



Seattle City Council

Central Staff - Memorandum

Date: September 14, 2015

To: Select Committee on Housing Affordability

From: Traci Ratzliff, Council Central Staff

Subject: Resolution 31609 – Housing Strategies Work Plan

The Select Committee on Housing Affordability will discuss Resolution 31609 at the upcoming September 18th meeting. This resolution was initially discussed at the August 10th committee meeting and was introduced on August 17th. This resolution:

- Establishes the City's affordable housing objectives that will be accomplished through implementation of strategies recommended by the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) Committee;
- Sets out a broad multi-year work program for implementing a number of the strategies forwarded by the HALA Committee;
- Requests state-level approval of a number of the strategies;
- Sets out specific housing goals to be achieved through implementation of the strategies by December 2025
 - 20,000 net new rent- and income-restricted housing units with at least 75% of these units affordable to households earning 0-60% of median income; and
 - 30,000 net new market rate housing units; and
- Requests the Executive to set up an annual process for tracking and reporting on progress in achieving such goals.

Councilmember O'Brien is proposing several amendments to Attachment A to the Resolution. These include the following:

- Provide specifics on the types of changes that will be considered as it relates to attached accessory dwelling units, including: (1) potential elimination or waiver of parking requirements; (2) potential elimination of owner-occupancy requirements; (3) allowing multiple accessory dwelling units on one lot; and (4) increasing the number of unrelated persons who can collectively reside in principal and accessory dwelling units on one lot (**Strategy h**).
- Add a new strategy entitled "Adaptation of Single Family " and description of the potential change Council will consider that would allow existing houses to be converted into multiple housing units (**Strategy i**).

A copy of the Resolution and Attachment A with the proposed amendments are attached to this memo, for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter. I can be reached at 4-8153.

Attachment: Resolution 31609 and Attachment A