



**TO:** Councilor Duson, Chair  
Members of the Housing Committee

**FROM** Victoria Volent, Housing Program Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Summary of Public Feedback on Housing Policy Proposals

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### **Introduction**

During the October 26, 2017 meeting of the Housing Committee, staff presented a feedback form consisting of eleven housing policy initiatives stemming from the 2016 “bucket list” of policy ideas gathered in 2016 during four public input meetings and a special community forum. In addition to citizen generated ideas, new policy proposals from staff and Mayor Strimling were also presented to the Housing Committee during their October 26 meeting.

A link to the feedback form was posted to the Housing and Community Development webpage. On that same page was a link to the 2017 Housing Report where the housing policy proposals were described in greater detail.

A total of forty-four public feedback responses were received during the period covering October 26 through November 8. These surveys were presented to the Housing Committee at their November 8, 2017 meeting. The on-line survey remained active for additional feedback through January 16, 2018. Between November 8 and January 16, three feedback responses were collected. Another request for public feedback has collected an additional fifty responses for a total of ninety-seven feedback responses as of February 2. The survey will remain active until February 6. Any additional comments will be provided to the Housing Committee at their February 7 meeting.

### **Summary**

The final sample size of ninety-seven citizens does not allow for statistical significance and results should be viewed accordingly. Participants provided feedback by answering yes or no to fifteen questions. Room was provided to allow for further comment beyond the original yes or no answer. When a participant did not complete a field, the phrase “field not completed” was noted instead. Twenty-seven additional comments not associated with any one policy initiative were also provided. Attached is a spreadsheet summarizing the feedback answers, and a summary of written comments associated with each policy initiative. This informal feedback

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was intended to help the Committee narrow down the list of housing policy initiatives to four or five topics. Staff would spend time doing additional research to formulate more detailed proposals for the Committee to deliberate on.