

In Washington, the rapid spread of suburbanization and the resulting traffic congestion, loss of open space and farmland, and the inability of local governments ability to provide services to their residents resulted in the enactment of the Growth Management Act in 1990. Housing has been a mandatory element of the GMA since its inception and focused on directing jurisdictions to develop policies that consider the need for affordable housing for all economic segments.

Recent changes to the GMA have strengthened cities obligation to plan and accommodate for the housing needs of all economic segments, identify and address racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing policies and regulations.

City of Kirkland Draft 2044 Housing Element Goals and Policies

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The following goals and policies are arranged by PSRC Regional Housing Strategy’s¹ areas of action that are categorized as Supply, Stability, and Subsidy and further arranged by housing categories found in the King County Countywide Planning Policies², 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	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.)	PC Comments
PSRC Action - Supply: Build more housing of different types. (initial goal & policy review schedule: 2/22/24 (PC); 3/5/24 (CC))				
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. Achieve a full range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices to all residents.	Aligns with MPP and CPP goals. Updated to goal language to read more like a goal.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies	PC supports this draft goal and had no comments.
CPP Category: Increase Housing Supply, Particularly 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 zoned 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	

¹ <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-housing-strategy>

² https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/cpps/kc_2021_cpps_ord_19660_113021.pdf?rev=dc68c4a4ea67465c8c79de0869fcb867&hash=A3EB1B05E22148F999802F018F0827B3

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<i>Policy H-3.2: Require affordable housing when increases to development capacity are considered.</i>	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	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#B: <u>Enhance affordable housing incentives and city-wide inclusionary requirements to provide additional affordable housing units to meet current and future housing needs.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-11, H-13	King County Countywide Planning Polices	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#C: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-7; CPP H-1, H-12	King County Countywide Planning Polices	
<i>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.</i>	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	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#D: <u>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 streamlining and incentivizing an objective-based design review process and design requirements, allowing for and providing pre-approved plans, undertaking administrative short plat approval, and modifying SEPA exemptions for infill development.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-10 and CPP H-13 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider including incentives for complying with additional design standards. • Some concern regarding relaxing any environmental requirements; however, acknowledge that reduced review process will help both market rate and affordable housing production.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#E: <u>Reduce the cost of building housing by speeding up, simplifying, and making permitting housing more predictable by streamlining permit processes and making transparent to permit applicants with expected permit review timelines and revision cycles.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-10 and CPP H-13 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate simplifying review process into draft policy language. • Be more explicit in what the policy is trying to

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				achieve, e.g. reduce the number of permit revision reviews.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#F: <u>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); increasing allowable densities to maximize production of PSH; reducing fees taxes for per, permit and utility hookup fees for PSH; and employing cost reduction strategies identified in other housing policies.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3, H-11 and CPP H-1, H-2, H-13, H-14, H-19, H-20 See draft replacement policy below.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove “vacant” lands. This should be a consideration with all available land in the city.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#G: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3; CPP H-1, H-11 See draft replacement policy below.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.
[New Policy]	Policy H-1.# : <u>Support the siting and development of housing for extremely low-income households and those experiencing chronic homelessness by prioritizing local and regional resources, developing specialized development standards; employing cost-reduction strategies, including reductions in fees and taxes; and reducing or removing regulatory barriers that prevent or obstruct the creation and equitable distribution of transitional housing, emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, and similar facilities.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-3, H-11 and CPP H-1, H-2, H-11, H-13, H-14, H-19, H-20 A new draft policy based on response to feedback received for the 3/5 City Council study session. New policy combines, updates, and replaces Draft H1-F and H1-G.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#H: <u>Develop a program that allows housing intensity bonuses for faith-based, 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 shortages of affordable housing crisis.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-4, H-11; CPP H-8, H-14 Updates based on feedback received for the 3/5 City Council study session.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies, Housing Strategy Plan	
CPP Category: Expanded Housing Options and Increased Affordability Accessible to Transit and Employment.				
Policy H-2.2: <i>Promote the development of accessory dwelling units on single-family lots.</i>	Policy H-2.2: Promote the development of accessory dwelling units on single-family lots.	Remove. This is broadened in a different policy to incorporate more higher-density housing types. This policy addressed in existing regulations and updated policies.	Equity Review, King County Countywide Planning Polices	

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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 Policies	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#I: Expand the housing supply and ensure the most efficient use of land near transit by <u>requiring minimum residential intensities with development.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-12, H-16	King County Countywide Planning Policies	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#J: Provide more mid multi-unit housing choices including but not limited to <u>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.</u>	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 Policies, 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 Policies	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#L: <u>Maximize the use of residential land near transit with smaller lot sizes, increased building height maximums and residential intensities, reduced or eliminate parking requirements, and modified access requirements, including adding alleys and through-block connections.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-8; CPP H-13, H-15, H-16 Updated per PC feedback. Note: reduced minimum lot sizes is also addressed in Policy H-1D.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include reduce “or eliminate” parking requirements in policy. • Include other development standards such as reduced setbacks or increasing height in support of policies that aim to maximize the use of residential land. • We need to reduce minimum lot sizes citywide, and not just near transit.

