

## CITY OF LARAMIE COUNCIL WORK SESSION June 22, 2021



**Agenda Item: Presentation**

**Title: Laramie Housing**

### **Recommended Council MOTION:**

No action required for work session items.

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### **Administrative or Policy Goal:**

Council Goal: A-Milestone #1 – Continue execution of the *Thrive! Economic Development Plan* with Partner Entities and Review and Re-boot the Plan as necessary to reflect the Post-Pandemic Economy.

Council Goal: A-Milestone #3 – Review results of *Development Code Audit* & Consider revision as may be needed to facilitate growth and development while also preserving the community high standards.

Council Goal: A-Milestone #4 – Review methods for improving resident housing options, including but not limited to Land Banking, Setback Requirements,/Density, In-Fill Development Standards, and Rental Inspection /Licensing.

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### **Background:**

Housing is an extremely important aspect in every community and the housing “health” of a community can positively or negatively impact it. With Albany County being No. 1 in the state for people spending more than half their income on housing, housing has been a topic of discussion for Laramie residents and elected officials.

Over the years the City has noted housing as an issue within plans and completed studies including the following.

- 2007 Comprehensive Plan
- 2013 Turner Tract Plan
- 2011 Downtown Development Plan
- 2015 Laramie Housing Study: 2030
- 2018 Albany County Housing Report
- 2019 North 4<sup>th</sup> Redevelopment Plan
- 2020 Thrive Laramie Community and Economic Development Action Strategy
- 2020 Thrive Laramie Housing (Community Engagement Summary, Laramie Housing Strategy 2020 and 2020 Laramie Code Audit)

Staff anticipates using this work session to introduce and re-engage the Council related to housing issues and topics for Laramie. The presentation will provide an overview of Laramie’s housing “health” and then address more recent planning efforts related to housing. Because of the complexity of the housing topic for Laramie, future meetings with Council and Planning

Commission will be needed to fully consider the housing topic and provide necessary direction to staff on how to proceed with addressing Laramie’s housing needs.

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Future dates are subject to change

Work Session	
Advertised	
Public Hearing Held	
Public Hearing Advertised	
Introduction/1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	

Attachments:

Public Comment – James Johnson – 6-12-2021