

# SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Mayor and Members of the  
City of Racine Common Council  
c/o Ms. Janice Johnson-Martin, Clerk  
730 Washington Avenue Room 103  
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Ms. Johnson-Martin:

In accordance with Section 66.0309(10) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission hereby provides a certified copy of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 54, *A Regional Housing Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035*. A copy of Commission Resolution No. 2013-04 adopting this plan as a guide for the physical development of the Region is bound in the front of the report.

The focus of the housing plan is providing an adequate supply of affordable housing for all current residents and the anticipated future population of the Region through the plan design year 2035, with a focus on providing housing affordable to the existing and projected future workforce of the Region. A summary of major plan findings and recommendations is included in the enclosed newsletter.

All of the plan recommendations are set forth in Part 3 of Chapter XII, beginning on page 731 of the enclosed report. Key recommendations of the plan for local governments include a recommendation that communities seek to provide a balance between the cost of housing and wages paid to job-holders in their community and that communities with sewer service designate areas in the local comprehensive plan and zoning map for the development of modest multi-family (minimum density of 10 units per acre and about 800 square feet for two-bedroom apartments) and modest single-family housing (minimum density of about four units per acre and about 1,200 square feet per housing unit). Table 214, beginning on page 732 of the report, summarizes the final plan recommendations and indicates the unit of government or agency that would need to take action to implement each recommendation. Several of the plan recommendations are directed to local governments, with different recommendations directed to sewerred communities and to non-sewerred communities.

It is respectfully requested that your Common Council refer the housing plan to your City Plan Commission for review. Should your Plan Commission, following their review, recommend endorsement of the regional housing plan, we request that the Common Council consider endorsing the plan. City endorsement of the housing plan is important to help assure a common understanding among the communities within the Region, as well as among the various state and federal agencies of government involved, and to enable work to continue on plan implementation. A sample resolution for Common Council endorsement of the plan is enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if the Commission or its staff can be of any assistance to the City in its consideration of the plan. Commission staff is available to make a presentation about the plan to the Plan Commission and Common Council, or to attend a meeting of City officials to answer questions about the

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plan. Please contact Nancy Anderson of the Commission staff at (262) 547-6721 or [nanderson@sewrpc.org](mailto:nanderson@sewrpc.org) if you have questions about the regional housing plan, would like to schedule a presentation or meeting, or would like additional copies of the summary newsletter or the plan report.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David L. Stroik".

David L. Stroik  
Chairman

DLS/KRY/NMA/pk  
Docs #211593

Enclosures (#211174)

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL (CITY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE)  
ENDORSEMENT OF THE YEAR 2035 REGIONAL HOUSING PLAN  
FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, which was duly created by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin in accordance with Section 66.0309(2) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* on the 8th day of August 1960, upon petition of the Counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha, has the function and duty of making and adopting a master plan for the physical development of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission adopted on March 13, 2013, a housing plan for the development of the Region to the year 2035; and

WHEREAS, the year 2035 regional housing plan recommendations and the supporting inventories, analyses, objectives, principles, and standards are set forth in a published report titled SEWRPC Planning Report No. 54, *A Regional Housing Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035*; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has transmitted certified copies of its resolution adopting the housing plan, together with the aforementioned SEWRPC Planning Report No. 54, to the county and local units of government of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region; and

WHEREAS, the (Name of Local Governing Body) believes that the housing plan prepared by the Commission will be a valuable guide not only to the development of the Region but of the community as well, and that the endorsement of such plan by the (Name of Local Governing Body) will assure a common understanding by the several governmental levels and agencies concerned and enable their officials and staffs to plan and undertake the necessary areawide and local plan implementation work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (Name of Local Governing Body) hereby endorses the regional housing plan for the year 2035, as set forth in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 54, as a guide for regional and community development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (City) (Village) (Town) clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Clerk