

Housing Committee

City of Leavenworth
City Hall Conference Room & Zoom
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
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Agenda Items:

1. Discussion of the formation of a new Housing Advisory Committee

The benefits of an Advisory Committee include:

- The ability to include experts and interested residents to form policy direction to the City Council.
- Option to review hefty subjects that are best refined through on-going Advisory Committee work.
- Free up Councilmembers to serve on required committees or work on areas of interest.

An Advisory Committee's purpose and members would be defined by the Council. The Committee would be initially tasked with establishing meeting dates and procedures, which would be reviewed by the city attorney and reviewed and approved by the City Council. City staff would be used to set and notice agendas, provide research, and draft formal recommendations.

The Advisory Committee should include a diverse group of experienced representation and lay residents, which may include:

- Resident(s) with subject matter expertise
- Business owner(s)/manager(s)
- Non-profit organization(s)
- Public agency representative(s)
- Minority representative(s)

Regarding the Housing Committee, if this committee changes to an Advisory Committee, staff would recommend that it be tasked with providing recommendations to the Council to work on workforce housing and housing policies related to HB 1220 which includes moderate, low, very low and extremely low-income housing, emergency housing, and permanent supportive housing. HB 1220 also requires a review of housing policies and regulations through the lens of racially disparate impacts, displacement and/or exclusion.

Committee Goals:

- a. Initiating a discussion regarding the collaboration on regional housing issues and potential regional solutions.
- b. Exploring possible funding options for assistance of work force level housing.
- c. Reviewing and monitoring the implementations of municipal code language as it is developed and approved via the City Council and Planning Commission. The Committee shall evaluate the effectiveness of implementation of the code language.

**Chairperson*

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Future Agenda Items:

1. County & Regional Housing Options
 - a. Example: ARCH <https://www.archhousing.org/>
2. Grant Funding Options
3. Mixed Use Incentives
 - a. Focus on employee housing
 - b. Cost impacts