerce to provide grants to cities planning under the Growth Management Act for the development of a Housing Action Plan; called City of Snoqualmie Housing Strategy Plan (2023); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.600, the goal of the Housing Action Plan is to encourage construction of additional affordable and market-rate housing in a greater variety of housing types and at prices that are accessible to a greater variety of incomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Snoqualmie, North Bend, Duvall, and Carnation jointly applied for, and received, funding to develop a regional Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and individual Housing Action Plans, providing an opportunity for the City to take into consideration the housing issues facing the four communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the HNA found that rents and home values in Snoqualmie are rising faster than incomes, making affordability a challenge, particularly for households earning below the area median annual income; and

**WHEREAS**, the City engaged with local and regional stakeholders to shape the issues, focus, and vision of its Housing Strategy Plan and to inform the City's strategies and actions, including through interviews, an online survey, and attendance at the April 6, 2023, Comprehensive Plan Open House; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the HNA and community input, the key strategies identified in the Housing Strategy Plan are to provide a wider variety of housing types, provide incentives for new housing, bring down the cost of development, prevent and mitigate displacement, and improve the regulatory environment for permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission discussed the HNA and the Housing Strategy Plan at meetings held on July 12, 2022, November 7, 2022, and at the March 6, 2023, joint meeting with the Community Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Committee discussed the HNA and the Housing Strategy Plan at meetings held on November 7, 2022, and March 6, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council discussed the Housing Strategy Plan at meetings on May 8 and May 22, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE AS FOLLOWS:**

The City Council hereby adopts the Snoqualmie Housing Strategy Plan in the form attached as Exhibit A.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023.

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney