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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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Subject: 2044 Comprehensive Plan - Guiding Principles and Housing

Element Policy Briefing #1, File No. CAM22-00023

#### Recommendation

Receive a briefing and hold a study session to discuss the draft 2044 Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement and Guiding Principles and revisions to goals and policies in the Housing Element (see Attachments 1 and 2). Provide staff with direction to finalize the draft 2044 Comprehensive Vision Statement and Guiding Principles and continue preparing draft Housing Element goals and policies. Provide feedback specifically on draft goals and policies related to housing *supply* (described below).

Staff anticipates presenting at least one additional policy briefing on the Housing Element before City Council (CC) prior to the Planning Commission (PC) public hearing for the amendments in Spring 2024.

#### **Background**

#### Kirkland 2044 Comprehensive Plan (K2044) Update

The City of Kirkland is in the process of conducting a State-mandated update of the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan (Plan)<sup>1</sup> with a target adoption date of mid-2024 (the State deadline for City Council adoption is December 31, 2024). The Plan is the primary citywide guide for how the community manages growth over the next twenty years (with a horizon year of 2044) in terms of land use, transportation, and the public facilities and services necessary to support this growth. The Plan also includes goals and policies for how the City addresses housing, sustainability, climate change, economic development, parks, open space, transportation, and other topics.

#### **Vision Statement and Guiding Principles**

The existing Plan contains the City's 2035 Vision Statement and Guiding Principles, which form the foundation for the goals and policies contained in the General Elements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Planning-and-Building/Comprehensive-Plan

(chapters of the Comprehensive Plan)<sup>2</sup>. The Guiding Principles are intended to express the key goals, or priorities, for guiding growth and development in Kirkland over the 20-year horizon of the Comprehensive Plan. They are based on, and provide an extension of, the aspirations and values embodied in the Vision Statement.

In the summer of 2023, CC and PC provided comments on the revised draft 2044 Vision Statement. Staff revised the Guiding Principles based on the draft Vision Statement and key themes for the Plan update. The PC reviewed the draft Principles in January.

Attachment 1 contains the draft 2044 Guiding Principles that staff would like CC's feedback on, along with the existing Principles for comparison. The revisions build on the existing Principles and reflect: key themes received from the community engagement and outreach process; the City's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Roadmap<sup>3</sup> objectives to be an inclusive and welcoming community; along with goals pertaining to sustainable and resilient (in the natural environment, economically, and fiscally); and providing a multimodal transportation system.

#### **Housing Element Review**

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#### State, Regional, and Countywide Requirements

Planning for housing in Washington State has changed with the passage of House Bill 1220 in 2021. This legislation amended the Growth Management Act (GMA) by strengthening the housing goal from "encourage affordable housing" to "plan for and accommodate" housing affordable to all income levels. Additionally, new GMA rules describe how counties and cities should plan for housing in the Housing Elements of their Comprehensive Plans. These new changes include:

- Plan for sufficient land capacity for housing needs, including all economic segments of the population (moderate, low, very low, and extremely low income, as well as emergency housing and permanent supportive housing).
- Provide for moderate density housing options including, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes.
- Make adequate provisions for housing for existing and projected needs for all economic segments of the community, including documenting programs and actions needed to achieve housing availability.
- Identify racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing policies and regulations, and begin to undo those impacts; and identify areas at higher risk of displacement and establishing anti-displacement policies.

Kirkland has received its assigned housing growth targets through King County's Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC). Kirkland Planning and Building Department staff helped develop the targets as part of a regional staff collaboration, and Mayor Curtis and Councilmember Falcone provided feedback on and reviewed the targets as part of their work on the King County Affordable Housing Committee and GMPC. The housing growth targets have been refined by the GMPC's Affordable Housing Committee to include the allocation of housing to meet the needs of all income

https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Kirkland/cgi/NewSmartCompile.pl?path=html/KirklandCP02/KirklandCP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-managers-office/roadmap-as-adopted 1.pdf

segments. Kirkland housing growth targets are illustrated in the following figure, which also includes the type of housing needed to support this growth.

### Kirkland's 2019-2044 Housing Needs Allocation

13,200 Net New Units



In addition, Kirkland's allocation of emergency housing is **2,522 units**, which is calculated as city's percent share of the countywide housing growth.

Sources: King County Dept of Community and Human Services, Performance Measurement and Evaluation, March 3, 2022 Image adapted from WA Dept of Commerce

The proposed Housing Element goals and policies have been drafted for consistency with Washington State Department of Commerce guidance, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050 and Regional Housing Strategy, and King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The proposed Housing Element goals and policies have been further refined to capture the City's policy issues and the community engagement comments summarized below.

