

2021 - 2029 GARDEN GROVE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE



The City of Garden Grove is updating the Housing Element to identify housing needs and goals for the 2021-2029 planning period.

WHAT IS A HOUSING ELEMENT?

In California, cities are required to develop a general plan, a blueprint for future developments, housing policies, zoning regulations, and more. Like a book, the general plan consists of chapters, which are called elements. The Housing Element is one of 11 components, and it must be updated every eight years and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Key features of the Housing Element:

- Population and housing profile
- Evaluation of housing constraints and resources
- Evaluation of existing programs and policies
- Analysis of sites appropriate for housing
- Develop policies, programs, and quantified objectives

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA)?

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a process performed periodically as part of the Housing Element and general plan updates at the local level. The RHNA quantifies the need for housing by income group within each jurisdiction during specific planning periods. The RHNA is used in land-use planning, to prioritize local resource allocation and to help decide how to address existing and future housing needs.

The City of Garden Grove's RHNA allocation for the 2021-2029 planning period is 19,124 units, which is broken down by income group. *See chart below.*

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE 2021-2029 RHNA HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

INCOME GROUP	% OF MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	INCOME RANGE (4-PERSON HOUSEHOLD)	CURRENT 2014-2021 5 TH CYCLE RHNA ALLOCATION (HOUSING UNITS)	PROPOSED 2021-2029 6 TH CYCLE RHNA ALLOCATION (HOUSING UNITS)
Very-Low Income	<50% of AMI	\$0 - \$44,880	164	4,154
Low Income	50-80% of AMI	\$44,881 - \$71,807	120	2,795
Moderate Income	81-120% of AMI	\$71,808 - \$107,711	135	3,204
Above-Moderate Income	>120% of AMI	\$107,712+	328	8,970
Total			747	19,124

*AMI: Area Median Income



WHY IS THE CITY UPDATING THE HOUSING ELEMENT?

The updates are required because housing ensures economic prosperity and quality of life. The revised Housing Element must be adopted by the Garden Grove City Council no later than October 2021, or the City could lose its eligibility for funding and resources currently provided by the state.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UPDATE THE HOUSING ELEMENT?

- Ensures the City complies with state laws
- Allows the City to become eligible for state funding and grants
- Demonstrates the ability to meet future housing growth needs
- Allows the community to engage in the planning process

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE?

The success of the Housing Element update requires extensive community engagement and input. There will be multiple opportunities to participate throughout the planning process:

- Join the email list at ggcity.org/housing-element
- Join meetings (see schedule below)
- Complete a community survey

Please visit the “Get Involved” portal at ggcity.org/housing-element for details.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE SCHEDULE

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and stay consistent with the state and county stay-at-home orders, the City is exploring various options for engaging the community safely.

Below are meeting and survey dates.

Please visit ggcity.org/housing-element for more details and meeting times.

First Community Online Survey	Virtual Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations	Joint PC/NICC Meeting Study Session	Second Community Online Survey	Virtual Community Meeting	Planning Commission Study Session	City Council Study Session	City Council Public Hearing
Aug 31, 2020- Sept 25, 2020	Sept 3, 2020	Sept 17, 2020	Oct 19, 2020- Nov 5, 2020 (Tentative)	Nov 4, 2020	Nov 19, 2020	Nov 24, 2020	Dec 8, 2020

*PC/NICC: Planning Commission/Neighborhood Improvement Conservation Commission

Please visit ggcity.org/housing-element for details or contact the Planning Division at (714) 741-5312 or planning@ggcity.org.



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