



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB23-059
May 22, 2023
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB23-059: Snoqualmie Housing Strategy Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Approval of Snoqualmie Housing Strategy Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director/Peer	Emily Arteche	5/17/2023
	Finance	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Legal	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	City Administrator	Mike Chambless	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Development		
STAFF:	Emily Arteche – Community Development Director		
COMMITTEE:	Community Development	COMMITTEE DATE: May 1, 2023	
MEMBERS:	Jo Johnson	Cara Christensen	James Mayhew
EXHIBITS:	1. AB23-059x1 – Draft Resolution Adopting Housing Strategy Plan 2. AB23- 059x1 – Housing Strategy Plan Discussion Memo 3. AB23- 059x2 – Final Housing Strategy Plan		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE \$ n/a

AMOUNT BUDGETED \$ n/a

APPROPRIATION REQUESTED \$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The City has contracted with LDC, Inc, to complete a Regional Housing Needs Assessment for the cities of Snoqualmie, Carnation, Duvall, and North Bend, as well as a Snoqualmie-specific Housing Strategy Plan. Staff from LDC will present draft findings to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 1923, which provides grant funds to support the development of local Housing Strategy Plans (HSP). The cities of Snoqualmie, North Bend, Duvall, and Carnation jointly applied for and received funding for a regional Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) that would inform city-specific HSPs. The purpose of a HSP is to evaluate existing housing policies and develop strategies and recommendations to increase the supply and types of housing needed in a community.

LDC engaged with local and regional stakeholders to shape the issues, focus, and vision of the HSP and inform strategies and actions, including through interviews, an online survey, and attendance at several Planning

Commission and Community Development Committee meetings, as well as the April 6, 2023, Comprehensive Plan Open House.

The HSP proposes 15 actions associated with one or more of the following overarching strategies:

- Provide a wider variety of housing types
- Provide incentives for new housing
- Bring down the cost of development
- Prevent and mitigate displacement
- Improve the regulatory environment for permits

The proposed actions are intended to inform the City's work updating the Housing and Land Use Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. This process will include evaluating how to accommodate additional population and employment growth, and plan for a variety of housing types and various income levels.

ANALYSIS

None

BUDGET IMPACTS

None

NEXT STEPS

Adoption

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 1647 approving the Housing Strategy Plan.