

## COUNCIL POLICY

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>NON-MARKET HOUSING POLICY</b>		
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### 1) PURPOSE

The purpose of the Non-market Housing Policy is to accelerate the supply and reduce the cost of secure, affordable housing by expediting eligible development applications through the development review and permitting processes.

### 2) ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for prioritized development review, the application must represent one of the following:

- A non-profit rental housing project;
- A non-profit rental housing project with a mixed-use component (such as commercial or institutional);
- A non-market ownership housing project; and
- A co-operative housing project.

The proponent must include *supportive* or *affordable* housing within their stated mandate.

### 3) NON-MARKET HOUSING POLICY

In expediting non-market housing projects, staff shall adhere to the following:

- a) Projects that meet the eligibility criteria shall move to the “front of the line” in all staff review and permit-issuing processes.
- b) Prioritization shall begin at the pre-application phase and continue through to occupancy permit.
- c) Prioritization shall include the participation of all Saanich departments.
- d) Non-eligible projects will be prioritized on a first-come first-served basis.
- e) Other housing projects with key strategic interest may be prioritized from time to time and decisions to do so will be clearly messaged to staff.