



**A** Appendix A | Goals, Policies, and Implementation Programs



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## A.1 Land Use Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

#### Residential

#### **LU-1 To provide a variety of housing types that offer choices for Ukiah residents and create complete, livable neighborhoods.**

LU-1.1 Existing Neighborhoods. The City shall maintain and enhance the quality of existing residential neighborhoods, ensuring adequate public facilities such as parks, streets, water supply, and drainage.

LU-1.2 Connectivity. The City shall encourage new residential development to incorporate design features that promote walking and connectivity between blocks.

LU-1.3 Neighborhood Infill. The City shall encourage objectively designed infill developments that enhance neighborhood quality and respond to community input in the planning and design of infill projects or non-residential, neighborhood-serving uses.

LU-1.4 High-Density Residential Uses. The City shall encourage new high-density residential development to locate in areas close to services and transit.

LU-1.5 Existing Neighborhoods. The City shall encourage all new multi-family residential development to comply with objective design and development standards.

#### Mixed-Use

#### **LU-2 To encourage mixed-use development projects that create vibrant, walkable districts.**

LU-2.1 Downtown Mixed-Use. The City shall encourage mixed-use development to locate within the Downtown. Such developments include housing, retail commercial, offices, open space, and other compatible uses. This development pattern should create vibrant, walkable areas, rather than non-pedestrian friendly strip retail developments along downtown corridors.

LU-2.2 Compatibility with Adjacent Uses. The City shall require new mixed-use development to be compatible with adjacent land uses, particularly residential uses, through site and architectural design techniques that establish transitions between uses and minimize negative impacts.

LU-2.3 Mixed-Use Design. The City shall require new mixed-use development to limit the number of access driveways, minimize building setbacks, and provide public ground floor spaces adjacent to sidewalks.

LU-2.4 Pedestrian Orientation. The City shall require new mixed-use and commercial developments with street or bike route frontage to include amenities that connect and create a comfortable environment for walking, sitting, and socializing.

LU-2.5 Live/Work. The City shall encourage mixed-uses in appropriate non-residential or existing mixed-use areas, facilitate the adaptive reuse of otherwise obsolete structures, and promote the growth of the arts and small business ventures in the community by allowing combined workspace and living quarters in appropriate buildings in commercial or industrial zoning districts.

#### Downtown

#### **LU-3 To improve and enhance the appearance and vibrancy of Downtown Ukiah to create a high-quality place for residents, businesses, and visitors.**



LU-3.1 Downtown Activities and Functions. The City shall maintain the Downtown as a center for shopping and commerce, social and cultural activities, and government and civic functions.

LU-3.2 New Downtown Development. The City shall ensure new development in the Downtown is compatible with existing uses and enhances the character of the area.

LU-3.3 Downtown Arts Entertainment. The City shall encourage private-sector investment in Downtown to transform it into a safe, vibrant, and prosperous arts and entertainment district that offers enhanced shopping, dining, recreational, and cultural experiences and events for residents, families, and visitors.

LU-3.4 Downtown Pedestrian Improvements. The City shall work with public agencies and private entities to create a safe, convenient, and pleasant pedestrian environment that supports the continued revitalization of the Downtown area. Improvements could include pedestrian-oriented amenities such as lighting, wider sidewalks, clearly marked pedestrian crossings, benches, landscaping, signage, sidewalk seating areas, and public art.

LU-3.5 Downtown Parking. The City shall prepare and implement a Downtown parking plan that provides enough parking downtown to support area businesses while maintaining a pedestrian-friendly environment.

### Commercial

**LU-4 To encourage the growth and development of retail, office, service, and entertainment uses in Ukiah to provide jobs, support City services, and make Ukiah an attractive place to live.**

LU-4.1 High-Quality Building Design. The City shall encourage distinctive and high-quality commercial building design and site planning that respects the character of Ukiah.

LU-4.2 Commercial Center Design. The City shall require new commercial centers to incorporate standards of site design, construction, buffering, and screening when located adjacent to residential neighborhoods.

LU-4.3 Clustering Commercial Uses. The City shall encourage new commercial uses to group into clustered areas or centers containing professional offices, retail sales and services. New commercial clusters shall be located at the intersections of major thoroughfares and exclude "strip" commercial.

LU-4.4 Commercial Property Landscaping. The City shall require that landscaping on commercial properties be well maintained and encourage those commercial properties currently without landscaping to provide landscaping.

LU-4.5 Pedestrian Access to Commercial Uses. The City shall support convenient and direct pedestrian access to commercial uses that are located adjacent to residential areas.

### Industrial

**LU-5 To encourage, facilitate, and support the development of new employment and industrial uses and retention of existing industry to ensure compatibility with existing surrounding uses and planned uses.**

LU-5.1 Industrial Park Development. The City shall encourage the development of well-designed industrial park areas to attract new light industrial development to Ukiah.

LU-5.2 Industrial Design standards. The City shall ensure that new industrial developments contribute to the overall attractiveness of the community through appropriate site design, architectural design, and landscaping.

LU-5.3 Screening Industrial Areas. The City shall require the screening of loading areas and open storage areas so that they are not visible from major roads.

### Hillside Areas

**LU-6 To preserve the natural character of hillside development areas.**

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LU-6.1 Natural Features. The City shall require development to preserve outstanding natural physical features, such as the highest crest of a hill, natural rock outcroppings, major tree belts, and water features.

LU-6.2 Hillside Development. The City shall require new development in hillside areas to minimize grading to retain a natural hillside setting. The City shall encourage clustered dwelling units in hillside areas and roadways to be designed to preserve the ecological and scenic character of the hillsides.

LU-6.3 Open Space Access. The City shall encourage new hillside developments to provide public access (as appropriate) to adjacent greenways, open space corridors, trails, and parks if development is proposed adjacent to such facilities.

### **Development Pattern**

#### **LU-7 To ensure the orderly and timely growth and expansion of the City.**

LU-7.1 Development Pattern. The City shall ensure an orderly, contiguous development pattern that prioritizes infill development, phases new development, encourages compactness and efficiency, preserves surrounding open space and agricultural resources, and avoids land use incompatibilities.

LU-7.2 Annexations. The City shall support property owners and applications that seek to annex adjoining unincorporated land within the City's Sphere of Influence where the City determines it to be in residents' interests to do so, to promote orderly development, to implement General Plan goals, and if the annexation would improve the fiscal health of the City, provide a more efficient delivery of municipal services to the area, and/or create a more logical City boundary. The City shall consider annexation of lands outside of the SOI but within the Planning Area if the City and all local agencies with relevant jurisdiction, arrive at an agreement ensuring adequately compensated for the costs it will incur due to development in its Planning Area.

LU-7.3 Annexation Considerations. The City shall consider the following factors when reviewing annexation proposals:

- a. Availability of public services and facilities;
- b. Proximity to existing urban development;
- c. Existing agricultural uses;
- d. Fiscal impacts on City finances;
- e. Potential economic benefits;
- f. Regional housing needs; and
- g. Public health and safety.

LU-7.4 Required Public Facilities and Services. The City will support annexation of land for new development only if public services and facilities meeting City standards are available or plans are in place demonstrating their availability in the near future.

LU-7.5 Agriculture and Annexation. The City shall discourage urban development of unincorporated land in the City's Sphere of Influence until such lands are annexed by the City. The City shall support County land use regulations that require minimum lot sizes to protect the viability of local agriculture and to prevent the development of incompatible or undesirable land use patterns prior to eventual annexation and urbanization.

LU-7.6 Fair Share Housing Needs Reduction. The City shall amend the Housing Element as a condition of annexation of residential lands from the County, to increase the City's housing fair share by the number of needed housing units the County is surrendering.



LU-7.7 County Housing Needs. The City shall give consideration to the County's regional "fair share" housing needs when reviewing applications for new development within the City's Planning Area.

LU-7.8 Legal Non-conforming Uses. The City shall allow the continued use of legally existing non-conforming land uses in conformance with approved permits.

### **Growth Management**

LU-8 To promote growth and development practices that improve quality of life, protect open space, natural and historical resources, and reduce resource consumption.

LU-8.1 Contiguous Development. The City shall strongly discourage new development that is not contiguous with existing urban development.

LU-8.2 Protection of Agricultural Areas. The City shall support the long-term economic viability of agriculture and agri-tourism and encourage landowners with land in agricultural production to undertake succession planning or agricultural preservation, as appropriate.

LU-8.3 Infill Development. The City shall encourage population and employment growth toward infill development sites within the city.

LU-8.4 Reuse of Underutilized Property. The City shall encourage property owners to revitalize or redevelop abandoned, obsolete, or underutilized properties to accommodate growth.

LU-8.5 Historic Preservation. The City shall strive to preserve residential and commercial structures of historic value to the community.

LU-8.6 Historic Resource Maintenance. The City shall encourage property owners to maintain these structures in accordance with local, state and federal standards.

### **Missing Middle Housing**

**LU-9 To provide opportunities for housing that can accommodate the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of current and future residents in terms of different housing types, tenures, density, sizes, and costs.**

LU-9.1 Mixed Residential Neighborhoods. The City shall encourage creation of mixed residential neighborhoods through new and innovative housing types that meet the changing needs of Ukiah households and expand housing choices in all neighborhoods. These housing types include, but are not limited to, single dwelling units, multi-family dwelling units, accessory dwelling units, small and micro units, use of pre-fabricated homes, and clustered housing/cottage housing.

LU-9.2 Housing Types and Designs. The City shall support housing types and designs that increase density while remaining consistent with the building scale and character present in existing neighborhoods. This includes multi-family units or clustered residential buildings that provide relatively smaller, less expensive units within existing neighborhoods.

LU-9.3 Adaptation of Existing Residential Units. The City shall encourage the adaptation of existing residential units to support multi-family use.

### **Special Planning Areas**

**LU-10 To assure coordination and consistency with special planning areas.**

LU-10.1 Downtown Zoning Code. The City shall update the Downtown Zoning Code to assure consistency with the General Plan goals, policies, and land use designations.



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LU-10.2 Ukiah Valley Community. The City shall recognize that the Ukiah Valley is one community and foster collaborative decision-making between the City, county, and other public agencies.

LU-10.3 Ukiah Valley Area Plan. The City shall coordinate with Mendocino County to assure consistency with the Ukiah Valley Area Plan goals and policies.

LU-10.4 Ukiah Airport Master Plan. The City shall periodically update the Ukiah Airport Master Plan to reflect changing airport needs, aircraft type and use, and new noise and safety standards.

LU-10.5 Ukiah Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The City shall require new development within each airport zone that conforms to the height, use and intensity specified in the land use compatibility table of the Ukiah Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (UKIALUCP).

LU-10.6 Mendocino County Airport Land Use Commission. As required within the UKIALUCP, the City shall refer new development projects in the Ukiah Airport area of influence to the Mendocino ALUC for review and comment.

### **Community Character and Design**

#### **LU-11 To ensure high-quality site planning, landscaping, and architectural design for all new construction, renovation, or remodeling.**

LU-11.1 Commercial Character. The City shall update and maintain objective commercial design standards for all commercial land use designations, to enhance community character and encourage economic development.

LU-11.2 Gateways. The City shall establish key gateways to Ukiah through landscape design, appropriately-scaled signage, and building form, and historic themes to create a unique sense of place.

LU-11.3 Neighborhood Character. The City shall ensure that Zoning Code standards and design guidelines are reflective of neighborhood character and land use intensity, complement views from US 101.

LU-11.4 Public Buildings and Spaces. The City shall ensure that all new public buildings and places are consistent with City design review guidelines and standards, designed to be attractive, safe, and serve the neighborhood needs, and conform to standards similar to those applied to private development.

LU-11.5 Public Street Furniture. The Public Works Department shall establish public design standards for street furniture and landscaping that enhance the streetscape and general fabric of the City.

LU-11.6 Public Art. The City shall encourage the installation of public art and identify permanent funding mechanisms to support new installations and maintenance.

LU-11.7 Sign Regulations. The City shall update the Zoning Code sign provisions to incorporate a consistent program for new signs to simplify the signage process.

LU-11.8 Tree Preservation. The City shall encourage the preservation of trees on public and private property. Priority should be given to the preservation of trees considered significant due to their size, history, unusual species or unique quality.

LU-11.9 Historic Preservation and Restoration. The City shall encourage restorative maintenance to deteriorated buildings, particularly in Downtown, and restrict the demolition of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings to accommodate new development. The City shall encourage adaptive re-use of historic structures to maintain their historic character while supporting economic development.

LU-11.10 Water Efficient Landscaping. The City shall ensure that Zoning Code landscape standards and design guidelines reflect the most current water efficient landscape standards that include native, adaptive, and drought resistant vegetation, as well as provisions for street canopies and streetscape enhancement.

## Environmental Justice

### **LU-12 To ensure that land use decisions do not adversely impact disadvantaged individuals and groups differently than the population as a whole.**

LU-12.1 Fair Treatment and Meaningful Involvement. The City shall provide for the fair treatment and meaningful involvement in respect to the development and review of land use decision and policies for all people regardless of income, race, color, or national origin.

LU-12.2 Disproportionate Land Use Impacts. The City shall evaluate and avoid, reduce, or mitigate disproportionate adverse health and safety impacts of land use decisions on identified disadvantaged communities.

LU-12.3 Coordination on Siting of Utilities . The City shall coordinate with utility providers in the siting, site layout, and design of gas and electric facilities, including changes to existing facilities, to minimize environmental, and safety impacts on disadvantaged communities.

### **LU-13 To ensure that all community members have equal access to healthy foods, education, green spaces, and medical services.**

LU-13.1 Access to Community Resources. The City shall identify and address gaps in access to residential, commercial, recreation, natural open spaces, and public resources, and ensure these community resources are accessible to all, regardless of income, race, color, or national origin.

LU-13.2 Equitable Capital Improvements. The City shall promote equitable investment in capital improvements City-wide.

LU-13.3 Public Assistance Collaboration. The City shall support non-profit organizations and public agencies which provide assistance to the homeless and access to healthcare, rental assistance and food assistance, and other poverty alleviating programs and services.

### **LU-14 To develop, implement, and enforce policies to ensure access to safe and sanitary housing throughout the community.**

LU-14.1 Code Enforcement. The City shall prioritize code enforcement for rental housing in disadvantaged communities to assure safe, sanitary housing.

LU-14.2 Clean and Safe Drinking Water. The City shall ensure access to clean and safe drinking water for all community members.

### **LU-15 To promote meaningful dialogue and collaboration between members of disadvantaged communities and decision-makers to advance social and economic equity.**

LU-15.1 Community Input. The City shall continue to facilitate opportunities for disadvantaged community residents and stakeholders to provide meaningful and effective input on proposed planning activities early on and continuously throughout the public review process.

LU-15.2 Communication Channels. The City shall continue to improve communication channels and methods for meaningful dialogue between community members and decision-makers. The City shall also continue to share public information across a variety of media, technological, and traditional platforms, and languages based upon the demographics of the community.

LU-15.3 Public Engagement. The City shall hold special meetings, workshops, and other public engagement opportunities at times and locations that make it convenient for disadvantaged community members to attend, particularly stakeholders who are the most likely to be directly affected by the outcome.



LU-15.4 Translation Services. The City will continue to evaluate the need for the provision of translation services, to the extent feasible, in conveying important information to the community.

**General Plan Use and Maintenance**


**LU-16 Promote the effective use and implementation of the General Plan Land Use Map.**

LU-16.1 Land Use Map. The City shall maintain and implement a Land Use Map describing the types of allowed land uses by geographic location and the density of allowed uses within each designation.

LU-16.2 Land Use Designations. The City shall apply the land use designation specific parcels of land as designated on the General Land Use Map (Figure 2-1), even if a parcel does not meet other criteria specified in the General Plan.






LU-16.3 Zoning Designations. The City shall ensure that zoning designations are consistent with the General Land Use Map (Figure 2-1).

LU-16.4 Five-year General Plan Review. The City shall conduct a technical review of the General Plan every five years and revise and update as necessary to assure compliance with State law and responsiveness to current City needs.

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>A Downtown Pedestrian Improvements</b>                      The City shall, in collaboration with interested public agencies and downtown businesses, prepare a study of potential sidewalk and streetscape improvements, including lighting, wider sidewalks, clearly marked pedestrian crossings, benches, landscaping, signage, sidewalk seating areas, and public art, to create a safe, convenient, and pleasant pedestrian environment Downtown.</p>	<p>LU – 3.4</p>	<p>Public Works</p>					



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>B Downtown Parking Plan</b> The City shall prepare and implement a Downtown parking plan that provides enough parking downtown to support area businesses while maintaining a pedestrian-friendly environment. The City will collaborate with other public agencies, Downtown businesses, and the Chamber of Commerce to identify parking deficiencies, consider alternatives, and prepare a comprehensive parking strategy.</p>	LU – 3.5	Public Works  Community Development		■			
<p><b>C Housing Element Amendments to Address Annexation-related RHNA Changes</b> The City shall amend the Housing Element in conjunction upon the annexation of any County land designated for residential uses and identified in the Mendocino County Housing Element as satisfying a portion of the County’s RHNA. The City Housing element amendment will increase the City’s RHNA by a commensurate amount. The City shall coordinate any proposed amendment in advance with the Mendocino Council of Governments and the California Department of Housing and Community Development to assure the amendment is acceptable to both agencies.</p>	LU – 7.6	Community Development					■
<p><b>D City Gateway Design Standards</b> The City shall prepare gateway design standards for all City gateways, The standards will address landscape design and materials, signage, building form, and historic themes that create a unique sense of place.</p>	LU – 11.2	Community Development  Public Works	■				

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>E Zoning Code Amendments</b>            The City shall amend the Zoning Code to address the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downtown Zoning Code and Design Guidelines;</li> <li>• Commercial Design standards that address neighborhood character and compatibility, including materials, siting, scale, and landscaping;</li> <li>• Sign regulations;</li> <li>• Water efficient landscape standards;</li> <li>• Historic Structure Preservation; and</li> <li>• Zoning districts and map consistency with the 2040 Land Use Diagram.</li> </ul>	LU – 10.1 LU – 11 LU – 11.7 LU – 11.10	Community Development					
<p><b>F Ukiah Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan</b>            The City shall review every five years and update as necessary the Ukiah Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The review and potential update shall consider changing airport facility and aviation needs, new aircraft types, and new noise and safety standards.</p>	LU – 10.4 LU – 10.5 LU – 10.6	Airport					
<p><b>G Design Standards</b>            The City shall update the Commercial Design Guidelines to establish design standards for street furniture and streetscape landscaping.</p>	LU – 11.1 LU – 11.4 LU – 11.5	Community Development					



<p><b>H Five Year General Plan Review</b> The City shall conduct a technical review of the General Plan every five years and revise and update as necessary to assure compliance with State law and responsiveness to current City needs.</p>	<p>LU – 16.4</p>	<p>Community Development</p>		<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>		
<p><b>I Annexation Guide.</b> The City shall develop, maintain, and make publicly-available a City of Ukiah Annexation Guide that includes an annexation applicant’s responsibilities, the requirements for environmental review, requirements for development plans, and fees associated with applications for annexation.</p>	<p>LU – 7.2</p>	<p>Community Development</p>		<p>■</p>			

## A.2 Economic Development Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

**ED-1 To be a key partner with other agencies and organizations to achieve the City’s and the region’s economic goals.**

ED-1.1 Interagency Coordination. Coordinate with local agencies, jurisdictions, and tribes; and other groups and organizations working to promote Ukiah’s economic development.

ED-1.2 Economic Initiatives. The City shall support regional economic initiatives and marketing activities by actively participating in economic development programs.

ED-1.3 Public /Private Partnerships. The City shall support and encourage public/private partnerships and other efforts to implement key development projects that meet the City’s economic development goals.

ED-1.4 Economic Development Strategy. The City shall prepare and periodically update an Economic Development Strategy, which shall be used as an operational guide to implement the economic development goals, policies, and programs of the General Plan.

**ED-2 To promote a strong local economy by improving critical infrastructure, including water, transportation, and renewable energy.**

ED-2.1 City Investment Priorities. During review and updates of public facility master plans and the Capital Improvement Program, the City shall prioritize investment in infrastructure, services, and other assets that are critical to future economic vitality, including public safety, water supply and quality, transportation, energy, and environmental resources, to support job growth and economic development.

ED-2.2 Energy Infrastructure. The City shall work to improve energy infrastructure to increase availability, reliability, sustainability, and use of renewable energy sources.

**ED-3 To provide opportunities for expansion of businesses by ensuring the availability of suitable sites, appropriate zoning, and access to infrastructure and amenities.**

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ED-3.1 Land Supply Inventory . The City shall maintain and/or annex an adequate land supply to meet projected commercial and industrial land demand.

ED-3.2 Infill Sites. The City shall coordinate with interested developers and relevant public agencies to develop infill sites consistent with the Land Use Diagram.

ED-3.3 Airport Industrial Park. The City shall develop adequate linkage from the Airport Industrial Park to the east side of the airport.

**ED-4 To attract visitors and provide them with the amenities and services to make their stay in Ukiah enjoyable.**

ED-4.1 Supporting Tourism. The City shall encourage and support the development of sustainable and innovative visitor-serving attractions that expand on the tourism market in Ukiah and Mendocino County and add to the quality of life for residents.

ED-4.2 Downtown. The City shall reinforce the Downtown as the civic and cultural heart of Ukiah by supporting public arts, cultural and entertainment programs, restoration of aging structures, lodging, and a robust mix of residential, retail, and service uses.

ED-4.3 Boutique Hotel. The City shall encourage and support the development of a boutique hotel in Downtown to provide an opportunity for overnight stays in the heart of Downtown and for visitors to enjoy and explore Ukiah's local business, restaurants, and nightlife.

ED-4.4 Public Art. The City shall reduce barriers for private efforts that create art in public places (e.g., murals, sculptures), and support development of a Public Art Master Plan with appropriate funding mechanisms to support and maintain public art installations.

ED-4.5 Tourism-Supporting Services. The City shall support the local dining, lodging, and retail sectors to ensure visitors enjoy Ukiah to the fullest.

**ED-5 To ensure Ukiah's long-term economic success and sustainability by diversifying and expanding tourist attractions.**

ED-5.1 Outdoor Recreation. The City shall maintain existing and promote new outdoor recreation opportunities and facilities at a high level to solidify Ukiah's position as a leader in outdoor recreation.

ED-5.2 Bicycle Tourism. The City shall support efforts to promote and expand the local and regional bicycle trail network to attract visitors seeking a quality outdoor recreation experience.

ED-5.3 Great Redwood Trail. The City shall continue to support the expansion of the Great Redwood Trail linking Marin, Sonoma, and Humboldt counties and enhancing trail access in Ukiah.

ED-5.4 Special Events. The City shall support special events that benefit local businesses and contribute to the City's overall economic success.

ED-5.5 Agricultural Tourism. The City shall strive to attract tourism centered on the agriculture industry throughout the Mendocino County region, including wineries, cannabis farm tours, farm stays, tasting rooms, and beverage production tours.

**ED-6 To maintain a supportive business climate and a healthy economy that leads to the expansion of existing businesses and the attraction of new ones.**

ED-6.1 Regulatory Environment. The City shall promote business-friendliness in the regulatory and permitting process through collaboration, innovation, exchange of ideas and best practices, and the improvement in clarity and



efficiency in the permitting process to take advantage of opportunities for streamlining in the development permit process.

**ED-7 To grow the local economy and employment base by supporting efforts to retain, expand and attract local businesses.**

ED-7.1 Attract Skilled Workers. The City shall support, maintain, and enhance the social and cultural amenities of the city (such as attractive public spaces, public art displays, museum(s), historic venues and sites, and recreational facilities and programs).

**ED-8 To cultivate a culture of entrepreneurship to encourage and support local business start-ups.**

ED-8.1 Business Incubators. The City shall encourage and support the establishment of local business incubators and programs designed to support the successful development of entrepreneurial companies through an array of business support resources and services.

ED-8.2 Home-Based Businesses. The City shall support and expand the opportunities for establishment and operation of home-based businesses that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods.

**ED-9 To improve labor force preparedness by providing the local workforce with the skills needed to meet the requirements of evolving business needs.**

ED-9.1 Interagency Workforce Collaboration. The City shall work with Mendocino College, Ukiah Unified School District, and Mendocino County to support innovation and the development, retraining, and retention of a skilled workforce.

ED-9.2 Local Graduate Retention. The City shall actively support efforts to keep local high school and college graduates in the local workforce.

ED-9.3 City Hiring Practices. The City shall pursue best practices aimed at maximizing local hiring in coordination with education and training providers.

**ED-10 To foster a robust and diversified local economy that provides quality employment and attracts stable businesses.**

ED-10.1 Value-Added Agriculture. The City shall encourage and support the expansion of value-added agricultural products (e.g., processing, packaging, product development) with an emphasis on local distribution and consumption.

ED-10.2 Agricultural Support Services. The City shall encourage agricultural support services, such as vineyard and harvest management, to be based in Ukiah.

ED-10.3 Airport-Related Businesses. The City shall encourage and promote the development of airport-related businesses at the Ukiah Municipal Airport.

ED-10.4 Local-Serving Retail. The City shall encourage the establishment and expansion of commercial businesses that increase local spending within Ukiah and provide needed goods and services to residents and businesses.

ED-10.5 Culturally Diverse Businesses. The City shall review and amend its policies and procedures to ensure equity of opportunity to encourage and support a diverse business community.

