

# Business Item

Community Development Committee



Committee Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-341

Public Hearing for Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minn. Stat. § 473.254, Livable Communities Act
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Community Development/Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

No action. The public hearing to begin at 4:00 p.m.

### Background

The Livable Communities Act (LCA) (Minn. Stat. § 473.254) requires communities to adopt affordable and life-cycle housing goals to participate in the LCA programs. Communities electing to participate in the LCA Local Housing Incentives Account must establish their goals, by city council resolution, and communicate their desire to participate to the Metropolitan Council by November 15 of any year. While communities can choose to participate – or opt out of participation – in any calendar year, the calculation of goals is conducted on a decennial basis for alignment with other decennial measures such as forecasted household growth and share of future affordable housing need.

Between 2020-2023, a total of 77 cities adopted their affordable and life-cycle housing goals which were then adopted by the Council to complete the LCA enrollment process for 2021-2030 participation. This year, one additional city adopted its affordable and life-cycle housing goals for the 2021-2030 decade (see attachment 1). The Council is using the same goals methodology (Attachment 2) for the additional community enrollment for 2025-2030, using adopted 2021-2030 goals for newly participating communities.

The Livable Communities Act requires the Council to negotiate affordable and life-cycle housing goals with each municipality that elects to participate in the LCA Local Housing Incentives Account and that the Council must adopt by resolution, after a public hearing, the negotiated goals. A public hearing for 2021-2030 goals will be opened on December 2, 2024, along with a public comment period that will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2024. After the public comment period is closed, the Community Development Committee will vote to adopt 2021-2030 Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals for the purposes of Livable Communities Housing Incentives Account participation for the 2021-2030 decade, at its next meeting on December 16, 2025. Per statute, the Council must then adopt the goals no later than January 15, 2025.

### Rationale

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, Sustainability, Stewardship and Prosperity. The negotiated affordable and lifecycle housing goals for the newly participating city are consistent with how the goals were negotiated with the other participating communities.

### **Funding**

Participation in the Livable Communities Act will allow communities that have adopted affordable and life-cycle housing goals to apply for LCA grants.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: 2021-2030 LCA Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals for each Community Electing to Participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act

Attachment 2: 2021-2030 LCA Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals Methodology

