The City of Orange is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element. This Fact Sheet provides information about the Housing Element and the City’s update process.

What is a Housing Element?
The Housing Element is a chapter of the City’s General Plan. It is a policy document initiated by the City that identifies policies and programs to meet existing and projected future housing needs for all economic segments of Orange residents. The 2021-2029 Housing Element identifies specific actions to address local housing needs.

Key Features of the 2021-2029 Housing Element:
• Population and housing characteristics of Orange
• Evaluation of housing constraints and resources
• Evaluation of existing housing programs and policies
• Identification of sites to accommodate housing at all income levels
• Policies, programs & quantified objectives

What is the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)?
The RHNA process is required by State law to quantify projected future housing need at various income levels within a community. The RHNA process informs the City of Orange planning processes by identifying future housing need resulting from projected growth in population, employment and households. For the 2021-2029 planning period, the City of Orange is allocated a number of housing units to accommodate this growth by income category. The Housing Element must identify sites that have the potential to accommodate projected future growth.

2021 - 2029 City of Orange Draft RHNA Housing Needs Allocation

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<th>Income Category</th>
<th>% of Median Family Income</th>
<th>Income Range¹</th>
<th>RHNA Allocation (Housing Units)</th>
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<td>Very Low Income</td>
<td>0 – 50% MFI</td>
<td>$51,500</td>
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Total: 3,927 units

Notes: ¹ Income range is based on the 2020 HUD Median Family Income (MFI) for Orange County of $103,000.
Why is the City Updating the Housing Element?
The City of Orange is required by State law to update its Housing Element every eight years. The current adopted Housing Element covers the 2013-2021 planning period. The City is now planning for the 2021-2029 planning period.

Importance of Updating the Housing Element:
• Allows the City to plan for the housing needs of the community
• Demonstrates the ability to meet future housing growth needs
• Allows the community to participate in the planning process
• Allows the City to be eligible for some State grants and funding sources
• Ensures the City complies with State housing law

What is Included in the Update Process?
The update process includes a variety of analyses, as well as multiple activities and opportunities for the Orange community to be involved.
Key features include:
• Opportunities, both virtually and in-person, for community participation
• Comprehensive review of demographics in the community
• Identification of housing sites to meet the City’s projected housing need
• Hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council

How Can You Participate in the Update Process?
An online Community Survey will be available on the City’s website that will allow residents to provide the City with comments, preferences, and additional feedback. The City anticipates hosting a virtual workshop in Summer 2020 and Community Workshop in Spring of 2021 to provide the public with an additional opportunity for input prior to the completion of the Housing Element update. There will also be Planning Commission and City Council hearings which will be open to the public in 2021.

Please visit the Housing Element Update page on the City’s website (https://www.cityoforange.org/1956/Housing-Element-Update) for the most up-to-date information.

Schedule:
• **Community Survey** – Summer 2020
• **Stakeholder Study Session** – Fall 2020
• **City Council Briefing Sessions** – Winter 2021
• **Public Review Draft** – Spring 2021
• **Community Workshop** - Late Spring 2021
• **Planning Commission Hearing** – Summer 2021
• **City Council Hearing** – Late Summer 2021

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