**ED-11 To diversify the economic base of Ukiah through the development and expansion of environmental, creative, and innovative businesses, including the non-profit sector.**



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ED-11.1 Creative Economy. The City shall encourage the expansion of the local creative economy, including arts businesses, creative and performing arts, and non-profit organizations, as well as professional service sectors built around the creative arts.

ED-11.2 Green Economy. The City shall support the development and reduce local regulatory barriers for industries and businesses that promote and enhance environmental sustainability, greenhouse gas reductions, decarbonization, climate change adaptation, resiliency, and renewable energy generation, storage, and transmission, including solar power and other appropriate renewable sources.

ED-11.3 Support Green Businesses. The County shall promote the efforts of existing businesses that meet green business criteria; job training in green building techniques and regenerative farming; and strive to build green technologies into and decarbonize existing public facilities.

ED-11.4 Sustainable Business Development. The City shall encourage the development and expansion of businesses that advance social equity, environmental quality, and economic sustainability, as well as capitalize on key industry strengths. Economic sustainability includes planning and preparation for disaster response and long-term resiliency of businesses and economic assets in the city.



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>A Economic Development Strategy</b>                      The City shall prepare, adopt, and regularly update an Economic Development Strategy, which shall be used as an operational guide to implement the economic development goals and policies of the General Plan. The strategy should address business attraction, retention, and expansion, infrastructure priorities, tourism, intergovernmental coordination and cooperation, economic diversification, and workforce development. The Economic Development Strategy should be prepared in coordination with the local business community, Economic Development and Financing Corporation, Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce, West Business Development Center, Mendocino Private Industry Council, Mendocino County, and other groups and organizations working to promote Ukiah’s economic development. Following completion of the Economic Development Strategy, the City shall review and update the Strategy every five years.</p>	ED – 1.4	City Manager  Community Development	■				

## A.3 Mobility Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

**MOB-1 To provide a citywide network of complete streets that meet the needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit, movers of commercial goods, children, seniors, and persons with disabilities.**

MOB-1.1 Complete Streets. The City shall design streets holistically, using a complete streets approach, which considers pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, and other modes together to adequately serve future land uses.

MOB-1.2 Multi-modal Access. The City shall require that all new development and redevelopment projects include provisions for multi-modal access provisions such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and vehicle and transit where relevant.

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MOB-1.3 Reallocate Space for Complete Streets. The City shall reallocate roadway space to allow complete streets improvements on streets with excess traffic capacity.

MOB-1.4 Block Length. The City shall limit block lengths to 600 feet wherever feasible to enhance multi-modal circulation and connectivity.

MOB-1.5 Balance Transportation Spending. The City will provide funding for transportation improvements for each of the key travel modes to support the long-term viability and safety of each mode, as well as required maintenance.

MOB-1.6 Roundabouts. The City shall consider the installation of roundabouts to enhance safety at intersections, and as a key component of Ukiah's sustainability strategy.

MOB-1.7 Land Use and Street Classification Compatibility. The City shall ensure that General Plan land use density and intensity standards are compatible with the classification of streets from which the land uses are accessed.

MOB-1.8 New Development and Complete Streets. The City shall require all new development to provide adequate access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, and persons with disabilities, as well as facilities necessary to support the City's goal of maintaining a complete street network.

MOB-1.9 Bikeway Network . The City shall strive to complete the citywide bicycle network to create a full network of bicycle facilities throughout Ukiah, including bicycle lanes on all arterial and collector street segments where feasible.

MOB-1.10 Bicycle Parking Standards. The City shall maintain efficient and updated parking standards for bicycle parking to ensure development provides adequate bicycle parking, while reducing reliance on automobiles.

MOB-1.11 Pedestrian Barriers & Utility Relocation. The City shall support elimination of barriers to pedestrian travel on sidewalks and walking paths including requiring the relocation or undergrounding of utilities where appropriate.

## Vehicle Miles Traveled

### **MOB-2 To reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) to and from residences, jobs and commercial uses in Ukiah.**

MOB-2.1 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction. The City shall support development and transportation improvements that help reduce VMT below regional averages on a "residential per capita" and "per employee" basis.

MOB-2.2 Transportation Demand Management. The City shall support programs to reduce vehicle trips, including measures such as reduced parking requirements that aim to increase transit use, car-pooling, bicycling and walking.

MOB-2.3 Pedestrian Facilities . The City shall encourage new development and redevelopment that increases connectivity through direct and safe pedestrian connections to public amenities, neighborhoods, shopping and employment destinations throughout the City.

MOB-2.4 Transit Facility Design. The City shall require new development to include facilities designed to make public transportation convenient.

MOB-2.5 Transit Ridership. The City shall support funding and incentives to increase transit ridership opportunities.

MOB-2.6 Downtown Transit Center. The City shall support creation of a Transit Center.

MOB-2.7 Bicycle Accessible Transit. The City shall encourage the MTA and other public transportation providers to make bus routes connecting Ukiah with other areas bicycle accessible.

## Transportation Safety and Planning

### **MOB-3 To provide a safe transportation system that eliminates traffic-related fatalities and reduces non-fatal injury collisions.**



MOB-3.1 Safety Improvements. The City shall provide safety improvements along high-injury and fatality streets and intersections.

MOB-3.2 Safe Routes to Schools . The City shall promote Safe Routes to Schools programs for all schools serving the City.

MOB-3.3 Safety and Traffic Calming. The City shall use traffic calming methods within residential and mixed-use areas, where necessary, to create a pedestrian-friendly circulation system.

MOB-3.4 Safety Considerations. The City shall ensure that planned non- transportation capital improvement projects, on or near a roadway, consider safety for all travel modes during construction and upon completion.

MOB-3.5 Community Engagement . The City shall engage the community in promoting safe walking and bicycling through education and outreach.

MOB-3.6 Emergency Access. The City shall work with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to address street design and the accessibility required for emergency vehicles.

MOB-3.7 Video Enforcement. The City shall consider the use of video surveillance for traffic enforcement.

MOB-3.8 Truck Traffic in Residential Areas. The City shall discourage truck traffic on local residential streets to increase safety and reduce noise.

### **Transportation and Mobility Needs**

#### **MOB-4 To maintain an ongoing periodic evaluation process to inventory transportation and mobility needs.**

MOB-4.1 Multi-modal Transportation Studies. The City shall conduct multi-modal transportation studies in association with required updates to the Regional Transportation Plan to update the General Plan and appropriately update and amend the Mobility Element.

MOB-4.2 Transportation Performance Measures .The City shall evaluate transportation performance holistically, taking into consideration multi-modal system performance measures that emphasize the efficient movement of people.

MOB-4.3 Safety Monitoring . The City shall monitor high-priority corridors and intersections to better understand the potential for safety improvements.

MOB-4.4 Level of Service. The City shall use peak-hour traffic level of service (LOS) to consider whether a street or intersection has adequate remaining capacity to service the traffic generated by a proposed project, except that meeting traffic LOS goals should not occur in a manner that would limit travel by other modes or result in increased VMT.

MOB-4.5 Peak Hour Traffic LOS Goals. The City shall adopt the following intersection peak hour traffic Level of Service (LOS) goals to guide street network planning (but not to be used for assessing CEQA impacts):

- a) At intersections with signals, roundabouts or four-way stop signs: operation at LOS D, except where pedestrian volumes are high in which case LOS E may be acceptable.
- b) At intersections with stop signs on side streets only: operation at LOS E, except where side streets have very low traffic volumes, in which case LOS F conditions may be acceptable.

MOB-4.6 Alternate Access Routes. The City shall explore the feasibility of establishing alternate north/south and east/west access routes.

MOB-4.7 Meet Future Travel Demand. The City shall extend existing streets or construct new streets as needed to meet existing and future travel demands

**Parking**

**MOB-5 To promote a balance of multi-modal options, to be reflected in flexible parking regulations.**

MOB-5.1. Incentives for Travel Alternatives. The City shall work with downtown businesses and employers reduce the need for and expenses of off-street parking by supporting and encouraging alternatives to single-occupant vehicles such as incentives and priority parking for carpools and vanpools, secure bicycle parking, and free bus passes.

MOB-5.2 Support for Charging Stations. The City shall support the provision of charging stations for electric vehicles, as well as other types of vehicles, as new technologies emerge.

**Aviation**

**MOB-6 To promote the Ukiah Municipal Airport for the Community's benefit and provide for the airport's long-term viability, including ensuring future development considered by the 2040 Ukiah General Plan is consistent with the Ukiah Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (UKIALUCP).**

MOB-6.1 Airport Promotion. The City shall ensure that the airport is a key part of the City's economic development strategy and promotional efforts.

MOB-6.2 Uniform Airport Area Development Regulations. The City shall coordinate with the County to develop a similar or duplicate implementing code for development in and around the airport.

MOB-6.3 Infill Policy for Compatibility Zones. The City shall work collaboratively with the County to develop an In-fill Policy within the Municipal Airport Compatibility Zones.

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(is)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>A Street Design Standards</b> The City shall update street design standards and street classifications every five years to support provision of a citywide network of complete streets, based on the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide.</p>	<p>MOB – 1.1 MOB – 1.8</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>		
<p><b>B Transportation Impact Fees</b> The City shall reevaluate and update its transportation impact fees every five years to ensure fees are adequate and fairly apportion to new development.</p>	<p>MOB – 1.5</p>	<p>Public Works Community Development</p>	<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>		



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(is)	Responsible	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
		Supporting Department(s)					
<p><b>C Right-of-Way Needs</b> The City shall revise and update the projected street right-of-way needs for completion of the City’s future mobility network to ensure provision of complete streets and completion of the planned citywide bicycle and pedestrian networks.</p>	<p>MOB – 1.1 MOB – 1.3</p>	<p>Public Works Community Development</p>	■				
<p><b>D Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Performance Measures</b> The City shall adopt criteria for assessing significant transportation impacts based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) consistent with State CEQA Guidelines, incorporating best practices including guidance provided by the Governor’s Office of Planning &amp; Research (OPR).</p>	<p>MOB – 2.1 MOB – 2.2</p>	<p>Community Development Public Works</p>	■				
<p><b>E VMT Modeling</b> The City shall develop a model for assessing VMT for new development consistent with new VMT performance measures.</p>	<p>MOB – 2.1 MOB – 2.2</p>	<p>Community Development Public Works</p>	■				
<p><b>F TDM Program</b> The City shall, in coordination with Caltrans and the Mendocino Transit Authority, amend the Development Code to include a menu of options to facilitate and encourage alternate modes of travel and transportation.</p>	<p>MOB – 2.2</p>	<p>Community Development Public Works</p>	■				
<p><b>G Transit Center</b> The City shall, in coordination with MTA and other agencies and organizations seek funding for and conduct a feasibility study to develop a downtown transit center, located as close to retail and services as feasible.</p>	<p>MOB – 2.7</p>	<p>Public Works Community Development</p>		■			



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(is)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>H Net Zero</b> The City shall develop and implement a “net zero” strategy aimed at achieving zero fatalities due to collisions on Ukiah’s street network.	MOB – 3.1 MOB – 3.2 MOB – 3.3 MOB – 3.4 MOB – 4.3	Public Works Community Development		■			■
<b>I Regional Transportation Plan Updates</b> The city shall conduct transportation studies every five years in association with required updates to the Regional Transportation Plan. The transportation studies shall, at a minimum, assess the need to provide additional future mobility facilities based on the long-term projected traffic, transit, bicycle paths, and pedestrian access needs.	MOB – 4.1 MOB – 4.2	Public Works Community Development		■	■		■
<b>J Short-term Transportation Study</b> The City shall complete a transportation study to make recommendations for the purpose of increasing the provision of multi-modal transportation facilities, enhancing safety, lowering the rate of collisions and reducing travel delays.	MOB – 4.1	Public Works Community Development	■				
<b>K North/South and East/West Access Routes</b> The City shall prepare a study to explore the feasibility of establishing alternate north/south and east/west access routes, as well as the extension of existing streets or construction new streets meet existing and future travel demands.	MOB – 4.6 MOB – 4.7	Public Works Community Development	■				
<b>L Airport Parcels</b> The City shall prepare a study to identify parcels on which new development could benefit the airport and supports annexation of those parcels.	MOB – 6.1 MOB – 6.2 MOB – 6.3	Community Development	■				

## A.4 Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

#### Water

#### **PFS-1 To maintain a safe and adequate water system to meet the needs of existing and future development.**

PFS-1.1 Water Service Annexation Impacts. The City shall ensure newly annexed areas within the city do not negatively affect water services to existing customers.

PFS-1.2 Russian River Water Rights. The City shall protect and confirm all Russian River tributary water rights to which the Ukiah Valley and City may be entitled.

PFS-1.3 Consolidation of Water Districts . The City shall support the consolidation of water districts as part of future annexations to establish efficient services and ensure adequate water supply and delivery.

PFS-1.4 Water Storage. The City shall encourage the protection and expansion of existing sources and methods of water storage for future development.

PFS-1.5 Recycled Water Project. The City shall explore the potential expansion of the Recycled Water Project to provide non-potable water to areas of large-scale urban irrigation, such as Todd Grove Park and the golf course.

PFS-1.6 Reduce Reliance on the Russian River. The City shall continue to support the reduction on the reliance of surface water from the Russian River as a water source to serve the community.

PFS-1.7 Groundwater Recharge. The City shall enhance groundwater supply by looking to expand its capacity to recharge by developing storm ponding and retention basins where feasible. In some areas these ponds or basins can be incorporated into a recreational area, used as wildlife habitat area, or may be required by new development to offset impacts associated with new nonpermeable surfaces.

#### Wastewater

#### **PFS-2 To maintain quality wastewater treatment and disposal services to meet the needs of existing and future development.**

PFS-2.1 Level of Service. The City shall maintain an adequate level of service in the City's wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system to meet the needs of existing and projected development and all State and Federal regulations.

PFS-2.2 Wastewater System Funding. The City shall ensure that the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system has adequate funds and programs for maintenance, upgrades when required, and day-to-day operations.

PFS-2.3 Wastewater Service Coordination. The City shall coordinate with the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District to ensure ongoing wastewater treatment capacity within the wastewater treatment plant for future development.

PFS-2.4 Ukiah Valley Sanitation District . The City should collaborate with Ukiah Valley Sanitation District to ensure adequate wastewater collection and treatment is provided to properties within City limits and their jurisdictional boundaries.

PFS-2.5 Out of Area Service Agreements. The City shall require out of service area agreements in rural areas where the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District cannot feasibly provide wastewater services.

PFS-2.6 Wastewater Service Capacity. The City shall ensure there is adequate wastewater service capacity prior to annexation of additional land.

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PFS-2.7 Protect Groundwater Quality . The City shall preserve and protect groundwater quality through the implementation of best practices and innovative methods for modern wastewater disposal.

### **Solid Waste, Composting and Recycling**

**PFS-3 To ensure adequate solid waste, recycling, and composting services and maximize waste diversion from landfills.**

PFS-3.1 Solid Waste Diversion Targets. The City shall encourage increased community participation in recycling and composting programs and weekly collection of recyclables and organic waste to achieve 85 percent diversion for community waste and municipal operations by 2030.

PFS-3.2 Waste Management Services. The City shall continue waste management service contracts to provide quality and cost-effective solid waste removal throughout the city and require all residents and businesses to comply with solid waste collection and recycling service requirements.

PFS-3.3 Construction and Demolition Waste. The City shall require all new development to comply with the current CALGreen requirements for construction and demolition waste diversion.

PFS-3.4 Recycling Receptacles and Biodegradable/Recycled-Materials Products. The City shall require the availability of recycling and composting receptacles and use biodegradable or recycled-material products instead of single-use plastic products at all City facilities and City-sponsored events.

PFS-3.5 Sustainable Purchasing Policy. The City shall prioritize purchasing products that are environmentally friendly; made with postconsumer recycled content; are recyclable, compostable, or reusable; are less toxic than conventional goods; are manufactured locally; and are fairly traded.

PFS-3.6 Waste Reduction Education. The City shall collaborate and partner with local organizations to provide waste reduction education programs to residents and businesses.

**PFS-4 To enforce Citywide codes and ordinances, with special attention regarding private property maintenance, abandoned vehicles, rubbish/weeds, and public nuisances.**

PFS-4.1 Solid Waste Diversion Targets. The City shall provide adequate staffing to support code enforcement efforts to the extent financially feasible.

### **Stormwater Management**

**PFS-5 To maintain an adequate stormwater management system to accommodate runoff and improve environmental quality.**

PFS-5.1 Low Impact Development . The City shall require new developments to install green infrastructure consistent with Stormwater Low Impact Development Technical Design Manual and the sustainable objectives of the State and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, including but not limited to pervious pavement, infiltration basins, raingardens, green roofs, rainwater harvesting systems, and other types of low impact development (LID).

PFS-5.2 Pollutants Discharge Reduction. The City shall provide non-point source pollution control programs to reduce and control the discharge of pollutants into the storm drain system and Russian River.

### **Utilities and Energy**

**PFS-6 Improve the efficiency and quality of utility services in the city.**

PFS-6.1 New Initiatives. The City shall support innovative, sustainable, and alternative practices and technologies for delivering energy and utility services to the community.



PFS-6.2 Undergrounding Utilities . The City shall encourage the conversion of overhead transmission and distribution lines to underground as economically feasible.

PFS-6.3 Energy Efficiency Education . The City shall support education for residents and businesses on the importance of energy efficiency.

PFS-6.4 Energy Efficient Municipal Buildings. The City shall require municipal and public buildings to operate at the highest energy efficiency level economically and operationally feasible.

PFS-6.5 Privately-Owned Building Retrofits . The City shall promote retrofitting of privately-owned buildings to increase energy efficiency.

PFS-6.6 Local Power Generation. The City shall support local power generation and production that is economically and operationally feasible.

### **PFS-7 To ensure a safe and resilient utility and infrastructure system.**

PFS-7.1 Resilient Electric Grid. The City shall explore options for hardening the electric grid to continue to provide ongoing service to the community without disruption caused by natural (seismic events, flooding, wildfires, extreme wind events) or man-made hazards.

PFS-7.2 Vegetation Clearance. The City shall require vegetation clearance and tree trimming adjacent to transmission and distribution lines and other critical electrical infrastructure.

PFS-7.3 Electric Infrastructure Upgrades. The City shall implement electrical infrastructure upgrades as outlined in the Ukiah Wildfire Mitigation Plan to reduce the risk of wildfires.

### **PFS-8 To transition to sustainable and renewable energy.**

PFS-8.1 Utility Sustainability. The City shall continue to expand alternative, sustainable electric energy use.

PFS-8.2 Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency . The City shall encourage the site planning and design of new buildings to maximize energy efficiency.

PFS-8.3 Solar Photovoltaic Use. The City shall encourage solar photovoltaic systems for existing residential uses to reduce the reliance on the energy grid.

PFS-8.4 Residential Electric Appliances. The City shall encourage the use of electric appliances and utility hook-ups in all new residential development.

PFS-8.5 LEED Certification. The City shall encourage new construction, including municipal building construction, to achieve third-party green building certifications, such as LEED rating system, or an equivalent.

PFS-8.6 Incentivize Energy Efficiency . The City shall consider providing incentives, such as prioritizing plan review, permit processing, and field inspection services, for energy efficient building projects.

### **Fire Protection and Emergency Response**

#### **PFS-9 To maintain effective, fast, and dependable fire protection and emergency medical response in Ukiah.**

PFS-9.1 Emergency Medical Services. The City shall coordinate emergency medical services between agencies servicing the city.

PFS-9.2 Fire Prevention . The City shall require all new development to include provisions for onsite fire suppression measures and/or management of surrounding vegetation to provide minimum clearance between structures and vegetation.

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PFS-9.3 Interagency Coordination . The City shall coordinate with Cal Fire and the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority regarding the fire protection and wildfire safety standards.

### Law Enforcement

#### **PFS-10 To provide high-quality public safety and crime reduction services to maintain a safe and secure community.**

PFS-10.1 Police Staffing. The City shall prioritize the maintenance of Police Department staffing levels in line with community needs.

PFS-10.2 Interagency Coordination. The City shall coordinate with the Mendocino County Sherriff's Office on joint operations and services.

PFS-10.3 Community Policing Strategies. The City shall promote community policing strategies that strengthen trust and collaboration with the residents of Ukiah, including those of all races, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds, economic status, sexual orientation, and disabilities, and ensure public safety through meaningful cooperation and problem-solving techniques.

PFS-10.4 School Safety. The City shall collaborate with the Ukiah Unified School District to enhance school security and student, teacher, and administrator safety.

PFS-10.5 Public Safety Communications. The City shall use a variety of communication methods (e.g., social media, text messaging, television and radio alerts, website postings) to communicate and inform residents and businesses about crimes, investigations, and emergencies.

### Community Facilities

#### **PFS-11 To ensure adequate community facilities. (Source: Existing GP Goal CF-10, modified) .**

PFS-11.1 Adequate Community Facilities . The City shall develop or identify adequate and appropriate community facilities for public meetings and cultural activities.

PFS-11.2 Joint-Use Facilities . The City shall partner with Mendocino County and the Ukiah Unified School District to provide joint-use facilities.

### Parks and Recreation

#### **PFS-12 To provide parks, recreational facilities, and trails for residents and visitors.**

PFS-12.1 Connected Park System. The City shall provide an interconnected park system that creates an urban greenbelt and links all trail systems within the City.

PFS-12.2 Expansion of Recreational Amenities and Programs. The City shall expand amenities and recreational programs in parks and recreational facilities that accommodate a variety of ages and address the needs of families.

PFS-12.3 Equitable Access to Parks and Recreation Facilities . The City shall establish new parks and recreation facilities to ensure all residents have access within a one-mile radius of their place of residence regardless of socio-economic status.

PFS-12.4 Access for Persons with Disabilities. The City shall design all parks and recreation facilities to have adequate access for those with accessibility issues.

PFS-12.5 Park Visibility. The City shall assure that all parks are visible from the public right-of-way when possible and remain clear of visual obstructions that reduce visual connections for safety concerns.



PFS-12.6 Park Safety. The City Police Department shall patrol and secure parks and recreational facilities from potential crime and misuse.

PFS-12.7 Great Redwood Trail – Ukiah. The City shall support the continued phased development of the Great Redwood Trail through and beyond the city limits, to connect adjoining regional trail networks.

PFS-12.8 Collaborative Partnerships for Improved Services. The City shall work with Mendocino County, Ukiah schools, and other large land or facility owners to establish and maintain partnerships to improve access and maintenance to parks and recreation.

## Education

### **PFS-13 To ensure high-quality educational institutions for all community members that foster diversity and educational attainment.**

PFS-13.1 Consideration of Impacts. The City shall consider potential impacts on the Ukiah Unified School District during the review of new development projects.

PFS-13.2 Planning for Future Growth. The City shall collaborate with Ukiah Unified School District in its long-range planning efforts to ensure the adequacy of school facilities to serve new development.

PFS-13.3 School Siting Coordination. The City shall coordinate with Ukiah Unified School District on the future location of schools in relation to transportation and land use plans and seek to avoid traffic impacts and facilitate joint use of community parks and other public facilities by schools.

## Lifelong Learning

### **PFS-14 To enhance the educational support system serving the City to the benefit of all residents, regardless of age and location within the community.**

PFS-14.1 Implementing Continuing Education. The City should encourage Mendocino College, local vocational schools, and technical training institutes to maintain and improve continuing education courses and certificate programs, including opportunities for on-line learning.

## Healthy Community

### **PFS-15 To ensure all residents have access to healthy lifestyle options.**

PFS-15.1 Alcohol and Tobacco Sales. The City shall study the feasibility of establishing zoning code provisions limiting the location and concentration of businesses selling alcohol and tobacco near sensitive land uses.

PFS-15.2 Healthy Food Options. The City shall support programs that guide healthy food options in the community.

PFS-15.3 Support Government-Issued Vouchers. The City shall support the acceptance of Government-issued food vouchers (such as WIC and Cal FRESH) via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card at food retailers and farmers markets.

PFS-15.4 Vending Machine Options. The City shall support healthy food options for vending machines in City-owned and leased locations.

PFS-15.5 Healthy Food at Government-sponsored Events. The City shall support the provision of healthy foods at City-sponsored meetings and events when food is provided.



PFS-15.6 Healthy Homes. The City shall promote green building practices that support “healthy homes,” such as low VOC materials, environmental tobacco smoke control, and indoor air quality construction pollution prevention techniques.

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>A Wastewater Annual Review</b> The City shall annually review the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system to ensure the financing structure and viability of the system.	PFS – 2.2 PFS – 2.3 PFS – 2.6	Public Works				■	
<b>B Parks Gap Analysis</b> The City shall prepare a parks gap analysis identifying areas of the city underserved by parks and recreation facilities access. The analysis shall, at a minimum, establish equitable access standards, including the minimum distance between parks every residence, and potential funding mechanisms.	PFS – 12.1 PFS – 12.3	Community Services	■				
<b>C Park Maintenance and Security Program</b> The City shall establish a comprehensive maintenance and security program for all recreational facilities, parks, and trails in the Ukiah area.	PFS – 12.5 PFS – 12.6	Community Services		■			
<b>D Alcohol and Tobacco Ordinance</b> The City shall prepare a feasibility analysis studying the establishment of establishing zoning code provisions related to the location and number of businesses selling alcohol and tobacco near sensitive land uses.	PFS- 15.1	Community Development		■			
<b>E Solid Waste Reduction</b> The City shall review existing programs, and study the feasibility of new or expanded programs related to waste reduction. These efforts should be coordinated with preparation of the City’s Climate Action Plan and incorporated where necessary.	PFS-3.1 PFS-3.2 PFS-3.3 PFS-3.4 PFS-3.5 PFS-3.6	Public Works  Community Development	■				

## A.5 Environment and Sustainability Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

#### Open Space

**ENV-1 Preserve open space land for the commercial agricultural and productive uses, the protection and use of natural resources, the enjoyment of scenic beauty and recreation, protection of tribal resources, and the protection from natural hazards.**

ENV-1.1 Landscaping Compatibility. The City shall require landscaping in new development to be compatible with preservation and restoration goals of open space management and native vegetation.

ENV-1.2 Open Space Management. The City shall manage and maintain City-owned open spaces to preserve the integrity of these public spaces.

ENV-1.3 Open Space and Renewable Energy Production. The City shall seek, where feasible, to develop renewable energy production within City-owned open space.

**ENV-2 To maintain and enhance the urban forest to create a sense of urban space and cohesiveness with the surrounding natural environment.**

ENV-2.1 Tree Preservation. The City shall update and maintain City tree inventories to support landmark trees preservation and urban biodiversity, including trees designated for streets and parking lots, and city facilities. The City shall also prepare an Urban Forest Master Plan, review its Tree Management Guidelines and study the feasibility of preparing a Tree Protection Ordinance.

ENV-2.2 Protect Healthy Trees. The City shall review new construction and landscaping site plans to ensure that healthy trees are not removed unnecessarily.

ENV-2.3 Accommodation of Trees along Roadways. The City shall ensure future roadway plans accommodate existing and new trees without compromising sidewalk accessibility.

ENV-2.4 Tree Trimming for Fire Prevention. The City shall encourage private tree trimming as a fire hazard mitigation.

#### Historic-Archeological

**ENV-3 To preserve and protect historic and archaeological resources in Ukiah.**

ENV-3.1 The City shall support the listing of eligible properties, sites, and structures as potential historic designations and their inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources and National Register of Historic Places.

ENV-3.2 Archaeological Resource Impact Mitigation. The City shall ensure appropriate and feasible mitigation for new development that has the potential to impact sites likely to contain archaeological, paleontological, cultural, or tribal resources.

ENV-3.3 Protect Archaeological Resources. The City shall require any construction, grading, or other site altering activities cease if cultural, archaeological, paleontological, or cultural resources are discovered during until a qualified professional has completed an evaluation of the site.

ENV-3.4 Tribal Consultation. The City shall proactively engage local Native American tribes in the planning process, particularly when matters related to Native American culture, heritage, resources, or artifacts may be affected.

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ENV-3.5 Educational Outreach. The City shall coordinate with the museum to provide education to the public on how to protect sites and structures.

ENV-3.6 City-owned Historic Sites and Structures. The City shall maintain, preserve, and improve City-owned historic structures and sites in an architecturally and environmentally sensitive manner.

ENV-3.7 Adaptive Reuse. The City shall encourage appropriate adaptive reuse of historic resources.

## **Conservation**

### **ENV-4 To conserve and protect the city's natural woodlands and water resources for future generations.**

ENV-4.1 Habitat Preservation. The City shall require new development to preserve and enhance natural areas that serve, or may potentially serve, as habitat for special-status species. Where preservation is not feasible, the City shall require appropriate mitigation.

ENV-4.2 Trail Connectivity. The City shall identify appropriate areas for trails along the ridge line that can be connected to trails in the valley.

ENV-4.3 Interconnected Greenways. The City shall encourage new development to incorporate and facilitate interconnected greenways that support wildlife conservation and recreational purposes.

ENV-4.4 River and Creek Preservation. The City shall work cooperatively with the County and private landowners to develop pedestrian access along creeks flowing through the City where safe and feasible to do so and where it will not cause adverse impacts.

ENV-4.5 Recycled Water. The City shall support efforts to increase recycle water use.

ENV-4.6 Groundwater Protection. The City shall require, for new development that could result in a significant reduction in groundwater recharge area or water quantity, an analysis, prepared by a licensed hydrologist, of the project impacts on groundwater recharge and quality.

ENV-4.7 Water Capturing Permits. The City shall encourage and support residents to have an on-site water capturing system for landscaping and household use.

ENV-4.8 Mitigate Water Resource Pollutants. The City shall protect water quality from adverse impacts of urban and agricultural runoff.

## **Biological Resources**

### **ENV-5 To ensure the health and viability of the Russian River fisheries and tributaries.**

ENV-5.1 Local Collaboratives. The City shall participate in local collaborative efforts to restore and preserve the health of the Russian River as a habitat for riparian species.

ENV-5.2 Community Education. The City shall work with schools' education providers, and non-profit community groups, to organize educational trips, cleanup days, and similar activities that promote involvement with and knowledge of the Russian River habitat.

ENV-5.3 Russian River Riparian Area. The City shall support the County in maintaining the Russian River as a natural riparian corridor.

### **ENV-6 To preserve and restore creeks, streams, riparian areas, and wetlands.**

ENV-6.1 Restoration Master Plans The City shall establish a Creek and Stream Restoration Master Plan for each creek flowing through the City limits.



ENV-6.2 Contamination and Sedimentation Prevention. The City shall require new development to use site preparation, grading, and construction techniques that prevent contamination and sedimentation of creeks and streams.

ENV-6.3 Waterway Restoration. The City shall encourage and provide resources to landowners in the city to remove invasive species, plant native plant species, and prevent pollution from entering local creeks and waterways.

ENV-6.4 Waterway Channelization. The City shall actively support the use of natural waterways within the city by avoiding any new waterway channelization within the city and collaborating with local and regional agencies to restore channelized waterways where feasible.

ENV-6.5 Creek Protection. The City shall require new development located adjacent to stream corridors to include appropriate measures for creek bank stabilization, erosion and sedimentation prevention, and natural creek channel and riparian vegetation preservation.

ENV-6.6 Erosion Control Plans. The City shall require new development that requires significant grading near creeks, streams, wetlands, and riparian areas to prepare erosion control plans that address grading practices that prevent soil erosion, loss of topsoil, and drainage way scour, consistent with biological and aesthetic values.

ENV-6.7 Public Open Space. The City shall work with Mendocino County and the Public Spaces Commission to identify and select appropriate locations along creek channels, hillsides, and ridgelines that would be appropriate for future acquisition and development as trails, pocket parks, wildlife preserves, or other public open space.

ENV-6.8 Research and Educational Access. The City shall work with public and private landowners adjacent to creeks to allow public access to creeks, streams, waterways, and riparian areas for educational and research programs.

## Air Quality

### **ENV-7 To improve air quality to the benefit of public health, welfare, and reduce air quality impacts with adverse effects on residents' health and wellbeing.**

ENV-7.1 Transit Oriented Development. The City shall encourage concentration of new development near areas served by transit access and reduce single-occupancy vehicle dependency.

ENV-7.2 Active Transportation. The City shall prioritize pedestrian and bicycle access, infrastructure, and education to encourage increased use of alternative modes of transportation as a means to reduce direct and indirect air contaminant emissions.

ENV-7.3 Implement Clean Air Plan. The City shall cooperate with Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) to implement the Clean Air Plan required by the Clean Air Act, reduce non-attainment pollutants, including PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and ozone, and enforce air quality standards as required by State and Federal statutes.

ENV-7.4 Public Outreach. The City shall cooperate with the MCAQMD and Mendocino County Public Health to create public awareness and education programs about air quality issues and safety measures during hazardous air events.

ENV-7.5 Construction and Operations. The City shall require that development projects incorporate feasible measures that reduce construction and operational emissions for reactive organic gases, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

ENV-7.6 Wood Burning Fireplace Replacement. The City shall promote the replacement of non-EPA certified fireplaces and woodstoves and encourage city residents to participate in MCAQMD and NSCAPCD programs, such as the Wood Stove Rebate Program.

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ENV-7.7 City Vehicle and Equipment Fleet. The City shall continue to purchase low-emission vehicles and use clean alternative fuels as part of their fleet. When possible, the City will replace gas and hybrid vehicles with electric vehicles.

ENV-7.8 Residential EV Charging Stations. The City shall encourage new development to install EV charging stations in homes to increase the potential for the public to use zero-emission vehicles, lessening the impacts to air quality through pollution.

ENV-7.9 Public EV Charging Stations. The City shall install public charging stations in its commercial areas to provide additional charging options for city visitors.

## **Climate Change and Sustainability**

### **ENV-8 To achieve carbon neutrality by or before the year 2045.**

ENV-8.1 Carbon Neutrality Resolution. The City shall adopt a Carbon Neutrality Resolution that provides a foundation for all subsequent climate actions.

ENV-8.2 Micro-grid and Small Battery Storage. The City shall encourage the development of small-scale battery storage and micro grid capacity for storing renewable power for nighttime energy use.

ENV-8.3 Municipal Building Electrification Plan. The City shall adopt an electrification plan for all municipal buildings to convert them to all electric using energy from carbon-free and renewable sources by 2035.

ENV-8.4 Municipal Preference of Emissions-Reduced Equipment. The City shall contract only with providers who use electric-powered equipment where available and feasible for City construction projects or contract services.

ENV-8.5 Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy. The City shall promote energy conservation in municipal facilities by seeking opportunities to install energy efficient fixtures and appliances, solar panels, solar battery storage, and other retrofits to new and existing structures.

### **ENV-9 To become a zero-waste community through responsible procurement, waste diversion, and innovative strategies.**

ENV-9.1 Zero Waste. The City shall promote innovative activities that reduce waste and increase waste diversion, including sourcing products with reusable, recyclable, or compostable packaging; establishing food diversion programs; gasification, and promoting and educating on waste diversion and its importance.

ENV-9.2 Household Waste Programs. The City shall provide convenient, easy-to-use bulky item and household hazardous waste programs that facilitate the reuse and recycling of materials.



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>A Hillside Ordinance</b> The City shall update its Hillside Ordinance periodically to provide regulations and provisions that balance hillside development and preservation. At a minimum the Hillside Ordinance shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect of natural terrain and hillside areas on the west side of Ukiah;</li> <li>• Promote habitat connectivity and scenic viewsheds;</li> <li>• Include development standards for grading, road and trail improvements, density, structure design and placement, clustering, erosion and sediment control, habitat preservation; and</li> <li>• Promote wildfire safety standards and site development regulations.</li> </ul>	<p>ENV – 1.1 ENV – 1.2 ENV – 6.7</p>	<p>Community Development</p>	<p>■</p>				<p>■</p>
<p><b>B Landscaping Standards</b> The City shall update the Zoning Code to include landscaping standards to require drought-resistant and native plants.</p>	<p>ENV – 1.1</p>	<p>Community Development</p>	<p>■</p>				
<p><b>C Open Space Management</b> Revise the Zoning Code to include standards for maintaining open space and green areas within new developments.</p>	<p>ENV – 1.2</p>	<p>Community Development</p>	<p>■</p>				
<p><b>D Updated Undeveloped Land Inventory</b> The City shall annually update the undeveloped lands inventory.</p>	<p>ENV – 1.2</p>	<p>Community Development</p>				<p>■</p>	

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>E Prepare an Urban Forest Master Plan</b> The City shall prepare an Urban Forest Master Plan that includes the types of trees appropriate for Ukiah and locations where the city would receive the greatest benefits of new trees. This plan should include trees within commercial and residential areas, as well as those at city parks and facilities. This plan shall be updated every five years.</p>	ENV – 2.1	Community Development  Public Works  Community Services			■		
<p><b>F Tree Protection Ordinance</b> The City shall review its Tree Management Guidelines and study the feasibility of preparing a Tree Protection Ordinance.</p>	ENV – 2.1 ENV – 2.2	Community Development			■		
<p><b>G Historic Structure Preservation Policy and Architectural Inventory</b> The City shall update the Historic Structure Preservation policy and architectural resource inventory in collaboration with the Mendocino County Historical Society to focus on preservation of identified historic and architectural resources, while also streamlining development/demolition of older, non-resource structures.</p>	ENV – 3.1	Community Development		■			
<p><b>H Cultural and Historic Registry</b> The City shall update the list of cultural and historic resources worthy of nomination to state or national preservation lists.</p>	ENV – 3.1	Community Development	■				



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>I Historic Preservation Ordinance</b>                      The City shall adopt a Historic Archaeological Preservation Ordinance to review permanent changes to the exterior or setting of designated historic or impacts to Archaeological resources. Among other topics, the Ordinance should address the following: archaeological resource impact avoidance, new development in historically-sensitive neighborhood, compatibility of energy conservation retrofitting, design review standards for new structures replacing demolished historic structures, and requirements for preservation of records and artifacts from demolished historic structures.</p>	ENV – 3.1 ENV – 3.5 ENV – 3.6 ENV – 3.7	Community Development		■			
<p><b>J Water Conservation Guidelines</b>                      The City shall prepare guidelines for drought period water conservation strategies for residential zones.</p>	ENV – 4.5 ENV – 4.6 ENV – 4.7	Community Development <hr/> Public Works	■				



