



Sammamish, Washington  
**Proclamation**  
**Affordable Housing Week**  
**May 7- 13, 2023**



- WHEREAS,** all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** 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”; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have found that each \$100 increase in median rent results in a 15% increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39% increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas; and
- WHEREAS,** in Washington State, there are only 29 affordable homes for every 100 low-income renter households; and
- WHEREAS,** Washington residents would need to earn \$30.46 an hour on average to afford a 2-bedroom rental home; and
- WHEREAS,** Washington has the 6th-highest housing cost in the country; and
- WHEREAS,** everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside on these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness has remained at crisis levels; and
- WHEREAS,** united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities in King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week activities to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Sammamish endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week and, in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community’s recovery from the crises at hand is equitable and that all people in Sammamish live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Sammamish does hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2023 as

**Affordable Housing Week**

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 Mayor Kali Clark

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 Date

