

CITY OF FONTANA

2021-2029 Housing Element Update FAQs

What is the Housing Element?

The Housing Element is part of the City's General Plan, which is the blueprint for the city for transportation, health, environment, economics, and housing goals! The Housing Element is the framework of policies and programs to create housing opportunities in the City of Fontana. The Fontana Housing Element plans for the housing need of every resident. It is mandated by state law to be updated and certified every 8 years; Fontana is now in the 6th cycle. Every cycle every city and county is assigned a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation.

What is the RHNA number?

RHNA stands for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The RHNA is a methodology, which considers current and projected growth at a state, county, and city level. The RHNA allocation is the number of housing units a City must plan to accommodate in the housing Element. The statewide allocation is determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and then divided among planning agencies. The unit number for cities in the Southern California region is determined by the Southern California association of Governments (SCAG). The RHNA allocation does not require cities to build the units but instead provide appropriate programs, policies, land use and adequate zoning for the development of these units. For the 6th cycle Housing Element, the City of Fontana is required to accommodate 17,519 units.

How will the City meet this?

The City of Fontana can already accommodate a large portion of the allocated units with existing zoning. The City will meet the remaining RHNA number required by rezoning a selected set of properties throughout the City; these properties were analyzed based on a fair housing analysis, for the location, access to mobility, and other essential resources. There is no associated development with the rezone, but rather the City has identified areas for opportunity for housing which can meet a variety of Fontana resident's housing needs.

What is zoning?

Every property in the city has a designated zone (land use designation). The zone classifications identify the rules for the development of the property such as: the allowed uses, density, (how many units/ housing you can build) development standards (height, setbacks, density, etc.), and, land use compatibility. Essentially, zoning is what is physically allowed on a piece of land.

RHNA Allocation

San Bernardino County

120,591 units

SCAG Region

1,186,198 units

Fontana 17,519 units

How can you participate?

The City is hosting a second workshop and we need you to participate!

**Housing Element meeting
May 24, 2021 at 6:00PM
via Zoom link on the City
website**

<https://bit.ly/3h8frpg>

Access Code: 465712

Webinar ID: 861 0928 3064

Or call: +1 408 638 0968

