



Draft Housing Crisis Resolution

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Overview

- Timeline
- Review Citizen Petition
- Elements of Draft Resolution
- Seeking Council Direction



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Housing Crisis Declaration



Timeline

- October 13, 2020
 - Citizen Petition received
- October 19, 2020
 - F.A.I.R item for consideration of a “Housing Crisis Emergency Resolution”
 - Unanimous support for moving forward
- November 24, 2020
 - Seeking Council’s direction on the draft Resolution

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Citizen’s Petition



The Growing Housing Crisis

Title of Issue:

“Flagstaff’s response to our local community’s long-term Housing Crisis”

Action Requested by Community:

“We request that Flagstaff City Council declare a Housing Crisis in the City of Flagstaff through Emergency Resolution. This action should be followed by the prioritization of housing as a focus of investment, action & support by the City.”

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Draft Housing Crisis Resolution




Why declare a housing crisis?


Affordable housing in Flagstaff has been a documented need for more than 50 years and **has reached crisis levels** in recent years.



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Recent Housing Data



Over the past 10 years, the median sales price of a home rose by 53%, while Area Median Income (AMI) rose by only 14%.

Cost of housing is 33.5% higher and the cost of living is 13.4% higher in Flagstaff compared to national averages.

54.6% of Flagstaff's workforce are considering leaving because of housing costs.



Source: US Census 2018 ACS, Council for Community and Economic Research first quarter 2020, ECoNA's Housing Attainability for the Flagstaff Workforce

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Recent Housing Data



49% of all Flagstaff households are low income.

22,373 Flagstaff community members are living in housing cost burdened households.

Over 689 unique individuals, are experiencing homelessness in our community, and of these individuals, 155 are chronically homeless



Source: Department of Housing & Urban Development, Coconino County Coordinated Entry Front Door

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Recent Importance of Housing and “Home”



Housing is healthcare

Individuals without stable housing are more vulnerable to poor health and communicable diseases.

Unhoused people have limited options for safe, sanitary shelter, making an effective response to the deadly virus extremely difficult.

Households with safe, decent and affordable homes are better able to find employment, perform better in school, and maintain improved health.



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Declaring a Housing Crisis



With this Resolution, Council & the City of Flagstaff declares

- A housing crisis exists within our City and region.
- Recognizes the need to make housing a leading priority for the organization and community.



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What does the Resolution do?






Within nine months a Housing Plan focused on housing development and preservation within the City for the next 10 years will be presented to Council.

The City of Flagstaff commits to its own City-wide prioritization of housing efforts, utilizing the Housing Plan described above, as the foundational framework for establishing work programs, prioritizing staff work and allocating necessary funding for its implementation.



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 **What does the Resolution do?** 


EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

The City of Flagstaff commits to continuing to further Federal and Arizona Fair Housing laws in all housing related services and programs.

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 **What does the Resolution do?** 


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Yes In My Backyard

The City of Flagstaff will create and implement a public outreach campaign to educate the community about the critical role affordable housing plays in a thriving community.

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What does the Resolution do?



Continue to lobby and support federal and state legislation to increase the amount of funding available for the preservation and construction of affordable housing.

Explore and support additional local funding resources for the creation of affordable housing units and expansion of programs to improve access to housing.



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What's Next?



Tonight - Seeking Council's direction on:

- The draft Resolution
- Timing of adoption
 - Does the Resolution come back before the new Council is sworn on December 15?



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Questions
Comments
Direction



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Declaring a Housing Crisis?

