

Fairview Community Council

Resolution No. 14- 06

A Resolution regarding housing policies within the Fairview Community Council and Urban Core areas

Whereas, the Fairview Community Council has engaged in public discussion of housing issues and policies as part of the Neighborhood Plan process, and

Whereas, the public discussion included an Urban Housing Workshop with recommendations that were incorporated into the Neighborhood Plan, and

Whereas, the Fairview Community Council area has one of the cities lowest rates for owner-occupied housing and highest rates for institutional and public housing, and

Whereas, the Fairview Council area has a significant percentage of multi-family, investor-owned rental properties which historically have contributed to high transiency rates within the neighborhood, and

Whereas, there is a documented need for "workforce" housing geared toward the growing retail and hospitality industries within the urban core, and

Whereas, the Council encourages the public/private sectors to develop sufficient market-rate housing to achieve balance between different housing segments in the Fairview area, and

Whereas, the Council strongly supports the ability of residents of all income levels to find housing they can afford within the Fairview area, and

Whereas, the Fairview Neighborhood Plan supports the goals of the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan through strategic alignment of mixed-use and density objectives, and

Whereas, the Fairview Community Council supports efforts to address the housing needs of the urban core through revitalization of the Gambell Street Corridor including pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development, and

Whereas, the Council encourages full and active participation by housing authorities, non-profits and market sector investors in a cooperative partnership for advancing the goals of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan, and

Whereas, the Council recognizes the importance of owner-occupied housing in maintaining a strong civic spirit and vested constituency for community pride and advocacy, and

Whereas, the Council acknowledges the reality that people do not confine themselves to artificial administrative boundaries for purposes of shopping, recreating or employment and that development within walking distance of our neighborhood center can influence successful implementation of the Neighborhood Plan,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Fairview Community Council wishes to express a sense of support for initiatives to increase the amount of owner-occupied housing units within the urban core, and

Therefore, Be It Also Resolved that support is given to thoughtful mixed-use development efforts consistent with the goals, strategies and objectives outlined in the Fairview Neighborhood Plan, and

Therefore, Be It Also Resolved that support is given to implementation of the Anchorage 2020 land-use plan map that calls for higher density development west of Ingra Street with special allowances for pockets of lower density reflecting traditional housing patterns, and

Therefore, Be it Also Resolved that the Council requests support from all of its partners in advancing implementation of the Neighborhood Plan through creation of a Fairview Overlay Zone which will provide greater clarity, reduce uncertainty and give sound guidance for addressing the scale, type and location of different housing segments within the Fairview Council area, and

Therefore, Be It Also Resolved that support is given to well-designed, winter-wise projects outside the boundaries of the Fairview Community Council but whose residents and visitors would contribute to the successful revitalization of our part of town.

___ Approved ___ Disapproved this ___ day of ___, 2014 by a vote of

___ Ayes, ___ Nays, ___ Abstentions

Attested to by ___, President, Fairview Community Council