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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Prosser, like many cities across the state, is facing a range of housing issues. These are connected to regional housing issues, meaning how we act impacts all our neighbors. Despite new construction, the housing market remains highly competitive, and we have seen a steep rise in rents and prices for single-family homes. In response to these stressors, the City is asking, “what can we do to help make housing more available and affordable today, and prepare for the growth we expect to see in the coming years?”

To help answer these questions, the City of Prosser is using grant funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce to develop a Housing Action Plan (HAP). As a part of our research in identifying current housing issues and future housing needs, we have completed a thorough Housing Needs Assessment, and we are using what we learned to inform the public of actions the City could take to provide a wider range of housing options to meet current and future needs. We are researching and developing specific actions that could expand the range of housing types, bring down the cost of development, and incentivize housing that is more affordable.

The Housing Action Plan is not a regulatory or binding plan; it is a set of tools! It is an opportunity to have a community-wide conversation about housing, and it will help inform the Comprehensive Plan update that will begin in 2024. Developing housing actions and a schedule of implementation now will help set the stage for good planning in the future. The City can't do this alone! Community engagement is a key component in creating a Housing Action Plan that will work for Prosser.

The project team will be issuing draft strategies and actions for comment. The Plan must be adopted by the city by June 30, 2023, so late winter and early spring will be a busy time for discussions at the Planning Commission and City Council. Please take our short housing survey on the project web page, and read and comment on our Housing Needs Assessment on our Konveio engagement platform.

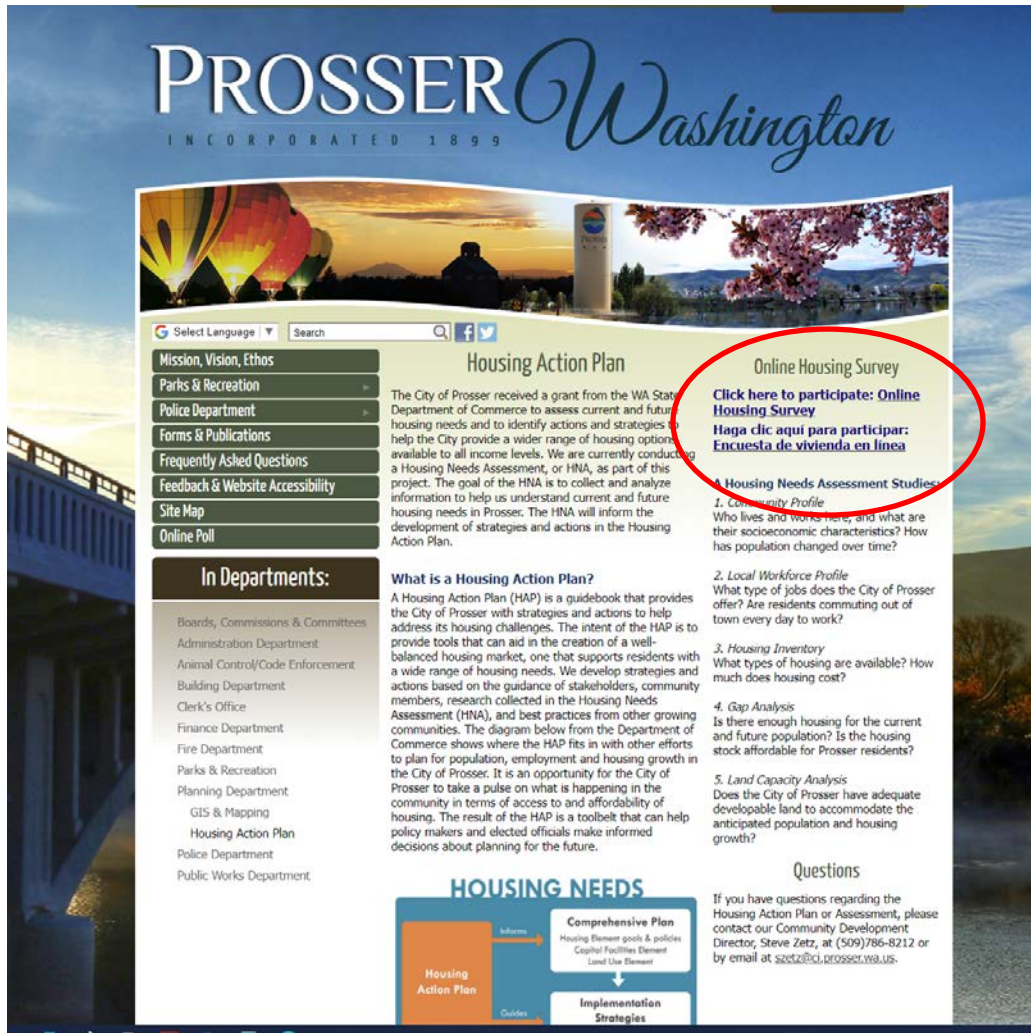


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To take the survey and to view the draft plan please visit the Planning Department "HAP" web page at <https://cityofprosser.com/hap> and click on the survey link. The survey is available in English and Spanish.



Thank You

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