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>K Creek and Stream Protection Zone Establishment for New Development</b>            The City shall establish creek and stream protection zones for waterways that extend a minimum of 30 feet (measured from the top of a bank and a strip of land extending laterally outward from the top of each bank), with wider buffers where significant habitat areas or high potential wetlands exist. The City shall prohibit development within a creek and stream protection zones, except as part of greenway enhancement, including habitat conservation, bike and walking paths, wildlife habitat, and native plant landscaping). City approval is required for the following activities within the creek and stream protection zones.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Construction, alteration, or removal of any structure;</li> <li>2. Excavation, filling, or grading;</li> <li>3. Removal or planting of vegetation (except for removal of invasive plant species); or</li> <li>4. Alteration of any embankment.</li> </ol>	ENV – 6.1 ENV – 6.3 ENV – 6.6	Community Development  Public Works		■			
<p><b>L Erosion Prevention Program</b>            The City shall revise the Zoning Code to include design standards for new development that require riparian habitat integration into project design as a means of avoiding potential impacts of river sedimentation and lessening the effects of erosion.</p>	ENV – 6.1 ENV – 6.2 ENV – 6.4 ENV – 6.5 ENV – 6.6	Community Development		■			
<p><b>M Adopt a Municipal Climate Action Plan (CAP)</b>            The City shall adopt a municipal Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality for all municipal operations and meet State and City GHG emission reduction goals.</p>	ENV – 8 ENV – 8.1 ENV – 8.3 ENV – 9.1 PFS – 3 (and supporting policies)	Community Development	■				

## A.6 Safety Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

#### Geologic and Seismic Hazards

##### **SAF-1 Minimize risk to people and property resulting from geologic and seismic hazards through effective development regulation.**

SAF-1.1 Building Code Requirements. The City shall mitigate the potential impact for harm associated with geologic hazards by adopting and implementing the requirements outlined within the California Building Code and State seismic design guidelines.

SAF-1.2 Geotechnical Report. Where projects are proposed within designated risk zones, require professionally prepared geotechnical evaluations prior to site development. If a discretionary permit is required, the geotechnical report shall be submitted with the permit application.

SAF-1.3 Resilient Infrastructure – Gathering Places. Encourage privately owned critical facilities (e.g. churches, hotels, other gathering facilities) to evaluate the ability of the buildings to withstand earthquakes and to address any deficiencies identified.

SAF-1.4 Resilient Infrastructure – Unreinforced Masonry. Continue an outreach and education program for owners and tenants in downtown unreinforced masonry buildings to understand earthquake risks and precautions and, for owners, to understand retrofitting options and available funding mechanisms.

#### Climate Change Hazards

##### **SAF-2 To create a more resilient community that is prepared for, responsive to, and recoverable from hazards created or made worse by climate change.**

SAF-2.1 Community Service Organization Coordination. The City shall collaborate with community service organizations to ensure that the information and services related to emergency preparedness are made available to persons with limited transportation, communication, and other lifeline resources and services.

SAF-2.2 Vulnerable Populations Coordination. The City shall coordinate with the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care and other existing programs to ensure that emergency shelters are available during extreme heat events, severe weather and flooding events, and other highly hazardous conditions.

#### Flood Hazards

##### **SAF-3 Minimize adverse impacts related to flooding through flood mitigation components and ongoing flood management practices.**

SAF-3.1 Flood Control Regulation. The City shall coordinate with FEMA to ensure that the City's regulations related to flood control are in compliance with Federal, State, and local guidelines.

SAF-3.2 Flood Plain Management Ordinance. The City shall maintain an updated Flood Plain Management Ordinance specifying proper construction methods in identified flood hazard areas.

SAF-3.3 National Flood Insurance Program. The City shall maintain compliance with the provisions of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

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## Wildfire

### **SAF-4 To maintain adequate and effective fire protection services for Ukiah.**

SAF-4.1 Fire Service Rating. The City shall optimize the ISO ratings of the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to Class 1 by prioritizing agency needs and balancing cost/quality trade-offs.

SAF-4.2 Fire Service Funding. The City shall explore opportunities for increased funding for the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority in order to expand services appropriately.

SAF-4.3 Fire Protection Resources. The City shall foster cooperative working relationships with public fire agencies, including CAL FIRE, to optimize fire protection resources within Ukiah.

SAF-4.4 Mutual Aid Participation. The City shall participate in mutual aid systems and agreements to supplement the capacity of the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority.

SAF-4.5 Regional Fire Protection Plans. The City shall coordinate with CAL FIRE and the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council to implement and regularly update regional fire protection plans.

SAF-4.6 Local Fire Protection Plans. The City shall coordinate with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to continue developing local fire protection planning and programs particularly for new development in VHFHSZs.

### **SAF-5 To minimize wildland fire risk to protect life and property.**

SAF-5.1 Public Facilities Hazard Mitigation. The City shall to the extent possible, ensure that future public facilities are not located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or in an area lacking service. If facilities are located within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones the City shall reduce the hazard potential by requiring the incorporation of hazard mitigation measures during planned improvements. If facilities are proposed in areas lacking existing service, service shall be expanded to such areas to provide adequate fire protection.

SAF-5.2 Vegetation and Fuel Management. The City shall require that structures located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity zone maintain the required hazardous vegetation and fuel management specified within the California Fire Code and Public Resources Code 4291.

SAF-5.3 Evacuation Routes. The City shall identify and maintain adequate evacuation routes in the city to safeguard human life in the case of fire. Evacuation routes shall be analyzed for their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios in accordance with Assembly Bill 747. Evacuation routes within VHFHSZs shall be developed in accordance with SRA Fire Safe Regulations (Title 14, Division 1.5), and residential development in VHFHSZs that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes shall also be identified in accordance with Senate Bill 99.

SAF-5.4 Roadway Vegetation Clearance. The City shall maintain an adequate vegetation clearance on public and private roads to mitigate wildfire hazards.

SAF-5.5 Fuel Breaks. The City shall prioritize increasing funding for and the maintenance of appropriate fuel breaks, reductions, and pest management in high fire hazard areas to prevent the spread of fire and limit potential damages.

SAF-5.6 Water Supply Infrastructure. The City shall regularly assess the integrity of for existing and proposed development to ensure adequate fire suppression needs are met.

SAF-5.7 Local Fire Ordinance. The City shall adopt and maintain a local fire ordinance in compliance with the Statewide SRA Fire Safety Regulations, including but not limited to, Public Resources Code 4291.

SAF-5.8 Site Design Standards for Fire Hazard Reduction. The City shall prioritize the maintenance and update of stringent site design standards (such as those contained within the Hillside Overlay District) to reduce potential fire



hazard risk, particularly within VHFHSZs, and ensure that new development maintains adequate access (ingress, egress). New residential development with VHFHSZs should be minimized.

**SAF-5.9 Site Design Standards for Fire Hazard Reduction.** The City shall prioritize the maintenance and update of stringent site design standards to reduce potential fire hazard risk.

**SAF-5.10 Adequate Water Supply Infrastructure.** All new development shall have adequate fire protection resources. The City shall prioritize new development in areas with adequate water supply infrastructure. This shall include providing information to at-risk populations related to evacuation routes and wildfire evacuation events, defensible space, fire hazard impacts (such as structural damage, wildfire smoke, etc.), fire prevention measures, and structural hardening.

**SAF-5.11 Fire Safety Education Programs.** The City shall coordinate with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to inform property owners and residents of the most recent best practices in building and land management and fire safety measures to protect people and property from fire hazards.

**SAF-6 To ensure that the City is adequately prepared for emergencies of any variety through effective planning measures.**

**SAF-6.1 Evacuation Routes.** The City shall coordinate with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to review, update, and periodically exercise emergency access, protocols, and evacuation routes to assess their effectiveness.

**SAF-6.2 Hazard Mitigation Plan.** The City shall continue to participate in and implement the Mendocino County Hazard Mitigation Plan to ensure maximum preparedness for hazard events.

**SAF-6.3 Locally Focused Plans.** The City shall maintain and implement locally focused plans, including an Emergency Operations Plan, to maintain consistency with State and Federal requirements. This shall include developing a plan for repopulation and redevelopment after large disaster events.

**Noise**

**SAF-7 To stabilize or reduce transportation noise impacts on residential uses.**

**SAF-7.1 Noise Inventory.** The City shall inventory noise contours for major traffic corridors and the airport.

**SAF-7.2 Sound Attenuation Strategies.** The City shall require all new residential development located along major transportation corridors to incorporate sound attenuation strategies to mitigate noise levels to acceptable levels.

**SAF-7.3 Airport Noise Disclosure.** The City shall require disclosure of potential airport noise impacts for property transactions located within the 55 to 65 decibal airport noise contours.

**SAF-7.4 Airport Noise Attenuation.** The City shall require the incorporation of sound reducing measures in all new construction in the airport compatibility zones, consistent with the Ukiah Municipal Airport Master Plan.

**SAF-7.5 Roadway Expansion.** The City shall require the use of accepted acoustic engineering features when designing for the expansion of existing roads examples include low landscaped berms, landscaping, below-grade construction, and speed control - to minimize expansion of the existing Design to Cost (DTC).

**SAF-7.6 Noise Equipment.** The City shall require that commercial passenger service aircraft comply with the best available noise equipment standards to reduce noise impacts on the ground.

**SAF-8 To reduce noise impacts through the enforcement of appropriate building and land use codes.**

**SAF-8.1 Update Noise Attenuation Standards.** The City shall review and update Article 6 of the City Municipal Code to ensure enforcement of best practices for noise attenuation standards.

SAF-8.2 Noise Impact Analysis. The City shall ensure adequate analysis of noise impacts when reviewing project permits.

SAF-8.3 Noise Attenuation Requirements. The City shall require all new commercial and manufacturing uses that could produce excessive noise to incorporate applicable noise mitigation measures to reduce noise levels to acceptable levels.

SAF-8.4 Acoustical Studies. The City shall require acoustical studies for all new development projects with potential to generate excessive noise to identify potential noise impacts and appropriate mitigation measures.

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>A Building and Zoning Code</b> The City shall review and update the building and zoning code upon amendments to the California Building Code, Alquist-Priolo Act, and all published regulations related to development and construction.	SAF – 1.1	Community Development					■
<b>B Geotechnical Report</b> The City shall update Municipal Code with provisions to require professionally prepared geotechnical evaluations prior to site development. If a discretionary permit is required, the geotechnical report shall be submitted with the permit application.	SAF – 1.2	Community Development		■			
<b>C Resilient Infrastructure</b> The City shall reach out to property owners of privately owned critical facilities (e.g., hospitals, emergency shelters) and coordinate building inspections to evaluate the ability of the buildings to withstand moderate to significant earthquakes and to address any deficiencies identified.	SAF – 1.3	Community Development					■



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>D Resilient Infrastructure – Unreinforced Masonry</b> The City shall continue an outreach and education program for owners and tenants in downtown unreinforced masonry buildings and provide ongoing information regarding earthquake risks, precautions, retrofitting options, and available funding mechanisms.</p>	SAF – 1.4	Community Development					■
<p><b>E Floodplain Development</b> The City shall review and update the City Code to incorporate FEMA Flood Insurance Program standards and regulations for development within identified floodplains or areas subject to inundation by a one-hundred-year flood. The standards shall prohibit development within floodways except as permitted by Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Program.</p>	SAF – 3.1 SAF – 3.2 SAF – 3.3	Community Development		■			
<p><b>F Resilient Communities</b> The City shall coordinate and collaborate with community service organizations to ensure that the information and services related to emergency preparedness are made available through handouts, outreach meetings, and online resources to persons with limited transportation, communication, and other lifeline resources and services.</p>	SAF-2.1 SAF-2.2	City Manager  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority	■				
<p><b>G Storm Drain Maintenance for Flood Control</b> The City shall maintain and regularly assess the local storm drains for adequate operation to prevent flooding and debris flows.</p>	SAF – 3.1 SAF – 3.3	Public Works					■

Implementation Programs		Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>H</b>	<b>Fire Protection Rating</b> Monitor the City’s fire protection rating and cooperate with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to correct deficiencies.	SAF – 4.1	City Manager  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority				■	
<b>I</b>	<b>Insurance Services Officer (ISO)</b> The City shall work with the County, special districts, and the State to implement ISO recommendations and take steps necessary to maintain or improve the areas’ ISO Rating.	SAF – 4.1	City Manager  Community Development					■
<b>J</b>	<b>Fire Service Funding</b> The City shall explore opportunities such as state and federal grants and partnerships with other organizations for increased funding related to fire risk mitigation. Funding opportunities for private landowners will be promoted through City communications channels.	SAF – 4.2	Ukiah Valley Fire Authority					■
<b>K</b>	<b>Fire Liaison</b> Designate a Fire Safety Liaison to regularly coordinate with CAL FIRE and neighboring fire agencies on staffing, local programs, and key issues.	SAF – 4.2 SAF – 4.3	City Manager  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority					■
<b>L</b>	<b>Mutual Aid Participation</b> The City shall participate in mutual aid systems and agreements to supplement the capacity of the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority.	SAF – 4.4	City Manager  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority					■
<b>M</b>	<b>Regional Fire Protection Plans</b> The City shall coordinate with CAL FIRE and the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council to implement and regularly update regional fire protection plans.	SAF – 4.5 SAF – 5.3	City Manager  CAL FIRE Mendocino  Mendocino County Fire Safe Council					■



