

RESOLUTION R-5493

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND TO  
ADOPT INTERIM AFFORDABLE HOUSING TARGETS.

1 WHEREAS, the City Council has found that there is a pressing  
2 need for more affordable housing for low- and moderate-income  
3 households within Kirkland; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in 2018 the City of Kirkland ("City") adopted a  
6 Housing Strategy Plan that identifies a number of monitoring activities  
7 to implement the plan, including tracking housing supply and costs, and  
8 monitoring City regulations and policies that support affordable housing;  
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11 WHEREAS, tracking progress towards an affordable housing  
12 target would assist the City in understanding the production of  
13 affordable residential units over time, and identifying policy,  
14 regulatory and resource needs to meet the target; and  
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16 WHEREAS, tracking progress towards an affordable housing  
17 target would assist with the City's upcoming planning efforts  
18 surrounding the 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update; and  
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20 WHEREAS, adopting an affordable housing target would  
21 bolster the City's efforts surrounding Resolution R-5434, affirming  
22 Black lives matter, and making Kirkland a more safe, inclusive, and  
23 welcoming community, as the lack of affordable housing  
24 disproportionately impacts households of color; and  
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26 WHEREAS, on May 16, 2021, as part of Resolution R-5462  
27 adopting the 2021-2022 City Work Program, the City Council  
28 approved the goal to "adopt and track affordable housing targets for  
29 low income and moderate income residents as determined by the Area  
30 Median Income ("AMI") for the City to implement the Housing Strategy  
31 Plan"; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the King County Affordable Housing Committee will  
34 continue meeting in 2022 to identify affordable housing targets for cities  
35 and/or subregions within the county, taking into account the Regional  
36 Affordable Housing Task Force methodology and other approaches, and  
37 if King County ("County") ultimately adopts those targets, they could  
38 supplement or replace any local interim targets adopted by City Council;  
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41 WHEREAS, at a meeting on September 7, 2021, the City  
42 Council discussed three alternative options for adopting interim  
43 affordable targets for the City, encompassing County-wide and City-  
44 specific strategies for gauging the need for affordable housing, and  
45 the Council selected adopting the model based on Kirkland's local  
46 need which identifies the deficit of affordable units in 2044 as the  
47 target.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The affordable housing targets in the following table, based on a City-wide Needs approach which identifies the deficit of affordable units, are hereby adopted as interim targets and may be replaced by subregional or jurisdictional targets adopted by King County in the future.

**Table 1: City-wide Need**

Household Income	Cost Burdened Households (spending 30-49% of gross income), 2017	Severely Cost Burdened Households (spending 50%+ gross income), 2017	Estimated Cost Burdened Households, 2017	Percent of Income Group	Estimated Cost Burdened Households Affordable Unit deficit, 2044
<=30% AMI	274	2,735	3,009	91%	4,374
31% - 50% AMI	935	1,285	2,220	74%	3,227
51% - 80% AMI	1,584	615	2,199	64%	3,196
81% - 100% AMI	929	225	1,154	45%	1,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>8,582</b>		<b>12,474</b>
<b>Total Units Needed (less than 100% AMI) Per Year, 2017-44</b>					<b>462</b>

AMI = Area Median Income

Source: 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 5 year Estimates; King County Proposed Housing Growth Targets; Office of Financial Management.

Section 2. If the affordable housing targets are not superseded by King County targets, the City shall update the City-wide Needs affordable housing unit deficit targets during major updates of the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan or as needed to respond to changing conditions.

Section 3. As the City is updating the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan, Neighborhood Plans, and related documents, the City shall consider policies to help achieve the affordable housing targets.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 05 day of October, 2021.

Signed in authentication thereof this 05 day of October, 2021.

  
Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk