

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2018

Subject: Establish Public Hearing for LCA Affordable and Lifecycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers to receive comment on the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account (LCA LHIA) Affordable and Lifecycle Housing goals for 2011-2020 adopted by any community electing to participate in the LCA by November 15, 2018.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented the issue to the Committee, explaining that the statute requires the Council to hold a public hearing and adopt affordable and lifecycle housing goals when communities elect to participate in the Livable Communities Act programs. The City of Shakopee has elected to do so. Committee members asked questions about why Shakopee has asked to join at this time and whether the timing of the Livable Communities Act housing goals process would conflict with those cities that have requested extensions of the deadline for comprehensive plan updates. Burns explained that the City of Shakopee just decided to join the program, and that the comprehensive planning extension process would not conflict with the Livable Communities Act housing goals process. The Community Development Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed action.

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: September 17, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2018

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes § 473.254

Staff Prepared/Presented: Paul Burns, Manager, Livable Communities 651-602-1106

Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

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Background

The Livable Communities Act (LCA), Minnesota Statutes § 473.254, requires communities adopt affordable and life-cycle housing goals to participate in the LCA. Communities electing to participate in the LCA must establish their goals, by City Council resolution, and communicate their desire to participate to the Council by November 15 of any year.

The City of Shakopee has passed a resolution electing to participate in the LCA and adopting affordable and life-cycle housing goals for their community. The Council must hold a public hearing prior to adopting the new goals. This public hearing will cover Shakopee and any other community that submits a resolution by November 15 of this year.

Rationale

Minnesota Statutes § 473.254 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

Participation in the Livable Communities Act will allow Shakopee and any other community electing to participate to apply for LCA grants.

Known Support / Opposition

Staff is not aware of any opposition.