

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 27, 2025

PROJECT TITLE

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

APPLICANT

Not applicable

ADDRESS/LOCATION

Citywide

PROPERTY OWNER

Not applicable

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

Citywide

FILE NUMBER

Not applicable

APPLICATION DATE

Not applicable

APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE

Not applicable

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

Not applicable

FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

City Council to receive and approve the
Report.

PROJECT SITE ZONING

Not applicable

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION

Not applicable

PROJECT PLANNER

Sheila Wolski

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and provide comments on: (1) the
2024 General Plan Annual Review Report,
and (2) an annual report on the
Inclusionary Housing and Growth
Management Ordinances; by motion,
recommend the City Council receive and
approve the Report

Agenda Item #10.1
For Planning Commission Meeting of: March 27, 2025

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: SHEILA WOLSKI, CITY PLANNER
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: 2024 GENERAL PLAN, INCLUSIONARY HOUSING, & GROWTH
MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT

AGENDA ACTION: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Planning Commission receive and provide comments on the 2024 General Plan, Inclusionary Housing and Growth Management Annual Review Report; and, by motion, recommend the Report be forwarded for approval to the City Council.

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, Inclusionary Housing, and Growth Management Annual Review 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, Inclusionary Housing & Growth Management Annual Review

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

The 2024 General Plan Annual Review 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 also reviewed, and the Report evaluates the implementation of the Growth Management and Inclusionary Housing Ordinances.

On June 29, 2021, the Council waived Council Policy 200-001 requiring a joint item for the General Plan annual report, until adoption of the General Plan update:

- The General Plan Annual Review Report will still be prepared annually consistent with state law and a presentation will be made to the Planning Commission during a regularly scheduled public meeting.
- After incorporating Planning Commission and public feedback, the General Plan Annual Review Report will be provided to the City Council as a consent item to reduce the number of staff required to attend from multiple departments.
- This streamlined approach will allow the Council and staff to focus on the General Plan Update which includes multiple Council items per year.
- Staff will resume General Plan Annual Review reporting consistent with Council Policy 200-001 requirements, including the joint study session requirement, after the adoption of General Plan 2050.

PRIOR BOARD OR COMMISSION REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

A report reviewing implementation of the General Plan and the Growth Management and Inclusionary Housing Ordinances for calendar year 2024 is attached to this staff report.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item has no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The 2024 General Plan, Inclusionary Housing, and Growth Management Annual Review Report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The Report and discussion items are not projects which have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT

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

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