

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES THAT WILL BE USED BY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION TO INFORM DECISIONS ON LONG TERM GOVERNANCE OF THE REVENUES COLLECTED THROUGH THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR HOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG.

WHEREAS, voters of the City of Ellensburg passed Proposition 1 in the November 7, 2017 general election, authorizing an additional sales and use tax of one tenth of one percent, as authorized by RCW 82.14.530, for affordable housing and related services described in the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Ellensburg City Council passed Ordinance 4799 establishing the Affordable Housing Commission as a formal citizen advisory committee on affordable housing issues; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 4799 added Chapter 1.86, entitled "Affordable Housing Commission," to the Ellensburg City Code, which establishes the creation and purpose of the Commission, appointment terms and member composition, organization and administration, and duties and responsibilities of the Affordable Housing Commission; and

WHEREAS, the following policies will be used by the Affordable Housing Commission to recommend funding allocations and inform decisions on long term governance of the revenues collected through the sales and use tax for housing and related services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ellensburg City Council hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Ellensburg City Council establishes the following affordable housing policies that will inform recommendations made by the Affordable Housing Commission:

- A. Affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs may only be provided to persons within any of the following population groups whose income is at or below sixty percent of the area median income of Kittitas County: persons with mental illness; veterans; senior citizens; homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children; unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults; persons with disabilities; or domestic violence survivors; and
- B. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that prioritize housing for those most in need as defined by a percentage of the Area Median Income of Kittitas County; and
- C. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that demonstrate the ability to retain affordability; and
- D. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that create diverse housing capacity by targeting market sectors with the lowest vacancy rates; and

E. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that demonstrate competitive costs relative to the number of units created consistent with the goals of the comprehensive plan;

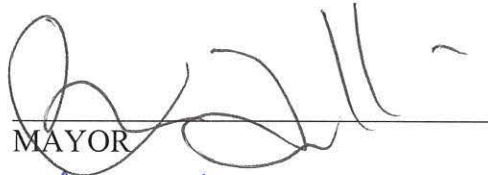
F. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that reflect City of Ellensburg design standards and promote sense of place and community;

G. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that support the opportunity for recipients to build equity or assets that help with overall financial stability;

H. Revenues should be invested in affordable housing and facilities providing housing related programs that are created throughout the community, and foster City engagement from all sectors of the housing development market – non-profits, housing authorities, and the for-profit private sector; and

I. Revenues collected shall be distributed based on the spending framework developed by the Ad Hoc Committee, and reviewed on an annual basis by the Affordable Housing Commission.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg on this 21st day of May, 2018.


MAYOR

Attest: 
City Clerk