

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND ENCOURAGING THE PURSUIT OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO STABLE, SECURE, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS AND TO REDUCE AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS IN OKLAHOMA CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, City Council approved funding for a series of studies to be managed by the City's Planning Department that analyzed needs, identified barriers, and recommended solutions to address housing affordability and homelessness in Oklahoma City; and

**WHEREAS**, these studies included the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), Strategies to Address Homelessness in Oklahoma City, Housing Market Study (HMS), and Housing Affordability Study (HAS), all of which included a range of recommendations, many of which built upon each other or were consistent in nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oklahoma City ("City") hired the consultant, Economic and Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) to complete the HMS and HAS, which included a statistically valid community housing survey, comprehensive analysis of affordable housing inventory and supply and demand, and the extent of affordability for households earning at various income levels in Oklahoma City; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAS outlined a series of strategies and recommendations aimed at increasing the affordability of housing for low income and workforce earners, and, among other recommendations, outlined the need for a coordinated effort across partners, leaders, agencies and stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2023, City Council approved funding for the creation of a Housing Affordability Implementation Plan (HAIP) to articulate housing policy objectives, identify priorities and funding sources, define partner roles and responsibilities, and provide a timeline for implementation based on technical, financial, and policy feasibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the selected consultant, EPS, conducted numerous interviews, council briefings, presentations and work sessions with leadership, partners, elected officials, stakeholders and staff concluding in October 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the completed HAIP, referenced herein in **Attachment A**, is a culmination of prior analyses and subject matter expertise from the city's primary housing agencies and partners, providing strategies and priorities to accomplish the following objectives:

- Increase the inventory and diversity of affordable rental units, including housing for those with special needs;
- Preserve the long-term affordability and habitability of new and existing housing;
- Increase Household and Shelter Supportive Services, such as financial literacy, counseling and tenant rights;
- Support opportunities to obtain and sustain affordable homeownership;
- Refine development incentives and expand funding sources and partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, the strategies, programs and tools recommended in the HAIP and related studies propose a multifaceted approach to increasing affordable housing options while also supporting residents' ability to remain in existing housing; and

**WHEREAS**, background and statistics about the issues impacting housing instability and homelessness target efforts to reduce evictions in our community, such as strengthening tenant protection laws and supporting programs such as Early Settlement Mediation, Tenant Right to Counsel, and Tenant Assistance and Support Programs that offer rent payment for those facing hardships due to circumstances beyond their control; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAIP strategies seek a balanced approach in utilizing resources from the private development sector, the philanthropic community, and local, regional and federal government to reach shared goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAIP will be launched cooperatively with the leaders and partners that participate in the Oklahoma City housing community in support of the objectives noted above.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Oklahoma City that:

- 1) the Housing Affordability Implementation Plan as referenced herein as **Attachment A** is hereby received; and
- 2) the City and community partners are encouraged to pursue recommended actions, which are designed to improve access to stable, secure, and affordable housing options and to reduce and prevent homelessness in Oklahoma City.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma  
City this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

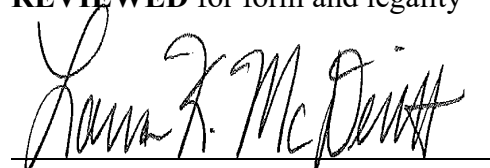
**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY**

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City Clerk

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Mayor

**REVIEWED** for form and legality

  
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Assistant Municipal Counselor