

Housing Element – Existing Goals and Policies

Existing adopted Goals and Policies without corresponding descriptive text. The full text of the adopted Housing Element in the Comprehensive Plan can be accessed online.¹

Goal H-1: Maintain and enhance the unique residential character of each City neighborhood.

Policy H-1.1: Incorporate neighborhood character and design principles into standards for new development.

Goal H-2: Ensure that Kirkland has a sufficient quantity and variety of housing to meet projected growth and needs of the community.

Policy H-2.1: Maintain an adequate supply of land zoned appropriately for a variety of housing types and densities.

Policy H-2.2: Promote the development of accessory dwelling units on single-family lots.

Policy H-2.3: Create flexible site and development standards, and maintain efficient development and review systems, that balance the goals of reduced housing development costs with other community goals.

Policy H-2.4: Allow a broad range of housing and site planning approaches in single-family areas to increase housing supply and choice, to reduce cost, and to ensure design quality and neighborhood compatibility.

Policy H-2.5: Allow for the maintenance and redevelopment of existing developments that do not conform to current density standards in planned multifamily areas.

Goal H-3: Promote affordable and special needs housing throughout the City for all economic segments of the population.

Policy H-3.1: Strive to meet the City's proportionate share of the Countywide housing needs of very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

Policy H-3.2: Require affordable housing when increases to development capacity are considered.

Policy H-3.3: Ensure that affordable housing opportunities are not concentrated, but are available throughout the City and especially in areas with good access to transit, employment, and shopping.

¹ <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Kirkland/cgi/NewSmartCompile.pl?path=html/KirklandCP07/KirklandCP07.html>

- Policy H-3.4: Preserve, maintain, and improve existing affordable housing through assistance to residents and housing providers.
- Policy H-3.5: Support housing acquisition and creation by private or nonprofit organizations, housing authorities, or other social and health service agencies for very low-, low- and moderate- income residents.
- Policy H-3.6: Ensure that regulations do not unduly restrict group homes or other housing options for persons with special needs.
- Policy H-3.7: Support a range of housing options and services to move homeless persons and families to long-term financial independence. Support regional efforts to prevent homelessness.
- Policy H-3.8: Cooperate at a regional level to increase the base of both public and private support necessary to address local housing needs.
- Policy H-3.9: Support housing options, programs, and services that allow seniors to stay in their homes or neighborhood. Encourage universal design improvements that increase housing accessibility.
- Policy H-3.10: Support efforts to achieve a geographic balance in siting special-needs housing throughout the City and region, including support of housing in jurisdictions that serve residents from elsewhere on the Eastside.
- Policy H-3.11: Protect fair and equal access to housing for all persons and prohibit any activity that results in discrimination in housing.