#### Notes on the Structure of the Goals and Policies

To ensure consistency with regional and countywide housing guidance and requirements, staff has arranged the proposed goals and policies to be consistent with PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy and King County's CPP policy categories. The general structure is as follows:

Orga	Organization of Proposed Housing Element Goals and Policies			
Puget Sound Regional C	Council			
Supply	Build more ho	ousing of different types.		
	King County	<ul> <li>Increase housing supply, particularly for households with greatest need.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Expand housing options and increase affordability accessible to transit and employment.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Collaborate regionally</li> </ul>		
Stability	Provide opportheir needs.	rtunities for residents to live in housing that meets		

	King County	<ul> <li>Expanded housing and neighborhood choice for all residents.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Housing stability, healthy homes, and healthy communities.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Equitable processes and outcomes.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Measure results and provide accountability.</li> </ul>	
Subsidy	Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very [and extremely] low-income households and unhoused residents.		
	King County	Note: King County disperses policies covering the topic of subsidy throughout the CPP. Staff has grouped the City's proposed goals and policies on subsidy consistent with CPP here.	

#### Community Outreach and Engagement Activities and Comment Themes

Beginning in late 2022, staff conducted a substantial number of public outreach and community engagement activities to implement the K2044 Community Engagement Plan<sup>4</sup>. In addition to the general K2044 activities above, staff has conducted outreach and engagement activities specific to the Housing Element. The topics of Housing and Human Services are interrelated, and many of the element-specific activities (listed below) were conducted jointly to ensure that updates to goals and policies are complementary, and that the community can learn more about how the two topics relate to each other.

- Housing and Human Services Survey (684 responses)
- Juanita High School Civics Affordable Housing Project (March April 2023)
- Senior Council Meeting (May 9, 2023)
- Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (May 10, 2023)
- Youth Council Meeting (June 12, 2023)
- Housing and Human Services Focus Groups (June 6 and June 13, 2023)

Additional information about the update process, including community input summaries specific to the Housing Element, are available on the City's K2044 Comprehensive Plan update webpage<sup>5</sup>.

Comments from the community through the Housing and Human Services survey and discussion at meetings, public outreach events, and focus groups include the following themes:

- More affordable housing is needed;
- More diverse housing options are needed to help address affordability;
- Concern for displacement of renters and seniors;
- More housing is desired near walking distance of transit;
- More housing is desired that is suitable for seniors and people with disabilities;
   and
- Help lower-income population attain home ownership.

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/community-engagement-plan-k2044-kirkland-comprehensive-plan-finalwappendixabc12152022.pdf
 https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Planning-and-Building/Planning-Projects/Kirkland-2044-Comprehensive-Plan-Update

#### Key Housing Element Policy Issues

There are several study issues and/or policy concepts that staff has explored through the update to the Housing Element. The list below of Housing study issues was confirmed by the PC and Council at a joint study session in July 2023. The draft revised Housing Element goals and policies (see Attachment 2) discussed further in the subsection below incorporate amendments that address many of the issues in the following list:

- Encourage more middle housing and other creative housing types in compliance with new State requirements;
- Reduce the number of residential zoning districts to encourage more regulatory consistency citywide;
- Simplify development standards, potentially incorporating Form-Based Code principles, to increase predictability and encourage more development;
- Study how to encourage more housing near existing and planned future transit;
- Encourage compact development: medium to high density (TOD) and upper middle housing (up to 12-unit multiplex);
- Eliminate maximum densities (in terms of numbers of units per acre) in multifamily and mixed-use districts (i.e., densities would be governed by building envelopes);
- Study minimum densities for more efficient use of available land;
- Up-zone key residential areas (near transit and to build out 10-minute neighborhoods) to increase housing choices affordable to a wider range of incomes (mixed use/mixed income);
- Rezone or otherwise incentivize the redevelopment of properties owned by religious organizations - to accommodate development of affordable housing;
- Reduce parking requirements to reduce housing costs;
- Anticipate increased density with Community-Initiated Amendment Requests
- Study city-wide inclusionary zoning requirements;
- Consider transfer of development rights to preserve existing affordable housing;
- Consider City-wide commercial linkage fees to better tie economic growth with housing growth;
- Consider policies that require new detached dwelling units to be "ADU-ready,"
  especially within large homes or large lots, while ensuring that new requirements
  do not add significant time or process to the permitting process;
- Consider policies that require ADUs to be incorporated into newly-built residential projects, and require new detached dwelling unit projects to be designed to accommodate future ADUs:
- Consider policies that encourage retention of older, smaller homes;
- Consider policies to provide direct assistance to help low- and moderate-income households buy a first home; and
- Consider policies that address displacement of low- and moderate-income households through relocation assistance.

## <u>Proposed Land Use Changes and Opportunities for Increased Housing Capacity (SEIS "Action Alternative")</u>

In addition to the study issues listed above, there are several areas in the City that are being considered for land use changes that would increase housing capacity. These proposed changes are being studied in the Kirkland 2044 SEIS as an "Action Alternative," and a forthcoming run of the City's capacity analysis will include the

changes in the Action Alternative to demonstrate how much additional capacity each change would add.

