



City Council Staff Report

Subject: 2021-2029 Housing Element - Minor Text Modifications / General Plan Amendment, GPA2025-0002

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Recommendation:

Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider the Following Action:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving a General Plan Amendment for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Program 10 – Minor Text Modifications (GPA2025-0002).

Background:

Proposal/Application Request:

The project proposes to amend the General Plan's 2021-2029 Housing Element to incorporate two minor text modifications recommended by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to clarify and complete the City's 2025 modifications to the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

Summary of Planning Commission Hearing and Action:

On October 7, 2025, the Planning Commission (Commission) reviewed the proposed project. Staff presented the project details, and there were no questions of staff. The Commission opened the public hearing; there were no speakers from the public providing comments on the project. The Commission closed the public hearing and stated that they support the changes.

The Commission voted 4-0 (one absent) to recommend approval of the project to the City Council.

Background:

On August 26, 2025, the Rocklin City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-191, approving a General Plan Amendment for the 2021–2029 Housing Element Program 10 – Alternative Sites, adding them to the City's inventory of sites for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process (GPA2025-0001).

On September 26, 2025, staff received a letter from HCD confirming that the City's Housing

Element had been recertified. The letter is provided as Attachment 3.

Following additional conversations with HCD, staff identified two additional minor General Plan text changes that will help to further clarify and explain the recently approved changes made to the Housing Element (GPA2025-0001). While these revisions are not considered substantial enough to delay recertification by HCD, staff is promptly following through with incorporating the suggested revisions, at the discretion of decisionmakers.

Discussion:

The recommended changes to the Housing Element are as follows:

1. Housing Element Table 7-46
Added a new “Estimated Completion Date” column to reflect completed or projected completion dates for approved projects. Data has been included for Terracina at Whitney Ranch, Sierra College Senior Apartments, Pacific Street Apartments, and University Avenue Apartments.
2. Chapter 7-2, Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)
Modified chapter to include text to clarify that staff found the approved Alternative RHNA Sites to be substantially consistent with the existing sites’ distribution, as there is limited undeveloped residential land within the City of Rocklin limits, and that the alternative sites identified are distributed in substantially similar areas and circumstances as the previously approved sites.

These proposed revisions are identified within the text attached as Exhibit A (Attachment 2) of the recommended General Plan Resolution. No additional changes are proposed, and no sites are being modified with this proposal.

Environmental Analysis:

On August 26, 2025, the Rocklin City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-190, approving the August 2025 Addendum to the 2012 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Statutory Exemption for the 2021–2029 Housing Element Program 10 – Alternative Sites, adding them to the Approved Inventory of Sites for the RHNA project (ENV2025-0009).

The modifications described above are consistent with this approval, and no additional environmental review is required.

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission and staff recommend that the City Council approve a resolution for a General Plan Amendment to provide minor text clarifications for the 2025 modifications to the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A](#)
3. [HCD Recertification Letter](#)