



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager
FROM: Karen Perl Fox, Senior Housing Program Analyst
DATE: December 13, 2021

SUBJECT:

Equitable Housing Solutions Meeting (Severely Rent Burdened Public Meeting) Recap

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

For the past three years, Tualatin has been considered a “severely rent burdened” community of 10,000 or greater population under state law (HB 2001). This means that 25 percent of Tualatin’s renter households spend more than 50 percent of their gross income on rent. In each year Tualatin is considered a severely rent burdened community, the state law imposes certain requirements. The first of which is to hold a single public meeting to discuss the causes and consequences of severe rent burdens within the city, the barriers to reducing rent burdens and possible solutions. The second of which is for Tualatin to report the number of housing units that were permitted and produced in 2021, categorized by unit type, to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) by February 1, 2022, Tualatin will be required to submit to the Department of Land Conservation and Development a report for calendar year 2021 summarizing the number of housing units that were permitted and produced, categorized by unit type.

This year’s public meeting was held as a Zoom meeting with simultaneous Spanish translation, which satisfied the state law requirements by presenting the recently adopted Housing Production Strategy (HPS), which identified the causes and consequences of severe rent burdens and Tualatin as well as its Goals and Strategic Actions, which identified potential to reduce severe housing rent burden. The public meeting included six local panelists who brought considerable knowledge and expertise on equitable housing and potential solutions to reduce severe rent burden. This was followed by an open comment, question and answer period with the participants. The event closed with next steps, including opportunities to stay engaged and involved and where to find additional housing resources.

There were 60 registrants for this event, exceeding the registration in each of the prior two years in which the City held a public meeting required under state law. An estimated 15 registrants were residents and another 13 registrants were from non-profit organizations who serve those struggling with housing or housing related needs. In addition, there were 3 registrants who identified as being from affordable housing development organizations and 2 registrants from culturally specific organizations. In addition, there were 9 registrants from nearby local government agencies. The remainder of registrants included the Mayor, Council representatives, Planning Commissioner, the six panelists, the Spanish interpreter and City staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Presentation
- B. Event Program and Panelist Bios