The Action Alternative would include higher density residential zoning along key transit corridors in Kirkland and higher density development in and around commercial and mixed-use areas in Totem Lake and Juanita as described below:

- Par Mac Business Park (Totem Lake): greater permitted density and height to accommodate up to 1,200 units of housing and up to 30,000 square feet of commercial space;
- <u>Totem Lake Southern Industrial Commercial Subarea (Totem Lake, TL 10C, TL 10D, TL 10E, TL10F)</u>: changes to enable increases in capacity for housing units and office space;
- Goodwill Site (Juanita): greater permitted density and height to accommodate up to 600 units of housing and up to 15,000 square feet of commercial space; and
- Michael's Site (Juanita): greater permitted density and height (from 26 feet to 70 feet) to accommodate up to 350 units of housing and commercial space.

The Growth Action Alternative will meet the City's allocated population and job growth targets *and* include additional, primarily residential, development capacity to help address community goals for access and housing affordability. Having surplus housing capacity (i.e., in excess of what is required to meet regional planning targets) is intended to offer many more options for housing development, hopefully easing supply-side constraints. Staff will return to the CC to report on the Action Alternative capacity analysis run at a future meeting in Spring 2024.

#### **Draft Revised Housing Goals and Policies**

Staff is requesting CC feedback on initial draft revisions to the Housing Element goals and policies. Specifically, at the March 5 meeting staff is requesting feedback on the goal and policies under the topic of Supply. Staff will return to CC for feedback on goals and policies related to the Stability and Subsidy topics at the April 16, 2024 CC meeting. Staff will receive PC feedback on goals and policies related to Stability and Subsidy at their March 28 meeting where both Housing and Human Services Element goals and policies will be discussed. Staff will provide PC recommendations on these goals and policies to CC at their April 16 meeting.

Attachment 2 includes a table with all existing Housing goals and policies and provides a side-by-side comparison of the existing text with proposed text amendments to-date. As discussed in subsections above, the draft revisions incorporate text amendments that are generally guided by one or more of the following:

- Compliance with required State, regional, or countywide policies;
- Recommendations from the 2022 Equity Review of the Kirkland 2035 Comprehensive Plan<sup>6</sup>;
- Updating specific words or phrases to utilize more current or clearly-defined planning terms (e.g., focusing on "intensity" of uses rather than "density", phasing out references to "single-family residential" zones);
- Linking Land Use to City Housing Strategy Plan and Sustainability Strategic Plan;
- Addressing Kirkland 2044 study issues as directed by the PC and Council; and/or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/equity-review-report-kirkland-comprehensive-plan-econorthwest-final20221108.pdf

• Aligning Housing Element goals and policies with the draft Kirkland 2044 Vision and Guiding Principles<sup>7</sup> and in-progress draft revisions in other Plan elements.

The table in Attachment 2 includes staff notes to further explain the reasoning behind certain text amendments, as well as notes indicating if the amendment is proposed to achieve compliance with a specific policy from an outside agency. The table also highlights several policies that staff focused on during the February 22 PC discussion.

#### **Planning Commission Recommendation**

On February 22, 2024, the Planning Commission held a study session on the draft revisions to the Housing Element goals and policies focusing on the goal and policies related to topic of <u>Supply</u>. The PC focused their discussion on a selection of new policies proposed by staff. The following is a summary of PC's recommendations on the draft revisions that were a focus of the February 22 meeting discussion.

Goal/Policy #	Draft Goal or Policy	PC Comments
Goal H-1:	Provide a full range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices to all residents.	PC supports this draft goal and had no comments.
Policy H-1D:	Reduce the cost of building housing by modifying development and environmental regulations, including but not limited to, reducing the number of residential zones, using simplified form-based code requirements, reducing or eliminating minimum lot sizes, reducing or eliminating parking standards, simplifying and standardizing design review process and design requirements, allowing for and providing pre-approved plans, administrative short plat approval, and modifying SEPA exemptions for infill development.	<ul> <li>Consider including incentives for complying with additional design standards.</li> <li>Some concern regarding relaxing any environmental requirements; however, acknowledge that reduced review process will help both market rate and affordable housing production.</li> </ul>
Policy H-1E:	Reduce the cost of building housing by speeding up and making permitting housing more predictable by streamlining permit processes and making transparent to permit applicants expected permit review timelines.	<ul> <li>PC supports this draft policy. Comments include:</li> <li>Incorporate simplifying review process into draft policy language.</li> <li>Be more explicit in what the policy is trying to achieve, e.g. reduce the number of permit revision reviews.</li> </ul>
Policy H-1F:	Develop specialized standards that enable and encourage production of	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include:

