



2016 Housing Element Amendments

CITY OF SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL

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Policy Revisions

Goal H.2: Ensure that Sammamish has a sufficient quantity and variety of housing to meet projected needs, preferences, and growth of the community.

Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.2.1	Explore feasible options to accommodate the city's housing growth targets	Explore Feasible options Maintain an adequate supply of appropriately zoned land to accommodate the city's housing growth targets	Establishes a stronger commitment to providing capacity for housing growth targets.
H.2.5	Support smaller housing types (e.g) cottages, duplexes, efficiency studios, and townhouses) where appropriate, with sensitivity to the quality, design, intensity and character of surrounding land uses.	Support Permit and promote smaller housing types (e.g)cottages, duplexes, efficiency studios, and townhouses) where appropriate, with sensitivity to the quality, design, intensity and character of surrounding land uses.	Provides a stronger commitment to housing diversity. In addition, Goal H.1 and Policy H.1.1. already address the deleted language.

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Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.2.6	Support the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in a context-sensitive manner, with specific attention to tree preservation.	Support Promote the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in a context-sensitive manner, with specific attention to tree preservation.	Provides a stronger commitment to housing diversity. In addition, Goal H.1 and policies H.1.1. and LU 6.2 already address the deleted language.

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Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.2.8	<p>Adopt regulations and procedures consistent with the goal of minimizing unnecessary costs and time delays. This objective should be balanced with maintaining opportunities for public involvement and review, public safety, protection of the environment and other explicitly stated city policies consistent with other Comprehensive Plan direction.</p>	<p>Adopt regulations and procedures consistent with the goal of minimizing unnecessary costs and time delays. This objective should be balanced with maintaining opportunities for public involvement and review, public safety, protection of the environment and other explicitly stated city policies consistent with other Comprehensive Plan direction.</p> <p>Avoid creating regulations and procedures that discourage the housing industry's ability to respond to market needs or unnecessarily increase the costs of developing housing.</p>	<p>Provides a stronger commitment to reducing barriers to affordable housing.</p> <p>In addition, deleted language is addressed in multiple other Comprehensive Plan policies.</p>

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Goal H.3: Provide for a range of housing opportunities to address the needs and preferences of all economic segments of the community.



Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.3.1	<i>New Policy</i>	Develop and implement plans and strategies that promote a proportionate amount of the countywide need for housing affordable to households with moderate, low and very low incomes, including those with special needs.	Provides explicit commitment to plans and strategies for a proportionate share of countywide need for affordable housing
H.3.2	Encourage modifications to existing housing in order to preserve or increase affordable housing opportunities.	Encourage modifications to existing housing in order to preserve or increase affordable housing opportunities Promote the preservation of existing housing in order to preserve or increase affordable housing opportunities which may provide for affordable forms of rental and ownership housing.	Emphasizes preservation rather than modification and clarifies intent.

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Goal H.3: Provide for a range of housing opportunities to address the needs and preferences of all economic segments of the community.



Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.3.3	Consider incentivizing affordable housing when evaluating rezones and other land use regulation modifications, especially when resulting in increases in development capacity.	Consider requiring or incentivizing affordable housing when evaluating rezones and other land use regulation modifications, especially when resulting in increases in development capacity.	Establishes stronger policy language, consistent with existing regulations for the Town Center.

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Goal H.3: Provide for a range of housing opportunities to address the needs and preferences of all economic segments of the community.

Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.3.6	Support efforts to provide on a region-wide basis social services and housing affordable to households at less than 30% of area median income (very low-income), including collaboration with other jurisdictions and funders.	<p>All Existing Language Removed</p> <p>Encourage and support non-profit agencies, public-private partnerships, and housing authorities to preserve or build new, sustainable housing affordable for very low-, low- and moderate-income households.</p> <p>Address the need for housing affordable to households at less than 30% AMI (very low-income), and given the unique challenges of serving this need, local efforts will require collaboration with other jurisdictions and funders.</p>	Clarifies policy intent on two different points. The first is to support efforts by non-profits to create affordable housing and the second is to acknowledge the challenges and need for collaboration in order to serve very low-income households.

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Goal H.3: Provide for a range of housing opportunities to address the needs and preferences of all economic segments of the community.

Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.3.7	Support affordable rental and ownership housing that is context-sensitive throughout the city especially in areas with good access to transit, employment, education and shopping.	Support affordable rental and ownership housing that is context-sensitive throughout the city especially in areas with good access to transit, employment, education and shopping.	Clearer statement of policy intent. Goal H.1 and policy H.1.1. already address the deleted language.
H.3.9	Maintain a record of publicly owned land, and if land is determined to be surplus for public purposes and is suitable for housing, consider its use for to affordable housing along with other alternative public benefit uses.	Maintain a record of publicly owned land, and if land is determined to be surplus for public purposes and is suitable for housing, consider its use for to affordable housing along with other alternative public benefit uses with a preference for housing for low-income and very-low income households.	Stronger commitment, specifically addresses low- and very-low income household needs

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Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.4.5	<i>New Policy</i>	Support public and private housing and services for people who are homeless.	Explicitly address the needs of the homeless.

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Goal H.6: Implement Housing element goals in a manner that is **effective**, efficient and transparent

Rationale: Strengthens emphasis of goal on implementation.

Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.6.1	<i>New Policy</i>	Adopt a Housing Strategy Plan to outline benchmarks, steps and milestones toward implementation of this Housing Element	Commitment to strategies and actions for affordable housing.

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Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.6.3	Monitor regional housing supply and type with an eye toward affordability and availability for all income levels, age categories, seniors and special needs populations.	Monitor regional the City's housing supply and type with an eye toward and affordability and availability for all income levels, age categories, seniors and special needs populations including measurable progress toward meeting a significant share of the countywide need for affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.	Commitment to progress toward meeting share of countywide need for affordable housing.

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Policy Number	Original	Amended	Rationale
H.6.5	As needed, reassess and adjust policies and strategies to meet local housing needs.	As needed On a regular basis, based on results of monitoring local data and effectiveness of local regulations and programs, reassess and adjust policies and strategies to meet local housing needs.	Stronger commitment to assessment and adjustment of policies and strategies.

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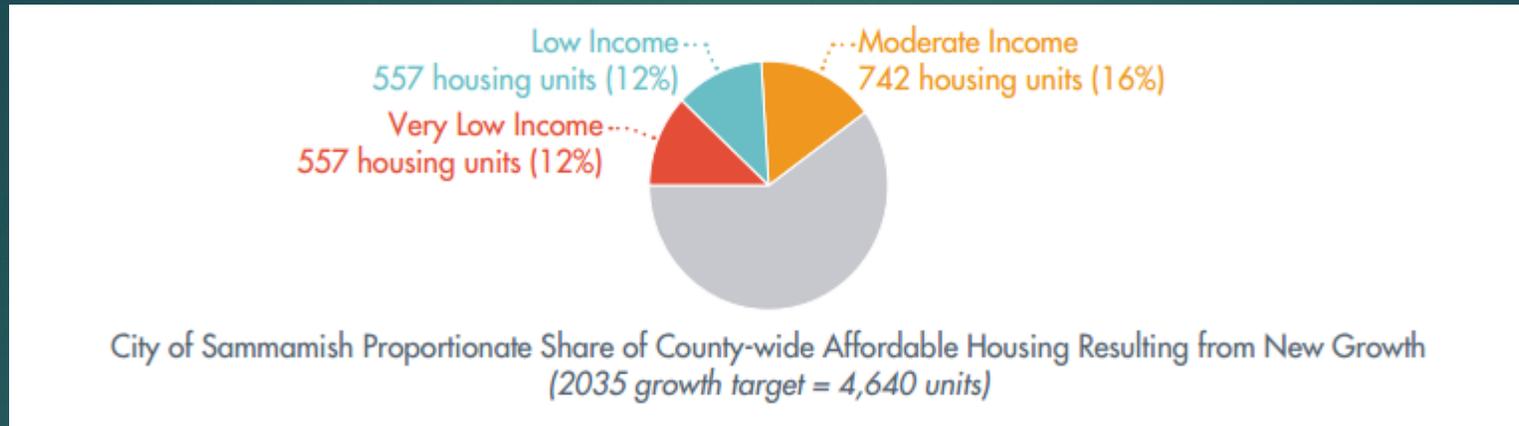


Figure 1: The amount of affordable housing needed at each income level to meet a proportionate share of countywide affordable housing demand.

- ▶ King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) require cities to share the responsibility for equitable distribution of affordable housing in King County.
- ▶ CPPs encourage cities to employ a range of housing tools to address countywide need

Potential Revisions to Policy H.2.8

Existing Proposed Language:

“Avoid creating regulations and procedures that discourage the housing industry’s ability to respond to market needs or unnecessarily increase the costs of developing housing.”

Consider:

- ▶ *“Support the housing industry’s ability to respond to evolving housing needs, including housing affordability, by ensuring that regulations to not create unreasonable barriers to development.”*
- ▶ *“Identify and eliminate unreasonable regulatory barriers that negatively impact the diversity and affordability of the city’s housing supply.”*
- ▶ *“Evaluate the housing cost and supply implications of proposed regulations and procedures.”*