Agenda Item #15.2
For Council Meeting of: April 1, 2025

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: GABE OSBURN, DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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SUBJECT: 2024 GENERAL PLAN, INCLUSIONARY HOUSING, & GROWTH MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by motion, review and accept the 2024 General Plan, Inclusionary Housing, and Growth Management Annual Review report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year the Planning Commission and City Council review the progress made toward implementation of the General Plan during the prior calendar year. The 2024 General Plan Annual Review, Inclusionary Housing, & Growth Management report (Report) (included as Attachment 1) provides an overview of progress made last year toward achieving General Plan goals and policies. The Report also reviews the implementation of the Inclusionary Housing and Growth Management Ordinances as required by City Code.

BACKGROUND

2024 General Plan Annual Review

The General Plan is Santa Rosa's primary policy document, as it guides growth and development in the City. General Plan policies address many of the Council's goals and strategic objectives.

The Report addresses each of the 12 General Plan Elements including, among others, the Economic Vitality Element, which addresses creation of a strong, sustainable economic base; the Open Space and Conservation Element, which addresses environmental preservation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and the Public

Services and Facilities Element which includes enhancement of recreational assets and public safety.

The City's progress toward meeting the required Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is reviewed, and the report considers the implementation of the Growth Management and Inclusionary Housing Ordinances.

Council Policy 200-001, Santa Rosa General Plan Consistency and Amendment Policy: General Plan – Annual Review requirement

Council Policy 200-001 requires an annual joint study session of the Planning Commission and the Council to review the status of the General Plan and its implementation. On June 7, 2022, in order to streamline the review process while the City prepared its updated General Plan 2050 ("Santa Rosa Forward"), the Council waived Council Policy 200-001 to allow the Planning Commission and Council to separately review the General Plan, Inclusionary Housing and Growth Management Annual Review Report until such time as General Plan 2050 is adopted. Thereafter, the Commission and Council will resume annual joint study sessions pursuant to Council Policy 200-001.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item has no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The General Plan Annual Review Report is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

PRIOR BOARD OR COMMISSION REVIEW

The Planning Commission will receive the Report at their March 27, 2025 meeting for review and recommendation that it be forwarded to the City Council for review and acceptance.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 2024 General Plan, Inclusionary Housing, & Growth Management Annual Review Report

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