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Goal/Policy #	Draft Goal or Policy	PC Comments
	housing for extremely low- income households, such as: prioritizing vacant lands for the production of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); densities to maximize production of PSH; reducing fees, taxes, permit and utility hookup fees for PSH; and employing cost reduction strategies identified in other housing policies.	Remove "vacant" lands. This should be a consideration with all available land in the city.
Policy H-1G:	Support housing for the unhoused by removing regulatory barriers that prevent or obstruct the creation and equitable distribution of transitional housing, emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing and similar facilities.	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.
Policy H-1L:	Maximize the use of residential land near transit with smaller lot sizes, reduced parking and modified access requirements including adding alleys and through-block connections.	<ul> <li>PC supports this draft policy. Comments include:</li> <li>Include reduce "or eliminate" parking requirements in policy.</li> <li>Include other development standards such as reduced setbacks or increasing height in support of policies that aim to maximize the use of residential land.</li> <li>We need to reduce minimum lot sizes citywide, and not just near transit.</li> </ul>
Policy H-10:	Increase housing diversity, including more family-sized 3+ bedroom multi-unit housing, and capacity near transit and employment by adjusting zoning to support additional residential intensity and local building code standards that support residential buildings up to six stories served by single exit stairways.	<ul> <li>PC supports this draft policy. Comments include:</li> <li>Don't limit single access stairs to just 6-story buildings. Other countries allow single access stairways for much taller buildings.</li> <li>Break up this policy. Encouraging more 3+ bedroom units might warrant its own policy.</li> <li>Add a policy that directs adding more housing intensity near parks to encourage access to green spaces and more activity and "eyes" on open spaces.</li> </ul>
Policy H-1P:	Increase housing capacity in Kirkland's Urban Centers by	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include:

Goal/Policy #	Draft Goal or Policy	PC Comments
	allowing for taller residential buildings, adjusting modulation and articulation standards, and allowing innovation in construction technologies including, but not limited to, mass timber construction.	<ul> <li>Need to be mindful of removing too many good design standards.</li> <li>Suggest replacing "adjusting modulation and articulation standards" to "adjusting design standards".</li> <li>The City should be mindful of the cost that certain design standards add to housing construction.</li> <li>Affordability and sustainability should be our primary concerns as we balance any competing objectives.</li> </ul>
Policy H-1R:	Collaborate with diverse partners (e.g., employers, financial institutions, philanthropic, faith, and community-based organizations) on provision of resources (e.g., funding, surplus property) and programs to meet Kirkland's allocated housing need of households with extremely low-, very low-, and low-incomes.	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.

#### **Questions for City Council**

The CC should focus on the below questions for discussion while reviewing the memorandum and attachments:

- 1. Does Council have any questions or feedback about any specific draft revisions to the 2044 Guiding Principles and Housing Element goals and policies?
- 2. Are there any concepts or policy themes that you believe need to be incorporated into the draft 2044 Guiding Principles and Housing Element goals or policies?
- 3. Is there any additional information that the CC would find helpful for staff to include in a future briefing on the Housing Element goals or policies?

#### **Next Steps**

With CC feedback on the questions posed above, staff will continue to refine the draft goal and policy amendments. The CC will receive a second policy briefing on Housing Element policies (focusing on Stability and Subsidy topics) at their April 16, 2024 study session. The PC will hold multiple public hearings on the Plan updates in Spring 2024, and CC will complete final adoption before the end of 2024.

#### **Attachments**

- 1. Guiding Principles
- 2. Housing Element Draft Goals and Policies

#### 2044 Kirkland Comprehensive Plan Guiding Principles

Proposed revised for K2044 Comprehensive Plan Update-Draft (Includes Planning Commission edits from 1/11/2024)

The <u>Guiding Principles</u> express the fundamental goals for guiding growth and development in Kirkland over the 20-year horizon of the Comprehensive Plan. They are based on the aspirations and values embodied in the <u>Vision Statement</u>. The principles address a wide range of topics and form the foundation of the goals and policies contained in the elements of the Comprehensive Plan. They strive to make Kirkland in 2044 an inclusive, sustainable, vibrant, and inviting place to live, work and visit. Although the <u>Guiding Principles</u> broadly apply to all Comprehensive Plan elements, some of the principles are more applicable to certain elements than others. The Comprehensive Plan seeks to:

#### LIVABLE AND WELCOMING

Promote **quality of life**, exemplified by safe, affordable, and well-maintained neighborhoods that prioritize people, with convenient access to parks, open space, recreational facilities, the waterfront, community gathering places, excellent schools, an abundance of housing options, and nearby services.

Foster an **inclusive and equitable community** where people of all income groups, stages of life, and backgrounds can live in Kirkland and feel welcomed.

Create a community that is **well-designed**, and encourages thoughtful growth to meet the community's vision, while also celebrating our past.

#### SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT

Protect and enhance **natural systems**, including forest land, lakes, and steams; integrate green infrastructure into urban environments; and seek to empower the community to protect the environment.

Support an **economy that is prosperous and resilient**, that empowers individuals, that attracts and nurtures human capital, that uses technology responsibly, and that provides needed infrastructure.

Ensure that City growth and services are **fiscally sustainable**.

Provide and develop collaborations with other entities to provide **health and human services** that fulfill the basic needs of all people without regard to income, age, race, gender, ability, or background.

Create a more **resilient community** that can withstand and prosper after natural, human, and economic disruptions.

#### CONNECTED

Foster an **inclusive community** through engaging community members in government, schools, civic events, and volunteer activities, creating a sense of belonging through shared values.

