

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: January 6, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 8, 2020

Subject: Adoption of the Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020 for Little Canada, Resolution No. 2020-1

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn, Stat, § 473.254

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Resolution 2020-1 adopting the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account Affordable and Lifecycle Housing Goals adopted by the City of Little Canada to participate in the Livable Communities Act for calendar year 2020.

Background

According to the Livable Communities Act, a community must adopt affordable and life-cycle housing goals to be eligible to participate in the Livable Communities Act Program ("Program"). Communities establish their goals through a city council resolution and communicate their desire to participate in the Program to the Metropolitan Council by November 15 of any year. The City of Little Canada passed a resolution in November electing to participate. The statute also requires the Council to hold a public hearing before adopting the City's affordable and life-cycle housing goals. Council adoption of the City's goals must be accomplished by January 15 of the applicable funding year. The Council's Community Development Committee held a public hearing at their meeting on December 16, 2019. The public record was held open for ten days. No comments were received.

Rationale

As required, the City of Little Canada Resolution states it elects to participate in the Program. Council staff worked with City staff to establish affordable and life-cycle housing goals for the City, consistent with the formula for other communities participating in the Program. The public hearing and the Council's adoption of the City's affordable and lifecycle housing goals is a required part of the process.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The Livable Communities Act programs represent one of the Council's primary financial tools to promote and encourage development and redevelopment that advance the outcomes of Livability, Equity, and Prosperity.

Funding

Participation in the Livable Communities Act will allow Little Canada to apply for Livable Communities Act grants.

Known Support / Opposition

Council staff is not aware of any opposition.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AFFORDABLE AND LIFE-CYCLE HOUSING GOALS FOR THE CITY OF LITTLE CANADA WHICH ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL HOUSING INCENTIVES ACCOUNT PROGRAM UNDER THE METROPOLITAN LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (Minnesota Statutes sections 473.25 to 473.254) establishes a Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund, which is intended to address housing and other development issues facing the metropolitan area defined by Minnesota Statutes section 473.121; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund, comprising the Tax Base Revitalization Account, the Livable Communities Demonstration Account, the Local Housing Incentive Account, and the Inclusionary Housing account, is intended to provide certain funding and other assistance to metropolitan-area municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a metropolitan-area municipality is not eligible to receive grants or loans under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund or eligible to receive certain polluted sites cleanup funding from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development unless the municipality is participating in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program under Minnesota Statutes section 473.254; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act requires the Metropolitan Council to negotiate with each municipality to establish affordable and life-cycle housing goals for that municipality that are consistent with and promote the policies of the Metropolitan Council as provided in the adopted Metropolitan Development Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council must adopt, by resolution after a public hearing, the negotiated affordable and life-cycle housing goals for each participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, a metropolitan-area municipality that elects to participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program must do so by November 15 of any year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Canada adopted a resolution in November 2019 reflecting its intention to participate in Local Housing Incentives Account Program by the November 15 deadline stated in Minnesota Statutes section 473.254; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has negotiated affordable and life-cycle housing goals that are consistent with and promote the policies of the Metropolitan Council as provided in the adopted Metropolitan Development Guide, with the City of Little Canada, which is electing to participate in the Local Housing Incentive Account Program for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, the Metropolitan Council’s Community Development Committee held a public hearing on the negotiated affordable and life-cycle housing goals for the City of Little Canada and received no comments during the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Metropolitan Council adopt the affordable housing unit goal of **46-71** units and life-cycle housing unit goal of **71-154** units for the City of Little Canada for the period 2011 through 2020. These housing goals were adopted by the City of Little Canada, as part of its election to participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act.

Adopted this 8th day of January 2020.

Charles Zelle, Chair

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary