K2044 Comprehensive Plan Update Briefing for the Housing Element

Summary of new or revised policies and/or regulatory changes for consistency with State, Regional, King County Planning Policies, and local goals for the Housing Element

- **Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) –** goals and amendments since the last update;[1]

- **Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC)** – periodic review checklists will address requirements of state law, and identify policy and regulatory updates required under new state laws;[2]

- **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)** – periodic review checklist for cities and regional centers, the Regional Growth Strategy and multi-county planning policies provided for in PSRC's Vision 2050 Growth Strategy Plan;[3] 2050 Regional Transportation Plan;[4]

  - Housing: Displacement and Racially-Disparate Impacts
  - Housing Element Guide
  - Equity
  - Significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions

- **King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)[5]** adopted by King County which address growth management issues in King County and allocates employment and housing growth targets to each city

  - Support a range of affordable, accessible, and healthy housing choices
  - Respond to the legacy of discriminatory housing and land use policies and practices
  - Weaving equity into all policies
  - Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience

Local plans, goals and requirements

- **EcoNorthwest Equity Review Report**[6]
  Specific recommendations for the Housing element and related guidance:

  - Acknowledge history of racism in housing

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[1] https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.70A.020
[2] https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/lzqh1lwfi2qn6drg964412r43tv780hh
[3] https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/vision-2050-plan.pdf
[4] https://www.psrc.org/planning-2050/regional-transportation-plan
[5] https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/cpps/2021_cpps-adopted_19384-amended_19553.pdf?rev=7ea6e59c9810495db4335e3b6b6d35e8&hash=F3190536F7D2C1A28BE15E62E82C42D9
[6] https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/equity-review-report-kirkland-comprehensive-plan-econorthwest-final20221108.pdf

- Lead with racial equity using data and community touchpoints
- Improve the City's efforts to preserve existing affordable housing stock and mitigate displacement of vulnerable residents and services
- Develop housing policies/strategies useful for addressing the housing needs of renters
- Use active rather than passive policy language
- Use of asset-based language (instead of using term homeless, instead use unhoused
- Use of inclusive language and assumptions by using specific descriptors to convey meaning that is easily understood
- Incorporate emissions reduction policies and actions that contribute meaningfully toward regional greenhouse gas emission goals, along with equitable climate resiliency measures
- Climate resilience actions focused on equitable outcomes, particularly for historically marginalized communities, at greater risk and with fewer resources.

- **Kirkland Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB) 5 Year Roadmap[7]**
  The City will identify and utilize an equity-centered third-party review process for the City's Comprehensive Plan and other long-range planning processes. This will ensure that the perspectives, insights, and voices of underrepresented groups and communities are included in the creation and review of such plans helps them be reflective of Kirkland's diverse community.

- **City Council Goals 2023-2024[8]**
  City Council Goal: Attainable Housing and Vibrant Neighborhoods

  Prioritize the retention and construction of attainable and diverse housing throughout the City. Partner with King County to implement the Health Through Housing permanent supportive housing project in Lakeview. Partner with ARCH, developers, and non-profit agencies to implement the affordable housing projects Polaris and Ardea in Totem Lake, and the Kirkland Heights renovation and expansion in Evergreen Hill. Complete affordable housing requirements and incentive zoning for the NE 85th Street Station Area Plan. Monitor implementation through Kirkland's Housing Dashboard.

- **Sustainability Master Plan (SMP)[9]**
  Goals related to Housing include:

  - Goal HC-11: Expand housing options for all income levels.
  - Goal HC-10: Dismantle institutional and structural racism in Kirkland to increase social equity and environmental justice city-wide.

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[7] https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-managers-office/roadmap-as-adopted_1.pdf
[8] https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Council/City-Work-Program
[9] https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/public-works/recycling/sustainability/sustainability-master-plan-adopted-dec-2020.pdf

- Goal ES-5: Reduce emissions of pipeline gas and other fossil fuels from all buildings by 20% by 2025 and 50% by 2030, as compared to a 2017 baseline
- Goal BI1: Certify all new construction as High-Performing Green Buildings by 2025
- Goal BI-2: Increase the resilience of the built environment by requiring 50% of new construction to be certified Net-Zero-Energy by 2025 and 100% of new construction to be certified Net-Zero-Energy by 2030.
- Goal BI-3: Achieve the K4C goal to reduce energy use in all existing buildings by 25% by 2030 and 45% by 2050 compared to a 2017 baseline.
- Goal BI-4: Reduce water use in buildings by 10% by 2025 and 20% by 2030 compared to a 2019 baseline.