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Aleksandr Romanenko
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Dear Mr. Romanenko,

I am writing to notify you that the [Affordable Housing Committee](#) (AHC) has not received a complete submission from the Town of Yarrow Point to the AHC's Housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program (plan review program). Without Yarrow Point's complete submission, the AHC is unable to conduct a review of Yarrow Point's draft plan and to assess whether Yarrow Point's draft plan is in alignment with the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) Housing Chapter.

Background

The AHC, a subcommittee of the [Growth Management Planning Council](#) (GMPC), is required to review the draft comprehensive plans of all jurisdictions within King County. By direction of GMPC and CPP Housing Chapter policy H-26, the AHC now conducts a housing-focused review of all King County jurisdictions' draft periodic comprehensive plan updates, assessing the draft plans for alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter goals and policies prior to plan adoption and providing comment.¹

In 2021, the State of Washington adopted [House Bill 1220](#), which amended the Growth Management Act, requiring local governments to plan for and accommodate housing that is affordable to all income levels, including emergency housing. In response to this state mandate and local interest in improving the effectiveness of local housing plans and policies, the AHC led a two-year process to amend the Housing Chapter of the CPPs.

As a result of this process, the GMPC recommended a significant update to the CPP Housing Chapter, which the King County Council adopted and the cities ratified in 2023. The goals of both the statute and this implementation work are to encourage cities and King County to work together to provide a full range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices to every resident in King County.

Since the plan review program launched in 2023, the AHC has reviewed draft comprehensive plans from 29 jurisdictions, the majority of jurisdictions within King County. These jurisdictions are now working hard to incorporate AHC recommendations into their comprehensive plans. Six jurisdictions that submitted materials late in 2024 are scheduled for review in early 2025. Two jurisdictions have deferred AHC review due to ongoing GMPC discussions about growth target

¹ CPP H-26 states: "The Growth Management Planning Council or its designee will conduct a housing-focused review of all King County jurisdiction's draft periodic updates for alignment with the Housing Chapter goals and policies prior to plan adoption and provide comments."

reconciliation and are in communication with the AHC about their plans. Three jurisdictions, including Yarrow Point, have not participated in the plan review program.

Status of Yarrow Point's Submission

To date, the Town of Yarrow Point has yet to submit all required documents to the AHC. To bring its plan into alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter, Yarrow Point should submit the housing-focused elements of its draft periodic comprehensive plan update, [a completed CPP completeness checklist](#), and [implementations strategies workbook](#) to the AHC. After receiving the submission, the AHC will complete review of the draft plan and provide comments on draft plan consistency with the CPP Housing Chapter.

If the AHC issues comments after the Town of Yarrow Point adopts its periodic comprehensive plan update, the Town can bring its plan into alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter by incorporating the AHC's recommendations in the Town's next annual comprehensive plan amendment process, consistent with RCW 36.70A.130(2).

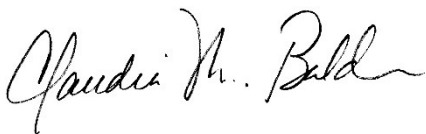
Resources for Preparing Yarrow Point's Submission

AHC staff are available to assist Yarrow Point in preparing materials for submission. For immediate resources and guidance on aligning with the CPP Housing Chapter, refer to the:

- [Engrossed 2021 King County CPPs](#);
- [AHC Housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program Guide](#); and
- [King County Resources for Documenting the Local History of Racially Exclusive and Discriminatory Land Use and Housing Practices](#).

If you have questions or need additional information regarding alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter, please contact the AHC plan review program at AHCplanreview@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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