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>N Local Fire Protection Plans</b>                      The City shall request quarterly meetings with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to develop and implement local fire protection planning and programs. If new residential subdivisions are proposed within the VHFHSZ a Fire Protection Plan with the following components shall be included in the proposal and reviewed by the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Analysis.</li> <li>• Fire Response Capabilities.</li> <li>• Fire Safety Requirements – Defensible Space, Infrastructure, and Building Ignition Resistance.</li> <li>• Mitigation Measures and Design Considerations for Non-Conforming Fuel Modification.</li> <li>• Wildfire Education Maintenance and Limitations.</li> </ul>	SAF – 4.6	City Manager  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority					■
<p><b>O Fire Safety Standards</b>                      The City shall review the Ukiah City Code every five years to confirm compliance with all applicable State regulatory standards related to fire safety and update the Code as necessary.</p>	SAF – 5 SAF – 5.7 SAF – 5.8	Community Development	■	■	■		
<p><b>P Fire Hazard Zone Update</b>                      The City shall continue to update and adopt local fire hazard zones designations as changes to the state zoning designation occur.</p>	SAF – 5 SAF – 5.8	Community Development					■
<p><b>Q Public Facilities Hazard Mitigation</b>                      The City shall require the incorporation of hazard mitigation measures during planned improvements for public facilities located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.</p>	SAF – 5.1	Community Development					■



Implementation Programs		Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>R</b>	<b>Evacuation Route Standards</b> The City shall establish minimum road widths and flammable vegetation clearances for evacuation routes in accordance with California regulatory standards.	SAF – 5.2 SAF – 5.3 SAF – 6.1	City Manager  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority  Community Development	■				
<b>S</b>	<b>Out of Compliance Roadways</b> The City shall identify all road networks in VHFHSZs that do not meet State standards outlined in Title 14, Chapter 7 of the California Code of Regulations and prepare recommendations and a program for bringing the roadways into compliance with State standards.	SAF – 5.4	Public Works  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority		■			
<b>T</b>	<b>Fuel Break Assessment</b> The City shall develop a strategic Fuel Break Assessment to establish priorities for developing and maintaining fuel breaks within the city.	SAF – 5.5	Community Development  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority		■			
<b>U</b>	<b>Cooperative Pest Management</b> The City shall collaborate with state and federal land management agencies on pest and fuel management activities.	SAF – 5.5	Community Development  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority	■				
<b>V</b>	<b>Community Chipper Program</b> The City shall participate annually and expand the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council’s Community Chipper Program to provide a free service to chip and haul limbs and brush for residences defensible space.	SAF – 5.5	Community Development  Ukiah Valley Fire Authority  Mendocino County Fire Safe Council				■	



Implementation Programs		Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>W</b>	<b>Water Supply Infrastructure</b> The City shall regularly assess the integrity of existing water supply infrastructure through water tests and inspections of water lines and prioritize developments in areas with adequate water supply infrastructure.	SAF – 5.6 SAF – 5.9	Public Works				■	
<b>X</b>	<b>Hillside Development Standards</b> The City shall review and update the Hillside Development Standards outlined within the Ukiah City Code by 2030 for consistency with new wildfire safety legislation.	SAF – 5.7 SAF – 5.8	Community Development	■				
<b>Y</b>	<b>Site Design Standards</b> The City shall coordinate with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to update site design standards in accordance with published State guidance and current conditions.	SAF – 5.8	Community Development Ukiah Valley Fire Authority				■	
<b>Z</b>	<b>Public Information Program</b> The City shall develop a comprehensive public information program related to fire safety to inform residents of present hazards and strategies for mitigation.	SAF – 5.10	City Manager Ukiah Valley Fire Authority			■		
<b>AA</b>	<b>Communities at Risk</b> The City shall identify and map existing multi-family housing, group homes, or other community housing located in VHHSZs and require the development of adequate evacuation or shelter in place plans.	SAF – 4.6 SAF – 5.10	City Manager Community Development Police Department Ukiah Valley Fire Authority	■				

Implementation Programs		Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>BB</b>	<b>Fire Safety Education</b> The City shall coordinate with the Ukiah Valley Fire District to schedule and host annual public meetings to review established wildfire prevention and protection measures as well as emergency response plans, especially evacuation plans and routes.	SAF – 5.10	City Manager  Police Department				■	
<b>CC</b>	<b>Mendocino MJHMP</b> The City shall update city plans, regulations, and standards to implement the 2020 Mendocino County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.	SAF – 6.2	Police Department  Community Development	■				
<b>DD</b>	<b>Mendocino County EOP</b> The City shall update city plans, regulations, and standards every five years to assure compatibility with the Mendocino County Emergency Operations Plan.	SAF – 6.3	Police Department  City Manager  Community Development	■	■	■		
<b>EE</b>	<b>Sound Attenuation Regulations</b> The City shall require any new residential development located along a major transportation corridor to reduce any potential noise impacts to a less than significant level by using current best practices, including building materials, site design, barriers and berms, and other methods of noise reduction.	SAF – 7.2	Community Development	■				



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<p><b>FF Airport Disclosure</b>                      The City shall prepare an ordinance requiring that the following statement be included in all property transactions or as a part of the issuance of use permits for property or projects within the airport's area of influence, both core and peripheral.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project/residence is in close proximity to the Ukiah Municipal Airport which is a major noise generating source. Development in this area will be subject to overflights of aircraft taking off from and landing at the airport. These aircraft include privately-owned corporate jets and firefighting air tankers from the California Department of Forestry. It is anticipated that the volume of traffic and resulting noise may increase in future years."</li> </ul>	SAF – 7.3	Planning Services  Building Services	■				
<p><b>GG Airport Noise Attenuation</b>                      The City shall update the Municipal Code to require the incorporation of sound reducing measures, as needed, in all new construction in the airport compatibility zones, consistent with the Ukiah Municipal Airport Master Plan.</p>	SAF – 7.4	Planning Services  Building Services	■				

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
<b>HH Roadway Expansion</b> The City shall require the use of accepted acoustic engineering features when designing for the expansion of existing roads where such expansion has the potential to result in a noise impact that can be feasibly mitigated. Examples include low landscaped berms, landscaping, below-grade construction, and speed control - to minimize expansion of the existing Design to Cost (DTC).	SAF – 7.5	Public Work Department					■
<b>II Noise Attenuation</b> The City shall review and update Article 6 of the City Municipal Code to ensure enforcement of best practices for noise attenuation standards, and to include a requirement for all new commercial and manufacturing uses that could produce noise that exceeds the noise limit regulations listed in Article 6 to incorporate applicable noise mitigation measures to reduce noise levels to acceptable levels.	SAF – 8.1 SAF – 8.3	Planning Services <hr/> Building Services	■				■
<b>JJ Noise Impact Analysis</b> Where noise analysis has been required as a condition of project approval, the City shall ensure adequate analysis of noise impacts when reviewing project permits by requiring noise details and specifications as part of the submittal packet.	SAF – 8.2	Planning Services <hr/> Building Services					■
<b>KK Acoustical Studies</b> The City shall add provision to Municipal Code to require acoustical studies for all new development projects with potential to generate excessive noise to identify potential noise impacts and appropriate mitigation measures.	SAF – 8.4	Planning Services <hr/> Building Services					■

## A.7 Agriculture Element

### GOALS AND POLICIES

#### **AG-1 To preserve and strengthen agricultural uses in and around Ukiah that influence the regional economy.**

AG-1.1 Reduce Agricultural/Urban Conflict . The City shall reduce conflict between incompatible uses and agriculture within and adjacent to the City.

AG-1.2 Preserve Agricultural Lands. With the exception of presently proposed or approved subdivisions, the City shall discourage urban development on unincorporated land within its Sphere of Influence until annexed by the City. The City shall support County land use regulations that protect the viability of local agriculture in the Ukiah Valley.

AG-1.3 Plan Together. The City shall identify and involve stakeholders, as well as advisors with knowledge and expertise, to create and implement a comprehensive planning framework that preserves and strengthens agricultural uses in and around Ukiah that inform and influence the regional economy.

#### **AG-2 To create a healthy, equitable and resilient local-food system that further integrates agriculture into the City's identity.**

AG-2.4 Backyard Food The City shall allow and encourage residents to undertake supplementary local agriculture, including backyard gardens, apiaries, poultry, and 'foodscaping'. Examples include community, school, backyard, and rooftop gardens with a purpose extending beyond home consumption and education.

AG-2.5 Buy Local, Enjoy Local. The City shall encourage additional farmer and community markets, food trucks, and farm stands to support production, distribution, and sale of locally grown foods and continue to support community-based food production and local, nutritious food by working with local landowners for the creation of additional community gardens.

AG-2.6 Support Gardeners. The City shall coordinate with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Mendocino County Master Gardener Program, to connect city residents with backyard gardening knowledge.

AG-2.7 Farmer's Markets. In conjunction with the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association, the City shall research and identify additional ways to support the sale of local produce and goods at farmers markets within the City of Ukiah.

#### **AG-3 Help existing agricultural stakeholders move 'Beyond the Farm'.**

AG-3.1 Establish Infrastructure to Grow the Agricultural Economy. The City shall support existing agriculture operators by encouraging a diverse, vibrant, and innovative agriculture economy that creates new opportunities and products from regional producers. In conjunction with stakeholders, the City shall encourage the creation of agricultural business incubators, shared kitchens, and workforce development programs that create locations to strengthen agricultural operators within the region.

AG-3.2 Agritourism. The City shall support expansion of the agricultural tourism industry by assessing utilization use of tourism facilities (e.g., hospitality, restaurants, etc.), as well as supporting efforts to plan and integrate the Great Redwood Trail into the agricultural economy.

AG-3.3 University Research. The City shall encourage research, particularly at the University of California Cooperative Extension, pertinent to the Ukiah Valley to identify new potential uses and enhancement for existing agricultural industries, especially pomology, 'forestry, livestock, 'and viticulture.

Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
		Supporting Department(s)					
<b>A Agricultural Buffer</b> The City shall work with Mendocino County to establish setback or buffers for new non-agricultural development adjacent to agricultural lands to reduce hazardous exposures and conflict between incompatible land uses.	AG – 1.2	Community Development	■				
<b>B Right to Farm</b> The City shall adopt a right-to-farm ordinance to ensure appropriate disclosure of agricultural activities both within and adjacent to the City of Ukiah.	AG – 1.2	Community Development	■				
<b>C Align Agricultural Standards</b> The City shall revise agricultural standards and use terminology to be consistent with adjacent jurisdictions within the Ukiah Valley for the support of future annexation efforts.	AG – 1.2 AG – 1.3	Community Development		■			
<b>D Williamson Act</b> In coordination with the County Assessor, the City shall establish a Williamson Act program that aligns with ongoing efforts to preserve agricultural lands across Mendocino County.	AG – 1.2	Community Development <hr/> City Manager	■				
<b>E Reduce Regulation – Local Agriculture</b> The City shall revise the Zoning code to allow low-intensity agricultural activities on residential parcels, including but not limited to back yard beehives, chickens and gardens. The revision will include objective use, development, and environments standards, and minimal permit fee requirements.	AG – 2.4	Community Development <hr/> City Attorney	■				
<b>F Foodscaping</b> The City shall revise the City’s objective development and design standards for multi-family housing projects to include the definition of and provisions for ‘foodscaping’.	AG – 2.4	Community Development	■				



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
		Supporting Department(s)					
<p><b>G “No Mow May”</b></p> <p>To encourage additional pollinators, the City shall prepare a pilot program for a “No Mow May” to encourage more ecologically beneficial lawns within the City of Ukiah.</p>	AG – 2.4	Community Development City Manager		■			
<p><b>H Urban Agricultural Definitions</b></p> <p>The City shall revise the City Zoning Code definitions, standards, and limitations for “Urban Agriculture”, including rooftop gardens, aquaculture, hydroponics, etc.</p>	AG – 2.4	Community Development		■			
<p><b>I Support Community Gardens</b></p> <p>The City shall revise the Zoning code to streamline the regulatory permitting process to support the creation of additional community gardens within the City.</p>	AG – 2.5 AG – 2.6	Community Development City Manager	■				
<p><b>J Urban Agricultural Incentive Zone</b></p> <p>The City shall research and consider implementation of an Urban Agricultural Incentive Zone (AB 551). “The Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Act authorizes a city... and a landowner to enter into a contract to restrict the use of vacant, unimproved, or otherwise blighted lands for small-scale production of agricultural crops and animal husbandry.”</p>	AG – 2.4	Community Development City Manager		■			
<p><b>K Local Food: Food Trucks &amp; Farm Stands</b></p> <p>The City shall revise the Zoning Code to support the distribution and sale of locally-grown food via Food Trucks, Farm Stands, and farmer/community markets.</p>	AG – 2.5	Community Development Public Works	■				



Implementation Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible	2022 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
		Supporting Department(s)					
<p><b>L Farmers Markets</b></p> <p>In conjunction with the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association, the City shall research and identify additional ways to support the sale of local produce and goods at farmers markets within the City of Ukiah. (Source: New Implementation Program)</p>	AG – 2.7	Community Development Public Works					■
<p><b>M Local Purchasing</b></p> <p>The City shall research and prepare a local preference purchasing policy for future adoption to promote and support local preference purchasing policies for the City of Ukiah, local school districts and other institutions as a means to foster awareness and build relationships across the regional economy.</p>	AG – 3.1	Community Development City Manager		■			

## A.8 Housing Element (2019-2027)

### GOALS AND POLICIES

**Goal H-1 Conserve, rehabilitate, and improve the existing housing stock to provide adequate, safe, sustainable, and decent housing for all Ukiah residents.**

Policy 1-1: Encourage the rehabilitation of existing residential units.