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<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#M: <u>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.</u>	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	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#N: Explore the <u>use of transfer of development rights to retain existing unsubsidized affordable housing and a no-net-loss in citywide residential capacity.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-8, H-9; CPP H-11, H-13, H-18 See PSRC Housing Innovations Program’s Transfer of Development Rights priority tool ³ .	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-1.#O: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-10 and CPP H-13, H-16, H-18 Updated per PC feedback. Note: Policy H-2Q supports housing near parks and open space.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don’t limit single access stairs to just 6-story buildings. Other countries allow single access stairways for much taller buildings. • Break up this policy. Encouraging more 3+ bedroom units might warrant its own policy. • 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.

³ <https://www.psrc.org/media/2063>

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[New Policy]	Policy H-1.#_: <u>Increase housing capacity near transit and employment by adjusting zoning standards that support building code standards that produce multi-unit residential buildings served by single exit stairways.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-2, H-10 and CPP H-13, H-16, H-18 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#P: <u>Increase housing affordability and capacity in Kirkland's Urban Centers by allowing for taller residential buildings, adjusting modulation and articulation design standards, and allowing innovation in construction technologies including, but not limited to, mass timber construction.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-7 and CPP H-13, H-16 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to be mindful of removing too many good design standards. • Suggest replacing "adjusting modulation and articulation standards" to "adjusting design standards". • The City should be mindful of the cost that certain design standards add to housing construction. • Affordability and sustainability should be our primary concerns as we balance any competing objectives.
CPP Category: Collaborate Regionally				
Policy H-3.8: <i>Cooperate at a regional level to increase the base of both public and private support necessary to address local housing needs.</i>	Policy H-3.81.#Q: <i>Cooperate at a regional level to increase the base of both public and private support necessary to address local housing needs.</i>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-7	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#R: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-2, H-7, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.

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No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#S: <u>Cooperate with other jurisdictions, agencies, and housing organizations to increase regulatory consistency across jurisdictions and reduce regulatory and permitting complexity and reduce the cost of housing.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-8	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
No existing policy.	Policy H-1.#T: <u>Support the 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, and construction practices.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-8	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
Policy H-3.10: <i>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.</i>	Policy H-1.#U: <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 the jobs-housing balance.</u>	Aligns with MMP-H-1, H-7; CPP H-8, H-15 Updated for readability.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
PSRC Action - Stability: Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs. (initial goal & policy review schedule: 3/28/24 (PC); TBD (CC))				
Goal H-3: Promote affordable and special needs housing throughout the City for all economic segments of the population.	Goal H-32: Promote affordable and special needs housing throughout the City for all economic segments of the population Provide <u>Achieve fair and equal access to housing that meets the needs of all current and future residents throughout the city.</u>	This goal focuses on 'providing' equity, access, and quality in housing (meeting the needs) for all current and future residents in alignment with GMA, Vision 2050 and Countywide Planning Policies as well as the Comprehensive Plan's Equity Review. Updated to goal language to read more like a goal.	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies, Equity Review	PC supports this draft goal and had no comments.
[NEW Goal Option]	Goal H-2: <u>Achieve racially and socially equitable access to housing that meets the needs of all current and future residents and ensure people with the lowest incomes have quality housing that is accessible and affordable in the communities of their choice.</u>	A new draft goal option in response to feedback received at the 3/5 City Council study session. This goal expands on the types of housing equity desired.	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies, Equity Review	

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CPP Category: Expanded Housing and Neighborhood 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 Policies	
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 disproportionately 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 Policies	
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#B: Support affordable workforce 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 Policies, 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 land use, zoning, and regulations do not unduly restrict support group homes or other housing options and supportive services 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 Policies	
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#D: Support equitable home ownership assistance to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities 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 Policies	
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 Policies	
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 Policies	
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#G: Ensure housing remains available for occupancy by exploring actions such as a vacancy tax, long-term occupancy requirements, and restrictions on short-term rentals.	Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-2; CPP H-18 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Policies	PC does not support this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of work for little results.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would not want to penalize for unintended vacancies due to shifts in the economy (ref. 2007–2008 financial crisis).
No existing policy.	<p>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 establishing setback requirements to accommodate future on-site residential capacity.</p> <p><u>Increase residential capacity and housing choice in residential neighborhoods by exploring land use incentives including bonus residential intensities or flexible development standards for new construction on large lots that accommodate future on-site residential capacity or new dwelling units designed to accommodate future ADUs.</u></p>	<p>Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-2, H-9; CPP H-16, H-18</p> <p>Updated per PC feedback.</p>	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	<p>PC generally supports this draft policy. Comments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cautions about setting intensity minimums; prefer no-net-loss • Prefer policy with incentives rather than requirements.
No existing policy.	<p>Policy H-2.#I: <u>Increase residential capacity and housing choice in residential neighborhoods through the creation and management of public lands that accommodate affordable a program to manage an inventory of smaller/portable homes.</u></p>	<p>Aligns with MPP-H-1, H-2, H-9; CPP H-15, H-18</p> <p>Updated per PC feedback.</p>	State, Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	<p>PC generally supports this draft policy. Comments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worry about managing a program that may not yield much result. • Would like to look more at managing an inventory of land suitable for smaller/mobile housing.
No existing policy.	<p>Policy H-2.#J: <u>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.</u></p>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-18	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.

