

Draft Housing Policies and Strategies 11.30.17

P1: Increase density in and around the designated Core Investment Areas.

S1: Promote infill development with a mix of densities appropriate to the context of the surrounding neighborhood.

S2: Encourage and incentivize live/work opportunities.

S3: Explore opportunities to increase amenities to create livable and walkable neighborhoods.

S4: Focus on creative housing options of a non-traditional neighborhood design, such as homeownership through dense attached or detached single family housing development fronting a pedestrianized street.

P2: Provide affordable, attainable housing opportunities.

S1: Establish new parameters and a framework for communication and collaboration for financing new rental housing and additional homeownership in the community.

S2: Align funding, resources, and zoning to implement Reinvestment Area goals.

S3: Develop a cost-effective housing replacement and reinvestment strategy that includes a variety of housing types that encourage homeownership.

S4: Catalogue available lots and develop a schedule for development phasing. Bring new development sites online only as existing lots are finally developed.

S5: Foster opportunities for creative housing types and concepts, including tiny houses, townhomes, housing for individuals in Duluth on a temporary basis, and passive energy homes.

S6: Continue to adjust applicable UDC criteria for housing development to encourage innovation and to simplify and accelerate the development process.

P3: Prioritize inclusive housing policies to reflect the city's social, cultural, economic, and historic diversity and development patterns.

S1: Plan for a mix of housing types in all neighborhoods, available to a variety of income levels, including a prioritization for housing with ADA accessible design.

S2: Actively enforce anti-discrimination laws and act to promote fair housing practices.

S3: Promote housing and neighborhood design that encourages safety, interaction between neighbors, fosters a sense of community, and reduces social isolation.

P4: Improve the quality of the city's housing stock and neighborhoods.

S1: Reduce slum and blight conditions by promptly addressing vacant structures, strategically razing blighted buildings, and promoting the use of high quality materials in new construction.

S2: Promote and curb appeal of neighborhoods, with consideration of elements such as lighting, trees and boulevards, streets and sidewalks, and well-maintained structures.

S3: Continue to expand enforcement of the adopted housing and property maintenance codes, with a focus on rental housing.

S4: Encourage healthy and safe housing that provides high indoor air quality, noise protection, and is free of hazardous materials and conditions.

P5: Expand the cohesiveness of "One Duluth" by expanding a variety of housing opportunities throughout the city while maintaining unique community characteristics within distinct individual neighborhoods.

S1: Proceed with implementation of neighborhood plans and other neighborhood initiatives previously adopted.

S2: Continue collaboration between neighborhoods and the Duluth Police Department using the community policing model to enhance safety within the community.

S3: Support platforms, whether physical and public or private, electronic, institutional that encourage neighborhood events, activities, and communication.

S4: Expand opportunities for temporary and permanent installations of art of all types in neighborhoods.