

The Hood River City Council supports opportunities for an inclusive, equitable and diverse housing inventory. Realizing this goal within the city is challenging, in part, due to the high percentage of homes owned by non-residents and second home owners. The City estimates that approximately 10% of our housing stock is owned as a second home or vacation home. These second homes reduce opportunities for local residents to live and work in our community and support our local economy and community. The City of Hood River has proactively regulated short-term rentals, is developing a missing middle housing code and actively building affordable housing to support those living and working in the community. However, we are limited in our ability to regulate the proliferation of second homes. Therefore, the Hood River City Council supports efforts to reduce second home ownership in our community as a way to make more housing available to our local workforce and residents.