

C Community Development Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14,
2011

Item: 2011-346

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date December 7, 2011
Prepared:
Subject: Adoption of the LCA Affordable and Life Cycle Housing Goals Resolution

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Resolution 2011-43 adopting the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account (LCA LHIA) Affordable and Lifecycle Housing goals that have been adopted by the City of Orono to participate in the Livable Communities Act for 2012-2020.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

The Community Development Committee considered this action at their December 5, 2011 meeting. The Proposed Action passed unanimously.

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Meeting date: December 5, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 30, 2011
Subject:	Adoption of the LCA Affordable and Life Cycle Housing Goals-City of Orono, Resolution 2011-43
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes §473.254
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Paul Burns, Manager, Livable Communities 651-602-1106
Division/Department:	Community Development

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Resolution 2011-43 adopting the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account (LCA LHIA) Affordable and Lifecycle Housing goals that have been adopted by the City of Orono to participate in the Livable Communities Act for 2012-2020.

Background

The Livable Communities Act (LCA), Minnesota State Statute 473.254, requires that communities have affordable and life-cycle housing goals in place to participate in the LCA. Communities electing to participate in the LCA establish their goals, by City Council resolution, and communicate their desire to participate to the Council by November 15 of any year. Last year, the original LCA goals period (1996 – 2010) came to an end and Council staff renegotiated goals for the period 2011-2020 with 93 communities by the statutory deadline of November 15. One community, Orono, was unable to submit their resolution by that date. No other additional communities notified us by November 15, 2011 that they elect to participate in the LCA program beginning next year. At the November 21, 2011 Community Development Committee meeting, the Committee held the public hearing that is required by law before adopting the new goals. The public record will be held open until 4:00 P.M. December 1, 2011. Comments received by that time, if any, will be reported at the December 5th CDC meeting.

Rationale

MN Statutes 473.254 requires the Council to negotiate affordable and life-cycle housing goals with each municipality that elects to participate in the LCA LHIA and that the Council adopt by resolution, after a public hearing, the negotiated goals.

Funding

This action has no funding impact.

Known Support / Opposition

Council staff is not aware of any opposition.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-43

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AFFORDABLE AND LIFE-CYCLE HOUSING GOALS FOR
THE CITY OF ORONO WHICH ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL HOUSING
INCENTIVES ACCOUNT PROGRAM UNDER THE METROPOLITAN LIVABLE
COMMUNITIES ACT**

CALENDAR YEARS 2012-2020

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (Minnesota Statutes sections 473.25 to 473.254) establishes a Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund which is intended to address housing and other development issues facing the metropolitan area defined by Minnesota Statutes section 473.121; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund, comprising the Tax Base Revitalization Account, the Livable Communities Demonstration Account, the Local Housing Incentive Account and the Inclusionary Housing account, is intended to provide certain funding and other assistance to metropolitan area municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a metropolitan-area municipality is not eligible to receive grants or loans under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund or eligible to receive certain polluted sites cleanup funding from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development unless the municipality is participating in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program under Minnesota Statutes section 473.254; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act requires the Metropolitan Council to negotiate with each municipality to establish affordable and life-cycle housing goals for that municipality that are consistent with and promote the policies of the Metropolitan Council as provided in the adopted Metropolitan Development Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council must adopt, by resolution after a public hearing, the negotiated affordable and life-cycle housing goals for each municipality; and

WHEREAS, a metropolitan-area municipality that elects to participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program must do so by November 15 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orono adopted a resolution in November 2010 reflecting its intention to participate in Local Housing Incentives Account but the resolution was adopted after the November 15 deadline stated in Minnesota Statutes section 473.254; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has negotiated affordable and life-cycle housing goals that are consistent with and promote the policies of the Metropolitan Council as provided in the adopted Metropolitan Development Guide, with the City of Orono, which is electing to participate in the Local Housing Incentive Account Program for calendar years 2012 through 2020; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2011, the Metropolitan Council's Community Development Committee held a public hearing on the negotiated affordable and life-cycle housing goals for the City of Orono.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Metropolitan Council adopt the affordable housing unit goal range of **202-311** units and life-cycle housing unit goal range of **311-750** units for the City of Orono for the period 2012 through 2020. These housing goals were adopted by the City of Orono, as part of its election to participate in the Local Housing Incentives Program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act.

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2011.

Susan Haigh, Chair

Susan Harder, Recording Secretary