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DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY ISSUED

(Edmonds - WA) How the City of Edmonds can help meet housing needs is the subject of a draft housing strategy, just released. It is online at www.edmondshousingstrategy.org.

The draft strategy recognizes different levels of need, from people with very low-incomes to typical young families, seniors, and others who seek affordable housing and more housing choices.

It suggests ideas for the City to incentivize affordable housing, reduce some code barriers, dedicate resources, and partner with non-profit organizations. For example, a high priority is encouraging more housing near transit. The City has already begun some actions to encourage more affordable housing, such as planning for growth in the Highway 99 area.

Highlights of the draft strategy will be featured at an open house on May 21, 6:00 pm, at City Hall, 3rd floor Brackett Room. The open house kicks off the public review process.

On May 23, the Planning Board will have an introduction to the draft strategy. The Board will hold a public hearing on June 13.

After further review and possible changes, the draft strategy will come before the City Council later this summer. The Council will hold additional meetings, consider information and input, and decide what actions to take.

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