

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO ELEMENT II: HOUSING in order to incorporate the Affordable Housing Plan

Adopted by Planning Board and Town Council December 8, 2004

SECTION I INTRODUCTION

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Add the following:

C. 2004 UPDATE: RIGL 45-53, RHODE ISLAND LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT (AS AMENDED THROUGH JULY 2004)

In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws Title 45, Chapter 53, the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act, the Town of West Greenwich has prepared and adopted an Affordable Housing Plan containing implementation and production strategies to provide 10% low and moderate income housing. The Plan was prepared by the West Greenwich Affordable Housing Task Force in consultation with Daylor Consulting Group, Inc. The West Greenwich Town Council and Planning Board began a joint public hearing on November 22, 2004, which was continued to December 8, 2004. On December 8, 2004, the Plan was adopted as an Appendix to the Housing Element of the Town of West Greenwich Comprehensive Plan together with the following amendments noted as '2004 Update.'

See Chapter 1 of the Affordable Housing Plan (hereinafter referred to as the AHP) for the AHP study methodology and report organization.

SECTION II- INVENTORY

After the first paragraph, add the following:

2004 Update: For history of housing supply, including total housing units, age and condition of housing stock, and housing stock by type updated through 2000, see Section 4.4 in the AHP. For history on building permits issued for single family dwelling units see AHP Section 3.2, and for demographic profile, see Section 3.3 of the AHP.

SECTION III- NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Add after first paragraph in section B, Housing Affordability:

2004 Update: see Chapter 4.1 in the AHP.

Add to section C. 1. b., after first paragraph:

2004 Update: In July of 2004, the State amended this act. Communities that have not yet attained the 10% goal must submit to the State an Affordable Housing Plan. See the attached West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan, Chapter 1, Introduction.

Add to end of section C. 3:

c. West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan

2004 Update: in December of 2004, the Town of West Greenwich adopted an Affordable Housing Plan (see attached) designed to address affordable housing needs in West Greenwich, and strategies to attain the mandated 10% goal for low and moderate income housing stock.

SECTION IV HOUSING GOALS & POLICIES

Delete entire section A. Goals and replace with the following:

1. Encourage housing development that preserves the Town's rural character and natural resources.
2. Target housing construction in West Greenwich which does not pose a financial burden on the Town or its residents.
3. Provide a range of safe, suitable and affordable housing options that appeal to various social and economic groups.

Add to end of B. Policies the following:

15. Provide safe and sanitary housing for all income groups through code enforcement, housing rehabilitation, weatherization, and well-water and septic system improvements.
16. Promote varied housing opportunities for all income groups that are compatible with and complement the Town's rural character.
17. Promote land use patterns that provide opportunities for social and economic diversity and a range of housing options.

Amend section V- Action and Implementation Program to reflect the revised 3 goals with corresponding Policies and Implementation actions as follows:

New Goal 1.

Policies: 1, 2, 3, 10, 14, 16

New Goal 2.

Policies: 1, 3, 13, 14

New Goal 3.

Policies: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17

Each Policy will retain the Implementation item as in Section V, with the following additions:

Policy 3, add implementation: Utilize recommended strategies noted in the West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan.

Policy 5, add implementation: Utilize recommended strategies noted in the West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan.

Policy 10, Implementation #1, add d. Zoning amendments as recommended in the West Greenwich AHP, including New Village Centers, Senior Village Districts, and Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning.

Policy 15, add implementation: Utilize recommended strategies noted in the West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan.

Policy 16, add implementation: Utilize recommended strategies noted in the West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan.

Policy 17, add implementation: Utilize recommended strategies noted in the West Greenwich Affordable Housing Plan.