



Legislation Text

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Affordable Housing Workshop (B)

The City Commission has prioritized Housing Strategies as a top priority in the City's Strategic Plan. During recent Commission Meetings as well as several City Advisory Board meetings, research around different affordable housing strategies and actions have been discussed by our elected officials, staff and our neighbors. On March 17 City staff presented the "2022 Affordable Housing Framework" report to the City Commission. The report presented robust data on the current state of affordable housing in Gainesville, as well as indicated the programs and solutions currently available by the City and our local partners to address the affordable housing crisis.

On April 7, 2022 the City Commission approved two workshops be scheduled for May 9th and May 17th to discuss affordable housing topics, with a focus on public engagement at both events. On April 21, 2022 the City Commission approved an additional workshop to be hosted on May 21st, 2022 for further opportunity to engage more neighbors in this important topic. Due to unforeseen need to cancel the May 17 and May 21 Workshops, the City Commission approved two reschedule dates for June 1 and June 4 to host the workshops.

Staff have organized three workshops to bring the community together to learn about and discuss various potential solutions to affordable housing.

The Workshop on May 9th and June 4th will address several topics via breakout sessions, including but not limited to Community Land Trusts, Affordable Housing Preservation, First-time Homebuyer Programs, the City's Rental Housing Program, and more.

The Workshop on June 1st will focus most specifically on the topics of Inclusionary Zoning and Exclusionary Zoning.

Each workshop will include an introductory presentation, breakout sessions for engagement, and a final group discussion / neighbor comment sessions. Note takers will be present at each breakout session to assist with recording the feedback shared by neighbors.

Strategic Connection:

This item is connected to Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience

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Members of the City Commission are invited to attend and participate in the Affordable Housing Workshops and utilize the feedback shared by neighbors during the engagement sessions to inform next steps for the City regarding Affordable Housing policy and action strategies.