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HOUSING VISION

The Anchorage Assembly’s vision is that we have abundant and diverse housing opportunities to ensure that everyone who wants to live here can find a place to live that fits their preferences for budget, size, character, and location.

GOALS

1. Reduce experiences of homelessness to rare, brief and one time events
2. Increase housing supply to meet today’s and future needs
3. Create affordability in the home ownership and rental markets
4. Incentivize diversity of housing types to enable choice and mobility – no matter their income, workers can live near their jobs, elders can age here, and young people can build lives here

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Create opportunity:** ensure opportunities for home purchases for people who aren’t rich, develop non-traditional housing for purchase at lower costs to allow first-time homebuyers to enter the housing market and build equity, and increase rental units across the municipality
- **Grow our economy:** Leverage housing development in downtown and established neighborhood centers to drive citywide economic growth
- **Protect public health:** develop supportive and low-barrier housing for people with behavioral, mental and physical health needs, and for people transitioning out of unstable housing or camps
- **Develop the housing continuum:** increase availability of small units for 1-2 person households to encourage downsizing and first-time home purchases
- **Support families:** create diversity in housing types to enable families to expand and enable multi-generational families to live together – in neighborhoods they can afford
- **Make it easy to build:** streamline and simplify processes to make it easier to renovate and build while maintaining high quality and safety standards; empower property owners and start-up developers to more easily do one-time or small-scale projects



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HOW WILL THE ASSEMBLY ACCOMPLISH THIS WORK?

DEVELOP INCENTIVES

Identify new opportunities for housing development incentives and ensure access and use of existing incentives

REDUCE BARRIERS

Streamline regulations and foster an environment of cooperation and collaboration between the public and private sectors

REFORM ZONING

Address residential zoning & lot minimums, and reduce administrative burden and cost for more types of uses/development

FUNDING & CAPITAL

- Advocate for increased state and federal housing funding
- Make investments in local land trusts, utility and road connections and green development
- Reduce cost burden on residents

POLICY & PLANNING

- Take holistic approach to housing by addressing in a variety of Assembly committees
- Serve as a convener to bring municipal partners together to develop city-wide, system-wide solutions
- Improve public processes