Create an accessible **multimodal transportation system**, with a safe, well maintained, and extensive systems of roads, bicycle routes, pedestrian paths, and transit corridors for all users that interconnect neighborhoods, jobs and services, parks, schools, and the region.

Support **appropriate technologies** that connect, inform, and involve residents, businesses, and visitors.

#### **Existing 2035 Guiding Principles**

#### Livable

Quality of life: safe and well- maintained neighborhoods with convenient access to parks, recreational facilities, the waterfront, community gathering places, excellent schools, and nearby services.

Diverse and Affordable: neighborhoods containing homes and businesses for a variety of incomes, ages and life- styles.

Community Design: High quality and attractive architectural design and landscaping, and preservation of historic buildings and sites.

#### Sustainable

Ecological: natural systems and built structures that protect and enhance habitats, create a healthy environment, address climate change and promote energy efficiency.

Economic: a vibrant economy offering choices in living wage jobs, businesses, services, and entertainment throughout the community.

Social: social and health services, that fulfill the basic needs of all people without regards to age, income, race, age, gender, or ability.

#### Connected

Sense of Community: community involvement in government, schools, civic events, and volunteer activities creating a sense of belonging through shared values.

Accessible: safe, well maintained and extensive systems of roads, bicycle routes, pedestrian paths, and transit corridors for all users that interconnect neighborhoods, and connect to the region.

Technology: reliable, efficient, and complete systems for residents and businesses to be connected, informed, and involved.

# City of Kirkland Draft 2044 Housing Element Goals and Policies (Select goal(s) and policies have been highlighted by staff for discussion at the 2/22/24 (PC); 3/5/24 (CC) briefings)

#### Revised: 2/23/2024

The following goals and policies are arranged by PSRC Regional Housing Strategy's areas of action that are categorized as Supply, Stability, and Subsidy and further arranged by housing categories found in the King County Wide Planning Policies, pages 38 - 45. This organization into regional strategies and countywide categories is to ensure consistency with these frameworks and to meet State requirements. These strategies and actions are for review purposes only may not be included in the final draft of Kirkland's Housing Element.

Existing Element Goals and Policies  PSRC Action - Supply: Build more hou	Proposed Goals and Policies  Deleted text shown in strikethrough. Added text shown in underline.  Ising of different types. (initial goal & policy re	Staff Notes	Revision Required Per: (State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)
Goal H-1: Maintain and enhance the unique residential character of each City neighborhood.	Goal H-1: Maintain and enhance the unique residential character of each City neighborhood.	Shift priorities from the preservation of historically exclusionary concepts such as "neighborhood quality" and "community character".	Equity Review; King County Countywide Policies
Goal H-2: Ensure that Kirkland has a sufficient quantity and variety of housing to meet projected growth and needs of the community.	Goal H-1: Ensure that Kirkland has a sufficient quantity and variety of housing to meet projected growth and needs of the community. Provide a full range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices to all residents.	Aligns with MPP and CPP goals.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies
CPP Category: Increase Housing Supply, Particular	y for households with greatest need.		
Policy H-1.1: Incorporate neighborhood character and design principles into standards for new development.	Policy H-1.1: Incorporate neighborhood character and design principles into standards for new development.	Inconsistent with CPP H-13	Equity Review, King County Countywide Planning Policies
Policy H-2.1: Maintain an adequate supply of land zoned appropriately for a variety of housing types and densities.	Policy H-2.1: Maintain an adequate supply of land zened appropriately for a variety of housing types and densities.	Replace this policy. This policy does not acknowledge the need for equity or disruption of historically exclusive and discriminatory land use and zoning patterns.	Equity Review; King County Countywide Planning Policies
<b>Policy H-3.2</b> : Require affordable housing when increases to development capacity are considered.	Policy H-3.21.#A: Require affordable housing when increases to development capacity are considered.	Aligns with MPP-H-4, H-8; CPP H-1, H-11, H-13	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies, Housing Strategy Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#B: Enhance affordable housing incentives and city-wide inclusionary requirements to provide additional affordable housing units to meet current and future housing needs.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-11, H-13	King County Countywide Planning Polices

Existing Element Goals and Policies	Proposed Goals and Policies  Deleted text shown in strikethrough. Added text shown in underline.	Staff Notes	Revision Required Per: (State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#C: Increase the amount of moderate- and high-intensity residential development in areas with infrastructure, services, and amenities to provide greater housing choice for people at all stages of life.	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-7; CPP H-1, H-12	King County Countywide Planning Polices
Policy H-2.3: Create flexible site and development standards, and maintain efficient development and review systems, that balance the goals of reduced housing development costs with other community goals.	Policy H-2.3: Create flexible site and development standards, and maintain efficient development and review systems, that balance the goals of reduced housing development costs with other community goals.	Replaced with the following policies.	Staff, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#D: Reduce the cost of building housing by modifying development and environmental regulations, including but not limited to, reducing the number of residential zones, using simplified form-based code requirements, reducing or eliminating minimum lot sizes, reducing or eliminating parking standards, simplifying and standardizing design review process and design requirements, allowing for and providing pre-approved plans, administrative short plat approval, and modifying SEPA exemptions for infill development.	Aligns with MPP-H-10 and CPP H-13	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#E: Reduce the cost of building housing by speeding up and making permitting housing more predictable by streamlining permit processes and making transparent to permit applicants expected permit review timelines.	Aligns with MPP-H-10 and CPP H-13	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#F: Develop specialized standards that enable and encourage production of housing for extremely low-income households, such as: prioritizing vacant lands for the production of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); densities to maximize production of PSH; reducing fees, taxes, permit and utility hookup fees for PSH; and employing cost reduction strategies identified in other housing policies.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3, H-11 and CPP H-1, H-2, H-13, H-14, H-19, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#G: Support housing for the unhoused by removing regulatory barriers that prevent or obstruct the creation and equitable distribution of transitional housing, emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing and similar facilities.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3; CPP H-1, H-11	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices