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No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#K: <u>Address displacement of low-income households with redevelopment by adopting regulations that require landlords to offer tenants relocation assistance, consistent with State and Federal law.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-12; CPP H-21 Updated per PC feedback. See PSRC Housing Innovations Program’s Tenant Protections priority tool ⁴ for a brief write up on City of Bellevue’s relocation assistance requirements.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine with policy language but needs extended discussion when it gets to local regulations. • Would like to see example case studies from other jurisdictions. • Supports applying with redevelopment.
CPP Category: Housing Stability, Healthy Homes, and Healthy Communities				
Policy H-3.11: <i>Protect fair and equal access to housing for all persons and prohibit any activity that results in discrimination in housing.</i>	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: <u>Adopt incentive-based development standards 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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-23 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Sustainability Strategic Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus more on incentive rather than requirement. • Support ways to make it more economically viable to provide these benefits.
Policy H-2.5: <i>Allow for the maintenance and redevelopment of existing developments that do not conform to current density standards in planned multifamily areas.</i>	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	

⁴ <https://www.psrc.org/media/2064>

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<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#N: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-24	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#O: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-23	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan, Sustainability Strategic Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support ways to make it more economically viable to provide these benefits.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#P: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; CPP H-23	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Sustainability Strategic Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#Q: <u>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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-3, H-10; Adopts CPP H-24	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
CPP Category: Equitable Processes and Outcomes				
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#R: <u>Collaborate with community members 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.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-2, H-9, H-20	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#S: <u>Adopt intentional and targeted actions in the Housing Strategy Plan to repair harms to populations disproportionately impacted by past discriminatory land use and housing practices.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-12; CPP H-2, H-10	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	Policy H-2.#T: <u>Coordinate with other departments, providers, and other key stakeholders to foster comprehensive, appropriate, and proactive</u>	Aligns with CPP H-2, H-9	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.

Existing Element Goals and Policies	Proposed Goals and Policies <i>Deleted text shown in strikethrough. Added text shown in underline.</i>	Staff Notes	Revision Required Per: (State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)	PC Comments
	<u>responses for individuals and households experiencing homelessness or housing instability.</u>			
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#U: <u>Ensure equitable distribution of more housing types by removing exclusionary regulations and review processes from the zoning code.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4, H-9, H-12; CPP H-10	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy and had no comments.
CPP Category: Measure Results and Provide Accountability				
No existing policy.	Policy H-2.#V: <u>Monitor progress towards meeting Kirkland's allocated housing growth targets and eliminate disparities in access to housing and neighborhood choices by monitoring Kirkland's allocated housing targets through its housing dashboard, annually reporting the city's progress to the King County Growth Management Planning Council, and adjust housing strategies towards meeting allocated targets.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-8; CPP H-25, H-26, H-27, H-28, H-29 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the documentation and adjustment process if we are not meeting our goals. • Maybe we should be monitoring against factors beyond just our targets.
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); TBD (CC))				
No existing goal.	Goal H-3: Create and sustain Subsidize either through <u>direct local, regional, and state support or and regional collaboration to build affordable housing and provide homelessness services for households experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness.</u>	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-2, H-14, H-20, H-25 Updated to goal language to read more like a goal and per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include something about advocating for money at the state level. Policy 3C doesn't quite get at advocating for direct-financial support.
Policy H-3.4: <i>Preserve, maintain, and improve existing affordable housing through assistance to residents and housing providers.</i>	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 by developing anti-displacement strategies in the city's Housing Strategy Plan that will plan for and respond to displacement pressures from rising rents and home prices.	Aligns with MPP-H-4; CPP H-1, H-14, H-20 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would also be helpful to be in the business of subsidizing developer provision of affordable housing beyond inclusionary requirements.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-lieu fees are one card on the table, likes keeping options open.
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 <u>extremely low-</u> , 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 low- and 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 <u>people experiencing homelessness</u> to long-term financial independence and housing stability. 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: Identify and collaborate regionally and with diverse partners (e.g. employers, financial institutions, affordable housing providers, philanthropic, faith, and community-based organizations) on the provision of funding, use of 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 Updated per PC feedback.	Vision 2050, King County Countywide Planning Polices, Housing Strategy Plan	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include "Identify" in this policy language, it's an important part of the process.
No existing policy.	Policy H-3.#F: Identify and work with community and private organizations to establish safe parking areas and pursue new innovative models for supportive housing types including emergency, transitional, and permanent 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	PC supports this draft policy. Comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are good places for the land inventory for mobile homes. Also-land pending development; front yard cottages; what about tiny homes in parks (and could be "park hosts" like at national parks); parks could provide space for pilot programs. How can we broaden the opportunity areas for tiny homes across the City?