

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE HOUSING ACTION PLAN AS A PLANNING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT TO ADDRESS FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS, SPECIFICALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IN ARLINGTON

WHEREAS, the City is in need of additional affordable housing options for its residents; and

WHEREAS, nearly 35 percent of Arlington’s population pay at least 30 percent of their income on housing costs each month, reducing their ability to pay for other necessities; and

WHEREAS, the greatest need is among households with the lowest incomes and, in some cases, with the highest barriers to accessing housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for a more comprehensive strategy in addressing its housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City received grant funding from the State Department of Commerce to address affordable housing elements identified in E2SHB 1923; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with the Blueline Group to develop a Housing Action Plan in which to evaluate current and projected housing needs, develop strategies to increase housing supply and variety of housing types, implementation of the schedule of programs and actions and the ability to monitor outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City also enabled the ability to allow duplex, triplex and courtyard apartments in one or more zoning districts that allow for single-family residences, to address the need for “missing middle” housing; and

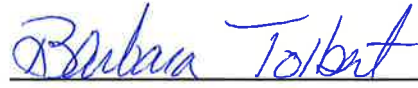
NOW, THEREFORE, the Arlington City Council resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the “City of Arlington Housing Action Plan”, with all Appendices thereto.

Section 2. City Community Development Staff is hereby directed to utilize and incorporate the City of Arlington Housing Action Plan in the next Comprehensive Plan update, following appropriate public participation requirements.

ADOPTED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 5th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF ARLINGTON



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Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Wendy Van Der Meersche, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Steven J. Peiffle, City Attorney