Existing Element Goals and Policies	Proposed Goals and Policies  Deleted text shown in strikethrough. Added text shown in underline.	Staff Notes	Revision Required Per: (State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#H: Develop a program that allows housing intensity bonuses for faith-, or other community-based organizations seeking to develop affordable housing on-site, prioritizing developments with income-restricted units and projects that provide on-site services for households most impacted by the affordable housing crisis.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-4, H-11; CPP H-8, H-14	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies, Housing Strategy Plan	
CPP Category: Expanded Housing Options and Inci	reased Affordability Accessible to Transit and Employme	ent.		
Policy H-2.2: Promote the development of accessory dwelling units on single-family lots.	Policy H-2.2: Promote the development of accessory dwelling units on single-family lots.	Remove. This is broadened in a different policy to incpororate more higher-density housing types. This policy addressed in existing regulations and updated policies.	Equity Review, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
Policy H-2.4: Allow a broad range of housing and site planning approaches in single-family areas to increase housing supply and choice, to reduce cost, and to ensure design quality and neighborhood compatibility.	Policy H-2.4: Allow a broad range of housing and site planning approaches in single family areas to increase housing supply and choice, to reduce cost, and to ensure design quality and neighborhood compatibility.	Remove. Replaced with updated policies more aligned with Vision 2050 and King County Countywide Planning Policies.	Staff, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#I: Expand the housing supply and ensure the most efficient use of land near transit by requiring minimum residential intensities with development.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H- 12, H-16	King County Countywide Planning Polices	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#J: Provide more mid multi-unit housing choices including but not limited to duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes, sixplexes, townhouses, stacked flats, courtyard apartments, and cottage housing within a ten-minute walkshed of transit to provide greater access to housing for more people.	Aligns with HB-1110; MPP-H-1, H-2, H-7, H-9; CPP H-15, H-16, H-18	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	
Policy H-3.3: Ensure that affordable housing opportunities are not concentrated, but are available throughout the City and especially in areas with good access to transit, employment, and shopping.	Policy H-3.31.#K: Ensure that affordable housing opportunities at a variety of income levels are not concentrated, but are available throughout the City and especially in walkable areas with good access to transit, employment, and neighborhood-serving retail especially grocery stores shopping.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3, H-6, H-9; CPP H-1, H-15, H-16, H-17, H-18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#L: Maximize the use of residential land near transit with smaller lot sizes, reduced parking and modified access requirements including adding alleys and through-block connections.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-8; CPP H- 13, H-15, H-16	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	

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No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#M: Support more affordable housing near transit and jobs through office to apartment conversions of underused office buildings through financial subsidy and regulatory reform, including but not limited to, property tax abatements, form-based code requirements, reduced parking standards, simplifying and standardizing design review process and design requirements, and residential intensity bonuses.	Aligns with MPP-H-8, H-10 and CPP H-13, H-15, H-17	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#N: Use of transfer of development rights to retain existing unsubsidized affordable housing and a no-net-loss in citywide residential capacity.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-8, H-9; CPP H-11, H-13, H-18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#O: Increase housing diversity, including more family-sized 3+ bedroom multi-unit housing, and capacity near transit and employment by adjusting zoning to support additional residential intensity and local building code standards that support residential buildings up to six stories served by single exit stairways.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-10 and CPP H-13, H-16, H-18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#P: Increase housing capacity in Kirkland's Urban Centers by allowing for taller residential buildings, adjusting modulation and articulation standards, and allowing innovation in construction technologies including, but not limited to, mass timber construction.	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-7 and CPP H-13, H-16	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
CPP Category: Collaborate Regionally			
Policy H-3.8: Cooperate at a regional level to increase the base of both public and private support necessary to address local housing needs.	Policy H-3.81.#Q: Cooperate at a regional level to increase the base of both public and private support necessary to address local housing needs.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-7	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#R: Collaborate with diverse partners (e.g., employers, financial institutions, philanthropic, faith, and community-based organizations) on provision of resources (e.g., funding, surplus property) and programs to meet Kirkland's allocated housing need of households with extremely low-, very low-, and low-incomes.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-2, H-7, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#S: Cooperate with other jurisdictions, agencies, and housing organizations to increase regulatory consistency across jurisdictions and reduce regulatory and permitting complexity and minimize the cost of housing.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-8	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices

