

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

In addition to the Affordable Housing Production Strategy project, the City has completed significant policy initiatives to address housing supply and affordability.



2021-AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION STRATEGY

Identifies policy tools and actions to encourage development of affordable housing.

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2021-MIDDLE HOUSING CODE

New Middle Housing development and zoning code allows for smaller attached and detached housing types citywide.

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2021-RAND ROAD DEVELOPMENT

The City purchased 7 acres on Rand Road and is evaluating developer proposals to create 100+ units of housing affordable for low to average incomes.

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2021-UTILITY LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE

New utility rate plan will fund an expanded low-income customer discount program through the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council.

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2020-RENOVATE HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Encourages residential use of Historic Buildings with parking fee exemption.

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2019-ADU CODE REVISIONS

Updated Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) code to remove barriers and encourage development.

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2017-TAX FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Adopted a 1% construction excise tax (CET) dedicated to affordable housing.

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2017-TOWNHOUSE CODE UPDATES

Updated townhouse code to streamline the approval process.

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2016-STR REGULATION

Established a Short-Term Rental (STR) licensing program, including the phase-out of second home STRs in residential neighborhoods.

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