



PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 20-05

A Resolution requesting the Everett Planning Commission and City Council Prepare a Single-Family Housing Action Plan for the City of Everett.

Whereas, Home ownership is a cornerstone for building the wealth for a family and a community.

Whereas, Single family zoning is the most prevalent land use for housing in the city of Everett.

Whereas, Mayor Franklin has issued a directive on unity, equity, and addressing racism that seeks to improve inclusion, equity, and a culture of anti-racism, to foster engagement and mutual understanding with Black, Indigenous, people of color communities as well as other marginalized communities and address inequities and bias in city systems.

Whereas, for decades racial covenants written into deeds were legal and expressly forbid ownership by non-white people of houses in communities across the country. This including communities here in the Pacific Northwest built in the early 20th century by the South Seattle Land Company, Puget Mill Company, and others.

Whereas, the FHA would not lend to banks or developers who did not abide by their racial ownership restrictions.

Whereas, new deal housing assistance, veterans housing assistance expressly excluded black people from eligibility.

Whereas, there is a well-documented history of violence against people of color moving into all white neighborhoods.

Whereas, this access to wealth building tools, such as home ownership, have had secondary and tertiary affects in communities that have created structural disadvantages and barriers to equitable outcomes.

Whereas, the families in the United States are suffering under economic obstacles caused by the extreme concentration of wealth.

Whereas, the mortgage defaults caused by the 2008 financial crisis saw one of the largest transfers and concentrations of assets in a generation from individuals to financial institutions and wealthy individuals.

Whereas, communities of color saw disproportionately high foreclosure rates in the 2008 financial crisis.

Whereas, the city of Everett stands on the precipice of another recession or possible depression that will result in the deleterious impacts seen from the 2008 collapse.

Whereas, economists estimate that economic growth since 2008 was constrained by 10% due to housing policy resulting in insufficient housing stock.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EVERETT THAT THE CITY OF EVERETT WILL:

1. Rethink the building types, land use patterns, and density found in single family zoning.
2. Rethink the scope and pervasiveness of single-family zoning in the city of Everett
3. Establish a set of system and community level goals which housing policy is supposed to achieve as well as develop measures of effectiveness and measures of performance.
4. Conduct this goal setting and rethinking process in a transparent and equitable manner that includes meaningful outreach to and input from communities that have been traditionally excluded from home ownership, by redlining and unfair housing practices.
5. Complete this process before the end of calendar year December 2021 and have an effective date on the polices of June 2022.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

For:

Against:

Absent:

Abstain: