

## **6.0 Housing Element**

The purpose of the housing element is to encourage jurisdictions to work proactively on issues such as affordable housing, preservation of the existing housing stock, and ensuring that the land use plan provides sufficient land for and support for a wide range of housing types and densities.

### **6.1 Housing Goal**

*It is the Housing Goal of Stevens County to:*

*Support the preservation, improvement, and development of a wide variety of housing types and densities at all levels of affordability consistent with the Future Land Use map for Stevens County.*

### **6.2 Housing Policies**

*In furtherance of this Housing Goal and the overall goals of the GMA, it is the Housing Policy of Stevens County to:*

- HO-1            Ensure that the Future Land Use map and related development regulations and transportation and capital facilities plans provide sufficient lands, infrastructure, and densities to meet or exceed expected housing demand.
- HO-2            Address the affordable housing needs of County residents by supporting development of new housing in a range of types and densities, and preservation of existing units. Implement this policy by:
- A. Allowing accessory dwelling units;
  - B. Allowing high density residential housing within Urban Growth Areas
  - C. Allowing manufactured housing; and ensure regulations do not preclude availability of affordable housing.
- HO-3            Allow housing that accommodates the elderly, physically challenged, mentally impaired, and other special needs populations.
- HO-4            Encourage innovative regulatory strategies that include incentives for developers to provide affordable housing to low and moderate income households.