

**Commissioner Kern  
Planning & Zoning  
Housing Work Session 1/16/2024**

1. Clearly define whether we are tackling a seasonal housing issue or year-round housing issue or both; and whether those can be solved with the same solution. Additionally, actively work in conjunction with the [Comprehensive Plan](#) to address housing needs.
2. Incentivize existing landlords/landowners to:
  - a. improve unsafe housing.
  - b. longer term/year-round leases
  - c. remodel/rent/sell/build vacant lots and houses.
3. Reevaluate the current size/height/setback requirements in 19.06.060. Designate a liaison to communicate with Public Works to make sure that adjusting the code in this respect is feasible.
4. The MOS should explore the concept of a housing trust, particularly in the context of addressing housing challenges in various communities. A housing trust holds the potential to be a transformative solution, offering a sustainable and community-driven approach to housing issues. By establishing a trust, we can create a framework that prioritizes long-term affordability, community engagement, and inclusivity. Such a model could involve collaboration between local stakeholders, government entities, and potential residents to ensure an equitable approach to our housing problem. Exploring the implementation of a housing trust opens avenues for innovative strategies, financial models, and partnerships that can contribute to the development of stable and affordable housing solutions.