



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: MARCH 25, 2025
DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FROM: LISA BRINTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
TITLE: 2024 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution approving the City of Salinas 2024 Housing Element (HE) Annual Progress Report (APR) and authorizing its submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) as required by Government Code Section 65400(b).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 65400 of the California Government Code requires local jurisdictions to submit an HE APR addressing the status of the Housing Element and progress made toward implementing its goals and policies. This report covers the first year of the new City of Salinas 2023-2031 HE and focuses on calendar year 2024 with highlights & accomplishments related to housing production and program implementation. The report must be submitted to HCD and LCI no later than April 1st of each year.

BACKGROUND:

The Housing Element is one (1) of seven (7) mandatory elements of the General Plan and serves as the primary policy document that identifies the goals, policies, and programs related to housing development in the City of Salinas. The City’s current HE covers an eight-year period (2023-2031) and focuses on addressing the housing needs of residents, identifying adequate land supply for housing, reducing housing production constraints, and improving housing opportunities for special needs groups. To meet statutory compliance with these reporting requirements, please see attachment titled 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report Tables.

Status of Program Implementation (Table D) Highlights:

- The Rent Stabilization (RSO), Tenant Protection, and Just Cause Ordinance was adopted by the City Council in September 2024 and was implemented starting January 1, 2025.
- In 2024, the City was awarded the Encampment Resolution Grant (ERF) for \$8,081,101.25. Through the Cal ICH Encampment Resolution Grants, EMP prioritized moving chronically homeless individuals (64 served) into stable housing solutions while providing case management and rental assistance support.

- The City selected PlaceWorks as the East Area Specific Plan (EASP) consultant and began community engagement, including stakeholder and property owner meetings, webinars, and a community open house with over 70 attendees, which helped inform the creation of a draft preferred land use concept and the development of draft documents.
- The Homeless Housing Stabilization Navigation Program (HHNSP), launched in January 2024, assists individuals or households facing "literal" or "chronic homelessness" by providing rapid rehousing to help them quickly secure permanent housing and achieve stability.
- In 2024, the Code Enforcement Division opened 1,750 cases and closed 1,251, continuing its proactive enforcement efforts in high-complaint areas.
- The City adopted a permanent Mills Act ordinance in 2024 and is working with its Historic Resources Board to create a promotional strategy. This will allow for the preservation and restoration of architecturally and historically significant buildings within the City of Salinas.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The 2024 HE APR supports City of Salinas Strategic Plan 2022-2025 Goals of *Economic Development, Housing/Affordable Housing, and Effective and Culturally Responsive Government.*

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The 2024 HE APR was developed by the Housing and Community Development Division of the City’s Community Development Department (CDD) in collaboration with other CDD Divisions, including Current Planning, Advanced Planning and Project Implementation, and Code Enforcement. The City’s Public Works, Library and Community Services, Police, and Fire Departments also provided additional assistance, information, and perspective.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Fund	Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for recommendation	FY 24-25 Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

The city's submission of the HE APR has no direct fiscal impact. However, cities that do not submit an HE APR to HCD and LCI may not be eligible for future grants or loans from HCD due to non-compliance with this requirement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report Tables
- 2024 HE APR - Resolution
- 2024 HE APR - Presentation