



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE CITY'S HOUSING ACTION PLAN AS A GUIDING DOCUMENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE HOUSING POLICY, PLANNING, AND REGULATORY AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE HOUSING OPTIONS THAT ARE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood has been addressing the community's housing needs for several years through the Comprehensive Plan and other policy efforts; as co-chair of the Snohomish County Housing Affordability Regional Task Force (HART); the preparation of the Lynnwood Housing White Paper (2019); and the creation of the Council Housing Policy Committee (established 2019); and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood has adopted plans, policies, regulations, and programs to increase housing supply and support housing choices; and

WHEREAS, since 2010 income in the City of Lynnwood has been stagnant while housing costs have increased by 20-40% when adjusted for inflation; and

WHEREAS, nearly two in every five of Lynnwood's households pay at least 30 percent of their income on housing costs each month, limiting their ability to pay for other necessities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood finds that adequate, safe, and affordable housing is key to ensuring a vibrant community with a desirable quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood finds that there is a need for housing units that are safe and affordable across all income levels; and

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

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature created a new grant program under Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1923 (Chapter 348, Laws of 2019; in part RCW 36.70A.600), which provided a number of eligible land use planning activities for cities to

40 consider implementing increases to housing capacity, including the creation of a Housing Action
41 Plan; and

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43 WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood applied for and received grant funding from
44 Department of Commerce in the amount of \$100,000.00 to develop a Housing Action Plan; and

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46 WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood contracted with BERK Consulting and MAKERS to assist
47 with development of a Housing Action Plan to identify current and projected housing needs;
48 evaluate current plans, policies, and programs; develop goals and strategies to increase housing
49 supply and variety of housing types; and create an implementation plan; and

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51 WHEREAS, the Housing Action Plan was developed by evaluating the City’s ongoing
52 efforts, analyzing Lynnwood’s current and future housing needs through a Housing Needs
53 Assessment, and collaborating with the community; and

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55 WHEREAS, the Housing Action Plan included a robust public engagement process,
56 including input from a Stakeholder Advisory Group; the Council Housing Policy Committee;
57 regional partners; the Lynnwood Planning Commission, Human Services Commission, and
58 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission; online open houses and surveys; newsletters and
59 social media; and other presentations; and

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61 WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood Planning Commission held meetings addressing the
62 Housing Action Plan on June 25, August 27, October 22, November 12, and December 10, 2020
63 and January 28 and February 11, 2021; and

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65 WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood Council received written updates or held meetings
66 addressing the Housing Action Plan on February 8, June 1, August 3, September 21, October 10,
67 November 30, December 7, and December 23, 2020 and January 19, February 17, March 29,
68 and April 5, 2021; and

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70 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, the Development and Business Services Department
71 issued a “Determination of Nonsignificance” (DNS) with comments due March 8, 2021,
72 pursuant to RCW 43.21C and WAC 197-11; and

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74 WHEREAS, on April 8, 2021, the City of Lynnwood Planning Commission held a duly
75 advertised public hearing to consider public comment and staff recommendation before
76 making recommendation to the City County in favor of adopting the Housing Action Plan; and

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78 WHEREAS, the City Council received the Housing Action Plan and a briefing on the
79 materials at the April 19, 2021 work session; and

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81 WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly advertised public hearing on May 10, 2021 at the
82 Council business meeting to take and consider public comment; now therefore

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84 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO RESOLVE AS
85 FOLLOWS:

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87 Section 1. The Housing Action Plan as shown in Attachment A is hereby adopted in
88 accordance with RCW 36.70A.600 as a reference document for consideration of
89 recommendations and actions to increase housing options that are safe and affordable for
90 Lynnwood.

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92 Section 2. The City Council supports the use of the Housing Action Plan to find
93 innovative ways to address Lynnwood’s housing needs, following public participation
94 requirements.

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96 Section 3. The Housing Action Plan is a foundation to update policies related to housing
97 for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

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99 Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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101 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, the 24th day of May, 2021.

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107 Nicola Smith, Mayor

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111 Karen Fitzthum, City Clerk