

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND  
Resolution 2023-R-16

Introduced by: CM Ifiok Inyang  
Date Introduced: November 6, 2023  
Date Adopted: November 6, 2023  
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing the Town of Riverdale Park's vision for and commitment to housing and neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Town Council to establish a vision and commitment to support housing and neighborhoods in the Town of Riverdale Park; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be welcoming, safe, and inclusive; where people feel welcome and comfortable; where diversity, equity, and inclusion are shared and celebrated values, and residents are engaged with their community, neighbors, and government; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to foster a sense of place, pride, and community identity; they need to be affordable, where assets and amenities are recognized and strengthened rather than simply replaced; where historic houses and the character of neighborhoods are valued and preserved; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to include housing types that are suitable for, and attractive to, vulnerable populations such as the elderly, the unsheltered, and residents with special needs; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need be walkable and bikeable with safe and convenient access to jobs, schools, healthcare, child care, shopping, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be clean, attractive, well-built, and maintained, free from crime, and where the private and public sector invest; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods should be energy-efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly; a place where a diverse and resilient tree canopy is celebrated and protected; where residents work together to preserve and care for older trees and plant new trees to sustain a hardy urban tree canopy; and where residents have the opportunity to engage in sustainable practices through reuse and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that housing and neighborhoods are the foundation upon which healthy communities are built, and in support thereof are committed to operations, programs, initiatives, legislation, and resources that further establish and nurture housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park do hereby establish this vision and commitment to housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIVERDALE PARK

  
Jessica E. Barnes, Town Clerk

  
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor