

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Discussion of Draft Code for 2021-2041 Housing Capacity Analysis Project

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Exhibits: A. Draft Council Bill

Attachments: 1. Draft Section 4.800: 2021-2041 Housing Capacity Analysis
2. Draft Appendix 51: Residential Buildable Land Inventory
3. Draft Appendix 52: Housing Capacity Analysis

This work session provides an opportunity for staff, the project consultants, and members of the Planning Commission to discuss the Draft 2021-2041 Housing Capacity Analysis Project Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Background

The Housing Capacity Analysis is required by the State as part of House Bill 2003 (HB 2003), passed by the State Legislature in 2019. HB 2003 was adopted to help communities meet the diverse housing needs of Oregonians and requires cities to study the future housing needs of its residents and develop strategies to encourage production of that needed housing.

HB 2003 requires that every six years, Gresham analyze what housing is needed for current and future residents for a 20-year period, and the city’s capacity for that housing to be built (this is the Housing Capacity Analysis, formally known as the Housing Needs Analysis). The bill also requires that Housing Capacity Analysis adopted after 2021 are followed by a Housing Production Strategy that lists specific actions the City can take to promote the development of the identified needed housing.

Gresham’s Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA) is required by the State to be completed prior to December 31, 2024. In 2020, the City of Gresham was awarded technical assistance through a DLCD-provided consultant (ECONorthwest) to complete the HCA project. The consultant, due to State budget cycles, must complete their work on the project by June 2021.

2021-2041 Housing Capacity Analysis

The 2021-2041 HCA findings will be incorporated into Volume 1 (Findings) and Volume 2 (Policy) of the Comprehensive Plan. The HCA provides information essential for current and future housing projects, including the Housing Production Strategy, the Middle Housing Project, Development Code update projects, and other housing policy decisions for the city.

