

Housing Element

Aims to Preserve Neighborhood Quality While Improving Housing Opportunities for All Residents

HOUSING POLICIES STRIVE TO

- Maintain and enhance the **unique residential character** of each city neighborhood
- Ensure that Kirkland has a sufficient **quantity and variety of housing** to meet the projected growth and needs of the community
- Promote **affordable and special needs housing** throughout the city for all economic segments of the population

NEW ADDITIONS BASED ON WHAT WE HEARD...

- **Separate policies** for housing variety and supply from policies for affordability and special needs housing
- **Address city's required proportionate share** of countywide housing needs of very low-, low-, and moderate income households

- Support a range of housing options and services to **move homeless persons and families to long-term financial independence**
- Cooperate with regional work to **prevent homelessness**
- Support housing options, programs, and services, including Universal Design, that **allow seniors to stay in their homes or neighborhood**
- Protect **fair and equal access to housing** for all persons and prohibit any activity that results in discrimination in housing

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



- What kind of residence do you see yourself living in 20 years from now?
- Are there different types or styles of housing than currently exist in Kirkland that the City should encourage?

KEY FACTS:

Comparing Incomes in Kirkland and Housing Affordability

Income or Affordability Level for a Family of 4 (\$ in 2011)	Percent of Kirkland's Households by Income	Percent of Kirkland's Housing Units Affordable at this Income
Very Low-Income (<30% of median income; or \$21,200)	8%	2%
Low-Income (30%–50% of median; \$21,200 to \$35,300)	8%	4%
Moderate-Income (50%–80% of median; \$35,300 to \$56,500)	14%	16%
Middle-Income (80%–100% median; \$56,600 to \$84,700)	9%	19%
Above Middle-Income (greater than \$84,700)	61%	59%

