

Municipality of Anchorage Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission 2025 Annual Report

Executive Summary

In 2025, the HHAND Commission continued its transition from a rebuilding period into a phase focused on alignment, implementation, and clearer system coordination. Building on 2024's re-establishment of core functions, the Commission prioritized strengthening its advisory role to the Mayor and Assembly on housing, homelessness, and neighborhood development issues.

Throughout 2025, the Commission emphasized improved alignment with the Anchorage Continuum of Care (CoC), increased clarity in system roles, and stronger integration between housing policy, homelessness response, and community development.

Commission Purpose and Mandate

As outlined in Municipal Code AMC 4.60.265 and informed by its 2014 foundational goals, HHAND is charged with:

- Recommending long- and short-term strategies to increase access to affordable housing.
- Supporting the development of the HUD-required Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.
- Encouraging community participation in neighborhood revitalization efforts.
- Partnering with the Continuum of Care (CoC) to address homelessness.
- Advising the Mayor and Assembly on progress toward Anchorage's housing and homelessness goals.

2025 Key Activities and Highlights

Ongoing Policy and Program Updates

Regular updates were received from the Mayor's office, Municipal Departments, and partners to support informed recommendations. This included presentations outlining the

Mayor's strategic plan for housing, health, and homelessness, the 10,00- Homes in 10 Years initiative, a presentation from the Reconnecting Fairview project, presentations and discussion surrounding Designated Parking, and an overview of the newly launched Good Neighbor Fund.

Annual Action Plan and Funding Review

The Commission reviewed federal and local funding including CDBG, HOME, and ESG. The 2025 Action Plan was presented and reviewed by Commissioners, and the Anchored Home Plan was presented to the Commission.

Public Engagement and Transparency

Meetings remained open to the public with opportunities for comment. Commissioners also attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and presented on the work of the HHAND Commission and future partnerships.

Resolutions

2025-01 - A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT 24-HOUR OPERATIONS OF DESIGNATED PARKING

2025-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING, HOMELESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HHAND) SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS WITHIN THE MAYOR'S 10,000 HOMES IN 10 YEARS INITIATIVE

Key Themes from 2025 Meetings

- System Coordination: Need for clearer coordination across systems.
- Data and Accountability: Importance of consistent reporting.
- Housing Supply: Ongoing affordability challenges.
- Neighborhood Impact: Intersection of housing instability and community conditions.

Recommendations for 2026

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Looking Ahead

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Conclusion

The HHAND Commission's work reflects a continued shift toward greater alignment, clearer systems, and stronger collaboration.

We respectfully submit this report in service to our community and in support of a just, safe, and housed Anchorage.

Additional Resources:

- HHAND Commission Webpage: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/pages/hand.aspx>
- Anchored Home Plan: <https://aceh.org/anchored-home>
- Mayor's Homelessness and Health Strategy 2025: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Documents/Priorities/Homelessness%20and%20Health%20Strategy%202025.pdf>
- Mayor's 10K Homes Strategy: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Documents/Priorities/10K%20Homes%20IV.pdf>