

# A Resolution

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**ADOPTING THE FORT WORTH NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN  
AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STRATEGY,  
AND AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
TO INCORPORATE THESE PLANS BY REFERENCE**

**WHEREAS** the City of Fort Worth in May 2022 selected Interface Studio, LLC as the consultant with which to develop a city-wide Neighborhood Conservation Plan that will assist in developing policies and programs to enhance City neighborhoods and improve distressed or at-risk neighborhoods without housing displacement; and

**WHEREAS** the City's Neighborhood Services Department and Interface Studio have worked with City staff from many City departments to develop the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and Housing Affordability Strategy, both of which are available for public inspection at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods>; and

**WHEREAS** the Neighborhood Conservation Plan identifies required capital investments, economic incentives, regulations, and community services necessary for improvements in neighborhoods, depending on their relative market conditions and social conditions; and

**WHEREAS** the Housing Affordability Strategy focuses on the need for investments in affordable housing and the implementation strategies necessary to create housing opportunities for all Fort Worth residents; and

**WHEREAS** the development of both plans has been guided by extensive input from some community organizations and non-profit partners received through focus groups and other forums; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council on August 15, 2023, received a summary of data and recommendations from Interface Studio and expressed support for adoption of the final Neighborhood Conservation Plan and Housing Affordability Strategy; and

**WHEREAS** the Housing Affordability Strategy recommends that the City consider exploring changes to its zoning regulations to permit a broader array of options for the development of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS** adoption of the Plan and Strategy would provide a roadmap of potential options to pursue but would not result in any change to existing City Codes, regulations, or budgets without further City Council action; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council intends to authorize a study of expanded housing options, including “missing-middle” housing, and of Code and regulatory changes that would be required to implement such options; and

**WHEREAS** this prospective study of expanded housing options will involve extensive public engagement, including a review of proposed zoning regulations by a diverse and balanced advisory group to be comprised of neighborhood leaders, builders, and other stakeholders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:**

1. **THAT** the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and Housing Affordability Strategy are hereby adopted as a general guide for making decisions about the conservation of neighborhoods and the development of affordable housing; and
2. **THAT** nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as committing or obligating the City of Fort Worth to allocate funding for any implementing actions or to enact any regulations broadening or restricting the development of any housing forms; and
3. **THAT** the City’s Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended to incorporate the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and the Affordable Housing Strategy by reference; and
4. **THAT** all previous Resolutions are hereby expressly repealed to the extent in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution; and
5. **THAT** this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette Goodall, City Secretary