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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DEMARIA'S INCLUSIONARY ZONING ORDINANCE**

On Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the City Council overwhelmingly voted to approve an inclusionary zoning ordinance for the City of Everett. At the Council meeting, Mayor Carlo DeMaria strongly advocated for the inclusionary zoning ordinance. Previously in September, the Mayor introduced the proposal to the City Council. The purpose of the ordinance was to encourage the development of affordable housing that is integrated across our community.

The Mayor's ordinance establishes a policy whereby new housing developments of a certain size are required to include at least 10% of units at rates affordable to low- or moderate-income residents, as defined by state regulations. The ordinance also includes a local preference option for Everett residents.

"The cost of housing here, both in terms of home sale prices and rental rates, has dramatically increased over the last several years and with a strong market, this trend will only continue," states Mayor DeMaria, "I want to ensure that we remain diverse, inclusive and accessible to all. That is our strength as a city."

The Mayor explained to the City Councilors that the city is experiencing an unprecedented rate of growth and development and that this growth will provide residents with new career pathways and an improved quality of life. At the same time, the Mayor encouraged councilors to act to ensure that all residents of Everett- those whose families have lived here for generations, those who are new to the city, our family and our friends can afford to stay here.

"It is incumbent upon us now, as city leaders, to enact a zoning policy that will ensure that our most vulnerable residents are not priced out of our vibrant city," states Mayor DeMaria, "By doing so, we join several other municipalities in our region, including Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville, and many other cities and towns across the state, in proactively addressing the challenge of housing affordability."

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