



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A FINAL 2023-2031 Housing Element for the City of McFarland

This notice advises members of the public that the City of McFarland's revised draft 6th Cycle Housing Element (2023 to 2031) is available for review and submission to the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) for the State's statutory review, comments, and ultimately certification.

Please respond within 7 days of this notice if you have any. Please send your response to: Brianahi De Leon, Senior City Planner, bdeleon@mcfarlandcity.org

Notice Information

Notice Date: January 22, 2025

Response Deadline: January 29, 2025

Locations of Document:

City Hall / Community Development Office
401 W. Kern Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

On-line at: mcfarlandcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/3472/Housing-Element_2023-2031-Housing-Element

RECAP of Housing Element Process

California Government Code [Section 65302(c)] mandates that cities develop Housing Elements as part of their General Plans. The code requires that Housing Elements identify and analyze both existing and projected housing needs and articulate statements of each jurisdiction's goals, policies, quantified objectives and programs for preservation, improvement, and development of housing.

The project is the 6th Cycle 2023 to 2031 McFarland Housing Element. The Draft Housing Element went through public review in 2023. Subsequently, Council adopted the draft. Then the City submitted it to HCD for review and comments. This is the Revised Housing Element in response to previous HCD comments to assure that all (especially new) statutory requirements are met.

The State has made numerous changes to its statutes since the beginning of the 5th Cycle, which require extensive changes to Housing Elements in this 6th Cycle. Specific changes that HCD is looking for a Housing Element to address are in two groups: (a) Laws to increase housing production in general; and (b) Laws to relax governmental constraints on the production of a variety of housing types. These are among the comments from HCD that are addressed in the revisions to the Housing Element. Comments provided by HCD to date are addressed in this version of the document.

In the near future, a public hearing is anticipated jointly with Council Meeting to discuss the Housing Element following anticipated revisions due to comments from HCD. A revised council resolution will accompany the final document for HCD's letter of certification.

Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk