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EDMONDS HOUSING COMMISSION EXTENDS LISTENING SESSIONS AND COMMUNITY SURVEY

Edmonds residents asked to weigh in on concepts big and small

(Edmonds, WA) The City of Edmonds launched an online open house and community survey two weeks ago to gather information from the public about the future of housing in Edmonds. The open house and survey are part of community outreach by the Edmonds Housing Commission to gather and organize community input on housing policy concepts from zoning to building design.

The response to the survey and open house has been strong, but the Housing Commission has decided to keep the survey and open house open longer to provide more time to respond.

The due date for the Housing Commission survey is being extended by one week. The new due date is August 16. To access the survey and [an online open house](#), go to: <https://www.citizenshousingcommission.org/>.

The Housing Commission is looking for community input on preliminary ideas that members are thinking about. The ideas are not final and simply reflect possible ways to address issues of affordability and housing options for all ages and family sizes.

In addition to the online survey, 600 paper copies of the survey have been distributed to a random sampling of city addresses. Postcards announcing the open house and survey link have been sent to an additional 3825 addresses. The intent with the paper surveys was to recognize that not everyone uses the internet as a main resource.

After getting public input on the preliminary ideas, the Commission will decide which ones they want to bring forward in some form as a policy recommendation to the City Council. In addition, the Housing Commission will work on a second round of policy ideas and seek input on those in the fall. After public

input on the second round, the Commission will decide which of those ideas to recommend for City Council consideration.

By the end of this year, the Commission's recommendations are due to the City Council. In 2021, the City Council will consider the recommendations and decide what actions to take.

The Edmonds Housing Commission is comprised of 15 members and seven alternates appointed last year to make recommendations for expanding the range of housing available in Edmonds. For more information, see the website: <https://www.citizenshousingcommission.org/>.

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