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DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY TO GET PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 13

If you were an elementary school teacher supporting a family of four and earning the average salary of \$62,000 per year, what housing can you find in Edmonds? Remember: with that income, you could afford monthly rent and utilities of about \$1,550, but the average rent for a three-bedroom apartment in Edmonds—if you can find it—is almost \$1700 per month, not including utilities. Housing has become harder to attain than ever.

A draft Housing Strategy has been prepared to recommend ways the City can help address housing issues. The strategy will be the subject of a Planning Board public hearing on June 13, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers (250 5th Avenue N.)

"Housing that's affordable for a wide range of people is an important challenge to our community's continued success," noted Planning Board Chair Nathan Monroe.

The draft Housing Strategy is posted online at the City's project website: <https://www.edmondshousingstrategy.org>. An early version of it was discussed at a public open house May 21.

The Planning Board's June 13 public hearing is one more way for people to learn about or comment on the proposed housing strategy. Said Moore, "The Planning Board is looking forward to reviewing a draft strategy that increases housing opportunities for a diverse range of household types."

After the hearing, the Planning Board may have one or more additional meetings to consider the draft strategy and make a recommendation to the City Council.

The draft Housing Strategy will continue through the public process and is likely to come before the City Council later this summer.

If the City Council adopts the strategy, including any changes, that means the City will begin to more specifically explore or implement key ideas in the strategy. Additional public process—and much more detail—would come at this follow-up stage.

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