

Housing Committee

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

The Housing Committee is recommending that the Housing Advisory Committee's force on workforce housing and specifically review and make recommendations on:

- A. How to spend city funds devoted by the Council to housing (currently \$200,000 per year).
- B. Options for funding for land purchase and/or for the construction of housing, including review of city owned land.
- C. Housing development projects which are requesting city funds.
- D. Options for infrastructure improvements which promote housing options.

City Resolution 12-2021 defined workforce housing as "housing for moderate income households earning between 80% and 120% of area median income and housing for households where at least one wage earner provides a critical community service such as, but not limited to, school teaching, social work, government worker, nursing or related medical arts, law enforcement or firefighting." See related definition for Moderate-income household."

The Housing Committee is recommending that the Housing Advisory Committee is a nine-member diverse group of experienced representation and lay people appointed by the Council, which may include:

- Council member(s)
- Resident(s)
- Business owner(s)/manager(s)
- Developer(s)/Builder(s)
- Non-profit organization(s)
- Minority representative(s)

Expected guests may include those looking for funding such as MEND, Chelan-Douglas Housing Authority, Farmworker Housing and others

The Advisory Committee would be initially tasked with establishing meeting dates and procedures, which would be reviewed by the city attorney before City Council approval. City staff would be used to set and notice agendas, provide research, and draft formal recommendations.

Housing Committee recommends that this group update the 2021 Housing Action Plan to address the changes in the economic conditions. This will require city funds.

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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