

Housing Commission
Affordable Housing Ordinance Working Group
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Purpose: The Arlington County Housing Commission establishes an Affordable Housing Ordinance Working Group (AHOWG) to accomplish the following:

- Examine the county’s Affordable Housing Ordinance and Virginia enabling legislation and assess it against neighboring jurisdictions’ policies and its benefits to the Arlington community
- Develop recommended changes to the Affordable Housing Ordinance and enabling legislation to recalibrate the formula to increase affordable housing production in Arlington and respond to updated market conditions in alignment with the Affordable Housing Master Plan goals
- Develop recommended changes to the Affordable Housing Ordinance and enabling legislation to make other changes needed to improve the tools available to the county government for affordable housing production

Membership: The AHOWG will be chaired by a Housing Commissioner with membership from the Housing Commission and other individuals and organizations with an interest in improving the supply of affordable housing in Arlington including:

- Planning Commission
- Tenant-Landlord Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Affordable Housing advocacy organizations
- Developers

Timeline: The AHOWG will aim to provide their recommendations to the Housing Commission in December 2025.