

APPENDIX A - MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Passed Unanimously by the Layton City Council on November 1, 2018

WHEREAS, Utah's population growth is among the highest in the nation, the result of a strong economy, larger family sizes and high quality life measures; and

WHEREAS, as the population increases the developable land in Utah's most populated valleys is correspondingly diminishing; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the University of Utah has shown that for the first time in 40 years Utah has had more new households than new housing units provided, resulting in a housing shortage that is contributing to increasing housing costs, challenging many Utah families to meet their housing needs; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 this housing shortage is estimated to be above 50,000 units and growing each year, even as Utah led the nation, percentage wise, in housing construction last year; and

WHEREAS, "Housing affordability" means the ability of a household to occupy a housing unit paying no more than 30% of the household's income for gross housing costs, including utilities; and

WHEREAS, the current affordable housing deficit in Utah is concentrated in households with incomes below the median income, impacting a number of Utah families; and

WHEREAS, accommodating a significant portion of Utah's population growth in proximity to employment opportunities allows people to live closer to work, reduce air pollution, reduce household transportation costs, slow the increase of infrastructure costs, and improve the quality of life for Utah's residents; and

WHEREAS, cities that adopt measures encouraging and supporting housing affordability will improve the overall prosperity, not only for their cities, but for the region and state; and

WHEREAS, being mindful of regulations and fees for all types of housing is one portion of the process to improve housing affordability, while maintaining Utah's premier business climate; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Chamber's Housing GAP Coalition is working with local governments to maintain awareness about the choices to promote and increase housing affordability, preserve our strong economy and protect the quality of life in the face of rapid growth; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF LAYTON, UTAH:

1. Layton City, together with other Utah local governments and community stakeholders are committed to facilitate that housing affordability is attainable for Utah residents, and the City will continue to implement various smart growth strategies to promote and maintain housing affordability.
2. The City has adopted and will continue to implement measures that are designed to:
 - A. Recognize barriers, ensure the proper application of impact and permit fees, and to provide for all housing types and housing opportunity for all incomes and life stages;
 - B. Continue to review practices, including zoning and other potential impacts that would impact housing affordability;
 - C. Continue to plan and allow housing opportunities near employment centers, public transportation, and other amenities;
 - D. Maintain its awareness and understanding of the housing affordability needs of our City, region and state;
 - E. Be cognizant of the opportunity to coordinate regionally regarding local land use decisions;
 - F. Continue to align housing, infrastructure, and economic development efforts; and
 - G. Promote collaboration with other communities, elected officials, and stakeholders on additional solutions,

Toward these ends, the City will continue to review and, as needed, update its general plan, and accommodate the 2018 moderate income housing legislation, and take other steps as appropriate.