

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 23, 2019

Subject: Establish Public Hearing for Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing on December 16, 2019, at 4:00 P.M. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers to receive comment on the Livable Communities Act (LCA) Local Housing Incentives Account Affordable and Life-cycle Housing goals for 2011-2020 adopted by any community electing to participate in the LCA by November 15, 2019.

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. Staff have received inquiries from three communities, asking about the process, but have not received any formal requests yet. Under the statute, communities have until November 15 to submit a resolution electing to participate in the LCA and adopting affordable and life-cycle housing goals for the current goals period. Due to public notice requirements, staff is recommending scheduling a public hearing in case any community submits a resolution by the November 15 deadline. The Committee had no questions. The Community Development Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed action.

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: October 7, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 23, 2019

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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.

Staff has heard from two communities thinking about becoming participating communities. The Council must hold a public hearing prior to adopting the new goals. This action is being proposed at this time in order to meet public notice requirements. This public hearing will cover any community submitting 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 any community electing to participate to apply for LCA grants.

Known Support / Opposition

Staff is not aware of any opposition.