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No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#T: Support current and future building industry workforce by cooperating with other jurisdictions, agencies, trade organizations, and other public, private and non-profit partners to provide workforce training on new and emerging building technologies, regulatory requirements, construction practices.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-8	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
Policy H-3.10: Support efforts to achieve a geographic balance in siting special-needs housing throughout the City and region, including support of housing in jurisdictions that serve residents from elsewhere on the Eastside.	Policy H-1.#U: Support efforts to achieve a geographic balance in siting special needs-housing throughout the City and region, including support of housing in jurisdictions that serve residents from elsewhere on the Eastside., in particular for those earning lower wages, within a reasonable commute to employment centers by collaborating with nearby jurisdictions in leveraging funding, supplying surplus public property, and maintaining and developing new partnerships and programs that aim to collectively meet housing needs and improve jobs-housing balance.	Aligns with MMP-H-1, H-7; CPP H-8, H-15	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
PSRC Action - Stability: Provide oppor	rtunities for residents to live in housing t	hat meets their needs. (initial g	oal & policy review schedule: 3/28/24 (PC); 4/16/24 (CC))
<b>Goal H-3</b> : Promote affordable and special needs housing throughout the City for all economic segments of the population.	Goal H-32:Promete affordable and special needs housing throughout the City for all economic segments of the population Provide fair and equal access to housing that meets the needs of all current and future residents throughout the city.	This goal focuses on 'providing' equity, access, and quality in housing (meeting the needs) for all current and future residents in alignment with GMA, Multi-county and Countywide policies as well as the Comprehensive Plan's Equity Review.	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies, Equity Review
CPP Category: Expanded Housing and Neighborhoo	od Choice for All Residents		
Policy H-3.1: Strive to meet the City's proportionate share of the Countywide housing needs of very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.	Policy H-3.1: Strive to meet the City's proportionate share of the Countywide housing needs of very low, low, and moderate income households.	Does not align with State requirement. Replaced with updated policies more aligned with Vision 2050 and King County Countywide Planning Policies.	State,King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#A: Provide access to affordable housing to rent and own throughout the city, with a focus on areas where the city is directing growth, in particular for those populations disproportionally impacted by past discriminatory land use and housing practices.	Aligns with MPP-H-6, H-7, H-9, H-12; CPP H-2, H-18, H-19	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices

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No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#B: Support affordable workerforce housing and mitigate residential displacement by implementing commercial linkage fees for the development of new affordable housing to the extent enabled by State law.	Aligns with MPP-H-6, H-7, H-9, H-12; CPP H-18, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
Policy H-3.6: Ensure that regulations do not unduly restrict group homes or other housing options for persons with special needs	Policy H-3-62.#C: Ensure that regulations do not unduly restrict group homes or other housing options for persons with special needs older adults, disabled persons, people with medical conditions, unhoused individuals and families, and displaced people.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3, H-5; CPP H-18, H-20, H-21	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#D: Support equitable home ownership assistance to low-income and BIPOC people and to provide more housing ownership options for moderate- and low-income households.	Aligns with MPP-H-5; CPP H-2, H-19, H-20, H-21	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
Policy H-3.9: Support housing options, programs, and services that allow seniors to stay in their homes or neighborhood. Encourage universal design improvements that increase housing accessibility.	Policy H-3.92.#E. Support housing options, programs, and services that allow seniors older adults to stay in their homes or neighborhood. Encourage universal design improvements that increase housing accessibility.	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3, H-5; CPP H-18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#F: Support alternative homeownership models that lower barriers to ownership and provide long-term affordability, such as community land trusts, and limited or shared equity co-ops.	Aligns with MPP-H-5; CPP H-19	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#G: Ensure housing remains available for occupancy by exploring actions such as a vacancy tax or long-term occupancy requirements.	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-2; CPP H-18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#H: Increase residential capacity and housing choice in residential neighborhoods by exploring requirements including, but not limited to, requiring new detached dwelling units to be designed to accommodate future ADUs, setting residential intensity minimums, or setback requirements to accommodate future on-site residential capacity.	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-2, H-9; CPP H-, H-18	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#l: Increase residential capacity and housing choice in residential neighborhoods through the creation and management of a program to manage an inventory of smaller/portable homes.	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-2, H-9; CPP H-, H-18	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan

