



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
**Housing Programs Division**

**Staunton Housing Strategy Workgroup Meeting #3 – January 29, 2025**

<b>AGENDA</b>	
1.	Welcome
2.	<u>Brief</u> Review of Previous Steps in the Planning Process
3.	Staunton Zoning Ordinance Information – Rodney Rhodes, Director, Community Development Department
4.	Local Housing Strategies Discussion
5.	Public Engagement Activities Discussion
6.	Next Steps in Planning Process
7.	Additional Comments from Workgroup Members
8.	Adjournment
<p><b><u>Workgroup Meeting Schedule:</u></b>            Mtg. 1 – Monday, September 30, 2024 ✓            Mtg. 2 – Thursday, November 7, 2024 ✓  <b>Mtg. 3 – Wednesday, January 29, 2025</b>  <b>Next Meeting: Mtg. 4 – Monday, March 31, 2025</b></p>	

*“Home is a name, a word, it is a strong one; stronger than any magician ever spoke, or even answered to, in the strongest conjuration.” – Charles Dickens*

**Staunton Housing Strategy Assumptions**

- Everyone has a right to safe, sound, affordable housing.
- Housing is healthcare. Like any other aspect of healthcare each person’s situation is unique and requires solutions that meet their individual needs.
- Housing is a complex social issue and improving it is also complex with many moving parts.
- It is challenging, frustrating, and rewarding work to make a positive difference tackling a social issue. It is o.k. to feel uncomfortable with the process.
- Addressing housing challenges in a community cannot be solved by one organization or group of individuals on their own. To improve the housing challenges in the City of Staunton, it will take involvement of federal, state, and local government organizations, the private sector, nonprofit and for-profit housing and other service providers, and committed individuals.
- Programs, activities, or actions developed through the City of Staunton Housing Strategy will not duplicate existing housing efforts in the community or Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro region.

## Demographics and Housing Statistics for the City of Staunton

<b>Population</b>	
Total Population	25,581
Females	13,866 (54%)
Males	11,715 (46%)
<b>Age</b>	
0-19 years	5,550 (22%)
20-44 years	8,429 (33%)
45-64 years	6,192 (24%)
65 and older	5,410 (21%)
<b>Households</b>	
Total Households	11,064
Householder Living Alone	4,096 (37%)
Housholder 65 or Older Living Alone	2,146 (19%)
Households with One or More People Under 18 Years Old	2,820 (25%)
Households with One or More People 65 Years or Older	4,244 (38%)
Population in Households	24,123 (94%)
<b>Housing Occupancy</b>	
Total Housing Units	12,293
Occupied Housing Units	11,064 (90%)
Vacant Housing Units	1,129 (10%)
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	2.3%
Rental Vacancy Rate	6.2

Source: U.S. Census American Survey, 5-year Estimates, 2022