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APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITIZENS’ HOUSING COMMISSION

(Edmonds) Applications for the Citizens’ Housing Commission are now being accepted. An application form and more information about the Commission is available online at www.citizenshousingcommission.org or from City Hall. Postcards about this are being mailed to every household in the city.

The Citizens’ Housing Commission was formed by a resolution of the City Council on April 16. The Commission is charged with developing housing policy options for City Council consideration to expand the range of housing in Edmonds. The results are due by the end of 2020.

Formation of a citizen group had been urged by a number of local residents.

The new Commission would have 15 members from neighborhoods across the city. Each of the City Council members could select two Commissioners and one alternate. The Mayor may select one Commissioner and one alternate.

Anyone who is a City resident may apply. However, anyone who has served on a codified City board or commission within the last two years may be ineligible. The Council will formally decide at its May 7 meeting on excluding such board and commission members.

It is hoped that the Citizens’ Housing Commission can have its first meeting in June. All meetings will be announced ahead and open to the public.

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