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No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#J: Strive to retain existing unsubsidized affordable housing on properties being redeveloped through flexible zoning regulations including, but not limited to, exempting the existing home from intensity limits, development standards that allow for maximizing the development intensities of new housing while retaining the existing home onsite, or allowing for the relocation of the existing home either onsite or on a separate site.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H- 18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#K: Address displacement of low-income households by adopting regulations that require landlords to offer tenants relocation assistance, consistent with State and Federal law.	Aligns with MPP-H-12; CPP H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan
CPP Category: Housing Stability, Healthy Homes, a	nd Healthy Communities		
<b>Policy H-3.11</b> : Protect fair and equal access to housing for all persons and prohibit any activity that results in discrimination in housing.	Policy H-3.112.#L: Protect fair and equal access to housing for all persons and prohibit any activity that results in discrimination in housing.	Aligns with MPP-H-5; CPP H-2, H-21, H-22	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#M: Adopt regulations and implement programs (such as High Performing Affordable Housing) that will provide housing with healthy indoor air quality and lower operating costs to low-income households.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-23	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Sustainability Strategic Plan
Policy H-2.5: Allow for the maintenance and redevelopment of existing developments that do not conform to current density standards in planned multifamily areas.	Policy H-2.5: Allow for the maintenance and redevelopment of existing developments that do not conform to current density standards in planned multifamily areas.	This policy does positively improve the opportunity for the preservation of existing affordable multi-unit residential structures, but additional safeguards may be needed to protect tenants from displacement. Remove. Replaced with updated policies more aligned with Vision 2050 and King County Countywide Planning Policies.	Equity Review, Staff
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#N: Develop healthy communities by supporting flexible development regulations, programs and development partnerships that open up opportunities to allow for housing and services for intergenerational communities, and affordable and mixed-income housing.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H- 24	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan

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No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#O: Support the retention of existing unsubsidized affordable housing through home maintenance and retrofitting with the creation of and participation in weatherization programs, and energy efficiency retrofit programs and the adoption of regulations making it easier for property owners making these home improvements.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-23	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan, Sustainability Strategic Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#P: Advocate amendments to the Washington State Building Code to assist in the rehabilitation of existing affordable housing, especially amendments that support healthy indoor air quality and non-carbon emitting energy upgrades with lower operating costs.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H- 23	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Sustainability Strategic Plan
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#Q: Plan for residential neighborhoods that protect and promote the health and well-being of residents by supporting equitable access to parks and open space, safe pedestrian and bicycle routes, clean air, soil and water, fresh and healthy foods, high-quality education from early learning through K-12, affordable and high-quality transit options and living wage jobs and by avoiding or mitigating exposure to environmental hazards and pollutants.	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; Adopts CPP H-24	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
PP Category: Equitable Processes and Outcomes	S		
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#R: Collaborate with community most impacted by housing cost burden in co-developing implementing, and monitoring strategies that achieve the goals and policies in the Housing Element and actions in the Housing Strategy Plan.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-2, H-9, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#S: Adopt intentional and targeted actions in the Housing Strategy Plan to repair harms to populations disproportionally impacted by past discriminatory land use and housing practices.	Aligns with MPP-H-12; CPP H-2, H-10	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#T: Ensure equitable distribution of more housing types by removing Zoning Code exclusionary terminology.	Aligns with MPP-H-4, H-9, H-12; CPP H-10	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices
CPP Category: Measure Results and Provide Acco	untability		
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#U: Monitor progress towards meeting Kirkland's allocated housing growth targets, and eliminate disparities in access to housing and neighborhood choices.	Aligns with MPP-H-8; CPP H-25, H- 26, H-27	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan

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PSRC Action - Subsidy: Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very [and extremely] low-income households and unhoused residents. (initial goal & policy review schedule: 3/28/24 (PC); 4/16/24 (CC))					
No existing goal.	Goal H-3: Create and sustain either through direct support or regional collaboration affordable housing and homelessness services for households experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-2, H-14, H-20, H-25	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices		
<b>Policy H-3.4</b> : Preserve, maintain, and improve existing affordable housing through assistance to residents and housing providers.	Policy H-3-4#A: Preserve, maintain, and improve existing affordable housing through assistance to residents and housing providers, and by using in-lieu fees to buy and preserve existing affordable housing.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H- 14, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan		
Policy H-3.5: Support housing acquisition and creation by private or nonprofit organizations, housing authorities, or other social and health service agencies for very low-, low- and moderate- income residents.	Policy H-3.5#B: Support housing acquisition and creation by private or nonprofit organizations, housing authorities, or other social and health service agencies for extremely low-, very low-, low-and moderate- income residents.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-2, H-7, H-14, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices		
No existing policy.	Policy H-3.#C: Advocate for substantial federal and state funding to address affordability for very lowand extremely low-income households.	Aligns with MPP- H-1, H-4; CPP H-7, H-14, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices		
Policy H-3.7: Support a range of housing options and services to move homeless persons and families to long-term financial independence. Support regional efforts to prevent homelessness.	Policy H-3.7#D: Support a range of housing options and services to move homeless persons and families to long-term financial independence. Support regional efforts to prevent homelessness.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-7, H-14, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices		
No existing policy.	Policy H-3.#E. Collaborate regionally and with diverse partners (e.g., employers, financial institutions, philanthropic, faith, and community-based organizations) on the provision of funding, surplus land, and programs to address local affordable housing needs.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-2, H-7, H-14, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan		
No existing policy.	Policy H-3.#F: Identify and work with community and private organizations to establish safe camping areas and pursue new innovative models for transitional housing.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-2, H-7, H-14, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan		