



Normandy Park

Est. 1953

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as “housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities.”

WHEREAS, access to housing is more than having a roof over one’s head, it is a foundation for achieving better educational, employment, and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, research shows that affordable, healthy homes are positively linked to physical and psychological well-being; and the CDC recognizes safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as a key social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce projects that by 2044, King County needs nearly 200,000 net new housing units for households at or below 80% area median income.

WHEREAS, the combined cost burden of housing plus transportation can be substantially reduced by locating affordable housing opportunities in proximity to transit; and

WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week efforts to inform the public of the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Normandy Park supports Affordable Housing Week and, in doing so, desires to ensure that our community thrives with opportunity and that all people live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Sue-Ann Hohimer, Mayor of the City of Normandy Park; on behalf of the City Council, proclaim May 7-13th, 2023 as **Affordable Housing Week**.