



City Council Referral Request

Tracking Number 2023-53 Date of Referral 12/5/2023 Requester CM Cooper
(Provided by Susan) _____

- Referral To
- Study Session
 - Staff
 - Community Livability & Public Safety
 - Land Use & Environment Committee
 - Work Session
 - Committee of the Chairs
 - Finance Committee
 - Advisory Committee *Choose from Dropdown*

Problem Statement

A clear concise description of the issue(s) that need(s) to be addressed.

Housing policy in Washington state is advancing rapidly, sometimes through initiative. It is imperative for Olympia to understand the current landscape of housing policy so that we may better serve our residents. In 2023 Tacoma and Bellingham are passing initiatives containing significant housing policy. In Tacoma, [Measure 1](#) sets up new [landlord tenant laws](#); while in Bellingham [Initiative 2023-02](#) establishes a [rental relocation assistance program](#).

Request

What is being requested to assist in addressing the issue described in the problem statement?

Request that staff conduct a side-by-side comparison of the above-mentioned initiatives and current city policy. This review should also consider areas of city policy that are under discussion (not yet enacted) and how they compare to these initiatives.

Relationship to City Business or Proposed City Business/Services

Describe how this will enhance what is already offered and/or what it will provide that is not currently available. Why is this the City's issue to address? How will this create a more adaptive and resilient organization? How will this enhance the City's work to further equity, climate, and social justice?

This analysis will allow the City to better understand current housing policy landscape in other jurisdictions as it continues to build new policy packages to address the housing crisis.

Connection to Comprehensive Plan

Choose all that apply.

- Public Health and Safety**
A safe and welcoming Community; reliable and responsive emergency services; a safe and reliable water supply; public Infrastructure in the City is well-maintained; adequate food and shelter
- Community Livability**
A commitment to a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community; access to affordable and stable housing; a safe transportation system with options for everyone; recreation opportunities for everyone; Connections to our culture and history
- Downtown**
Vibrant, attractive urban destination; a safe and welcoming downtown for all; a mix of urban housing options; a variety of businesses; connections to our cultural & historic fabric; engaging arts & entertainment experience
- Economy**
Abundant local products and services; a thriving arts and entertainment industry; sustainable quality infrastructure; a stable thriving economy
- Environment**
Clean water & air; a daily connection to nature; preserved quality natural areas; a toxin-free community; a waste free culture

Neighborhoods

Distinctive places & gathering spaces; nearby goods & services; neighborhoods that are engaged in community decision making; safe and welcoming places to live

Options

Describe proposed options for moving the idea or issue forward for the meeting body to consider.

Request that staff bring review and observations to Land Use and Environment Committee for consideration, under an appropriate agenda item.

Timing

Is this issue time sensitive, are there other timing factors to consider?

To be completed in the first quarter of 2024

Supporting Documentation (Work Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Parks Plan, etc)

Are there documents that support your request or that should be considered?

Links included in problem statement.

Olympia Housing Action Plan:

Strategy 2.a (Identify and implement appropriate tenant protections that improve household stability)

Councilmember Signatures

Two Councilmembers must support the request including the Chair of the Committee of referral. (Cannot be a committee quorum unless discussed at an open public meeting of the committee.)

Councilmember Cooper

 Sponsoring Councilmember

Mayor Pro Tem Gilman

1. _____
 Councilmember
 Councilmember Madrone
2. _____
 Councilmember

Staff Supplement

Staff will review the request to generate administrative impacts to be considered as part of proposal (staff to initial after their review):

Budget Impacts: Click or tap here to enter text.

Legal Review (to include regulatory authority): Click or tap here to enter text.

Policy implications: Click or tap here to enter text.

Implementation Considerations: Click or tap here to enter text.

Staff Liaison: Click or tap here to enter text.