

Strong Housing Elements call attention to local affordable housing needs, and they make a plan for addressing those needs over the next two decades.

Here's what we're hearing about South King County housing needs:



Families, youth and young adults, veterans, and others continue to experience homelessness, with many low income households at serious risk of becoming homeless.



Older and less expensive housing is often in need of repair and is unhealthy for residents.



After housing costs, transportation costs make up the largest portion of households' budgets. Access to reliable public transit is essential for low income households.

Look inside for policies that can help transform your South King County community into a place where all residents thrive.

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Updating Your South King County City's Comprehensive Plan Housing Element: Your Opportunity to Shape the Future



All King County cities are required by the state Growth Management Act (GMA) to update their Comprehensive Plan Housing Elements by the end of June 2015. These Housing Elements establish cities' visions for housing development—preservation and new construction—over the next 20 years.

How will you help shape your city's future and ensure all residents are able to live in **safe, healthy, affordable homes** in communities of opportunity?

Shaping Your South King County City's Future: Housing Element Policies for Equitable Growth

Promote preservation and new development of a **variety of housing types and options** throughout the city, particularly in proximity to transit, employment, and educational opportunities

In all neighborhoods, **support funding and permitting** for the development of housing affordable to low-income households

Collaborate with other jurisdictions to assess housing needs, coordinate funding, and preserve and create affordable housing opportunities

Explore all options for locally financing affordable housing, including the feasibility of creating a City or regional **rehab/land acquisition fund** to help create healthy housing

Explore the use of or provide development incentives, particularly in **light rail station areas**, to encourage the development of housing affordable at below market-rate

Promote use of **vacant, surplus land** for affordable housing and encourage **long-term affordability** for any publicly-supported housing

Encourage, assist, and **partner with non-profit organizations** and other human services providers that address the needs of homeless individuals and families

Support and encourage legislation at the **county, state, and federal level** that promotes affordable housing goals