Policy 1-2: Promote the use of sustainable and/or renewable materials and energy technologies (such as solar and wind) in rehabilitated housing and new housing construction; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Policy 1-3: Preserve at-risk housing units.

Policy 1-4: Promote increased awareness among property owners and residents of the importance of property maintenance to long-term housing quality.

Policy 1-5: Continue to implement effective crime prevention activities.

**Goal H-2 Expand housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community, including special needs populations.**

Policy 2-1: Continue to allow placement of manufactured housing units on permanent foundations in residential zoning districts.

Policy 2-2: Encourage the development of a variety of different types of housing.



Policy 2-3: Ensure that adequate residentially designated land is available to accommodate the City’s share of the Regional Housing Need. In order to mitigate the loss of affordable housing units, require new housing developments to replace all affordable housing units lost due to new development.

Policy 2-4: Pursue State and Federal funding for very low, low, and moderate income housing developments.

Policy 2-5: Facilitate the production of housing for all segments of the Ukiah population, including those with special needs.

Policy 2-6: Expand affordable housing opportunities for first time homebuyers.

**Goal H-3 Remove governmental constraints to infill housing development.**

Policy 3-1: Improve building and planning permit processing for residential construction.

Policy 3-2: Encourage the use of density bonuses and provide other regulatory concessions to facilitate housing development.

Policy 3-3: Encourage the development of mixed residential and commercial uses in the commercial zoning districts where the viability of the commercial activities would not be adversely affected.

**Goal H-4 Promote well-planned and designed housing opportunities and projects for all persons, regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or national origin.**

Policy 4-1: Promote fair housing practices in the sale or rental of housing with regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, disability/medical conditions, sex, age, marital status, familial status, source of income, sexual orientation/gender identify, or any other arbitrary factors.

Policy 4-2: Promote and facilitate community awareness of the City of Ukiah’s goals, tools, available resources and programs for lower income households.

**Goal H-5 Provide support for future housing needs.**

Policy 5-1: Pursue annexation efforts that lead to an orderly expansion of growth, where services are adequate for future residential development.

Policy 5-2: Continue to encourage and facilitate public participation in the formulation and review of the City’s housing and development policies.

Policy 5-3: Assume a leadership role in the development of all types of housing in the community.

Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>1a <b>Implement a residential rehabilitation program.</b></p> <p>Emphasize rehabilitation of mobile homes, detached single-family dwelling units, and lower-income multifamily housing projects. Prioritize funding for health and safety repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and ADA accommodations. Assist in completing the rehabilitation of at least 25 lower income housing units in the planning period.</p> <p>Funding: CDBG, HOME, and/or other local, state or federal sources</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Ongoing, as funding is available</p>

Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>1b <b>Continue the City’s Energy Efficiency Public Benefits Fund and renewable energy and energy efficiency rebate programs.</b></p> <p>Funding: Energy efficiency and renewable energy rebate program funds</p>	Electric Utility Department	Ongoing, as funding is available
<p>1c <b>Support funding or other applications that would preserve/conserve existing mobile home parks.</b> This might include programs such as the Mobile Home Park Rehabilitation and Resident Ownership Program.</p> <p>Funding: N/A – application support through technical assistance.</p>	Community Development Department, Housing Services Division.	Ongoing, as funding is available
<p>1d <b>Continue providing informational materials to the public through the Green Building Information Center and at the public counter.</b></p> <p>Provide updated information regarding sustainable and green building practices and materials and provide information on the maintenance of residential units.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	Community Development Department, Building Services Division	Ongoing, as funding is available
<p>1e <b>Develop standards and design guidelines for residential development in the Medium Density Residential (R-2) and High Density Residential (R-3), Community Commercial (C-1) and Heavy Commercial (C-2) zoning districts.</b></p> <p>Given the significant increase in the City’s RHNA over the next eight years, the City proposes to create development standards and design guidelines that would both facilitate development at the allowable densities and provide guidance and certainty in design standards to ensure quality housing is developed in the community.</p> <p>Funding: General Funds and/or other funding if available.</p>	Community Development Department, Planning Services Division	Establish development standards and design guidelines by the end of calendar year 2020.



Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>1f <b>Develop an At-Risk Units Program.</b></p> <p>Maintain an inventory of at-risk affordable housing units and work with property owners and non-profit affordable housing organizations to preserve these units by identifying and seeking funds from Federal, State, and local agencies to preserve the units.</p> <p>Funding: Ukiah Housing Trust Fund, CDBG, HOME, and/or other funding sources as available and as needed</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Develop At-Risk Program by the end of calendar year 2020.</p>
<p>1g <b>Tenant Education and Assistance for Tenants of At-Risk Projects.</b></p> <p>Require property owners to give notice to tenants of their intent to opt out of low-income use restrictions. Provide tenants of at-risk units with education regarding tenant rights and conversion procedures.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Develop education program and notification procedures by June 30, 2020; implement program on an ongoing basis throughout the 2019-2027 planning period.</p>
<p>2a <b>Update the inventory of vacant and underutilized parcels.</b></p> <p>Make copies of the inventory available on the City’s website and at the public counter for distribution.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget.</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Updated annually, by June 30 of each year; posted on the City’s website and at the public counter.</p>
<p>2b <b>Monitor the rate of conversion of primary residences to short-term rental units.</b></p> <p>Research ordinances limiting short-term rentals and present report to City Council.</p> <p>Funding: General Funds.</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division; City Council.</p>	<p>Develop monitoring program by June 30, 2020; annually track number of short-term rentals and present information along with annual progress report to City Council each year; short-term rental ordinance research report due June 30, 2025</p>

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<p>2c <b>Monitor the conversion of single-family residential homes to commercial uses.</b></p> <p>If conversions continue and the City’s vacancy rate for homeownership is greater than three percent citywide, the City will design an ordinance that restricts the conversion of single-family residences to commercial uses.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget.</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division.</p>	<p>Gather data and report findings to City Council by June 30, 2021.</p>
<p>2d <b>Pursue additional funding sources to augment the Ukiah Housing Trust Fund, creating a permanent source of funding for affordable housing.</b></p> <p>Utilize funding to develop and support affordable housing programs and projects, providing financial assistance to private developers and nonprofit agencies, principally for the benefit of extremely low-income, very low-income, and low-income households. Prepare and/or support the preparation of at least eight applications for additional funding within the 2019-2027 planning period.</p> <p>Funding: Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund; other local, State, and Federal funding sources as they become available.</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>2e <b>Continually engage with a variety of housing developers who specialize in providing housing to each economic segment of the community.</b></p> <p>This effort is designed to build long-term development partnerships and gain insight into specialized funding sources, particularly in identifying the range of local resources and assistance needed to facilitate the development of housing for extremely low-income (ELI) households and households with special needs, including persons with disabilities and persons with developmental disabilities. This policy is also designed to encourage the production of a variety of housing types, including multi-family supportive, single room occupancy, shared housing, and housing for the “missing middle.”</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget.</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division; City Manager’s Office-Economic Development Section</p>	<p>Ongoing community and stakeholder outreach, occurring at least on a quarterly basis and continuing throughout the 2019-2027 planning period.</p>



Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>2f <b>Amend the zoning code as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Shelters.</b> The City will amend the Zoning Code to redefine homeless facilities as emergency shelters, according to State Government Code.</p> <p><b>Transitional/Supportive Housing.</b> Pursuant to SB 2, the City must explicitly allow both supportive and transitional housing in all zones that allow residential uses and supportive and transitional housing is to be only subject to those restrictions applicable to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone (note: this is not limited to residential zones). The City will amend the Zoning Code to specifically define transitional/supportive housing as defined in Government Code.</p> <p><b>Single-Room Occupancy Housing.</b> The City will amend the Zoning Code to allow Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) units in the medium density residential (R-2) and high density residential (R-3) zoning districts for the purpose of increasing the number of units affordable to extremely low, very low, and low-income persons.</p> <p><b>Manufactured/Factory-Built Homes.</b> The City will amend the Zoning Code to define and allow manufactured and factory-built homes in the same manner and use as all other types of residential dwellings in all zoning districts.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Complete draft Zoning Code amendments by December 30, 2020; secure adoption by June 30, 2021.</p>
<p>2g <b>Facilitate the consolidation of smaller, multi-family parcels by providing technical assistance to property owners and developers in support of lot consolidation.</b></p> <p>Research and present a report on possible lot consolidation incentives to the Planning Commission and City Council.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Present report to Planning Commission and City Council, with recommendations, by June 30, 2026.</p>

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<p>2h <b>Ensure capacity of adequate sites for meeting RHNA.</b> The City of Ukiah has been assigned a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 239 units for the 2019-2027 Housing Element. To accomplish this mandate by the State, the City will:</p> <p><b>Update C1 and C2 Zones to allow by-right housing development, with objective design and development standards.</b> Units allowed by-right will include multifamily, SROs, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes. 92 2019-2027 City of Ukiah Housing Element Adopted October 23, 2019</p> <p><b>Update the R-2 Zone to allow up to 15 dwelling units per acre instead of 14 dwelling units per acre.</b></p> <p><b>Update the C-N Zone to increase residential density and allow similar housing types as those allowed in R-2.</b></p> <p><b>By-right housing program for select parcels.</b> Specific to APNs 00304077, 00304078, and 00304079, rezone these parcels at the default density of 15 du/ac. Also rezone these parcels to allow residential use by-right for developments with at least 20% of the units affordable to lower income households.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Ongoing, with annual reports to HCD and the City Council; develop and implement a project evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code 65863, by June 30, 2021.</p>
<p>2i <b>Monitor residential capacity (no net loss).</b></p> <p>Proactively monitor the consumption of residential acreage to ensure an adequate inventory is maintained for the City’s RHNA obligations. Implement a project evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code 65863. Should residential capacity fall below the remaining need for lower income housing, the City will identify and if necessary rezone sufficient sites to accommodate the shortfall and ensure “no net loss” in capacity to accommodate the RHNA.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Ongoing, with annual reports to HCD and the City Council; develop and implement a project evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code 65863, by June 30, 2021.</p>



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<p>2j <b>First Time Homebuyer Assistance.</b></p> <p>The City of Ukiah offers assistance to eligible first-time homebuyers to purchase new or existing single-family or condominium units in the City. The program utilizes a combination of HOME, CalHome, CDBG, and/or other resources as they become available- through the Ukiah Housing Trust Fund. Restrictions apply and funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Funding: CDBG, HOME, Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Assets Funds, CalHome, and/or other funding sources as available</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2k <b>Collaborate with local service providers on addressing homelessness.</b></p> <p>Continue participation in the Mendocino County Continuum of Care.</p> <p>Funding: N/A</p>	<p>City Manager's Office</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2l <b>Review existing City processes for compliance with AB 2162.</b></p> <p>Revise zoning codes/processes to allow supportive housing by right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Complete review of existing City processes by June 30, 2020; revise zoning codes/processes by December 31, 2020</p>
<p>2m <b>Housing Units Replacement Program.</b></p> <p>The City will require replacement housing units subject to the requirements of Government Code, section 65915, subdivision (c)(3) on sites identified in the site inventory when any new development (residential, mixed-use or non-residential) occurs on a site that has been occupied by or restricted for the use of lower-income households at any time during the previous five years. This requirement applies to 1) non-vacant sites; and 2) vacant sites with previous residential uses that have been vacated or demolished.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>The replacement requirement will be implemented immediately and applied as applications on identified sites are received and processed.</p>



Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>2n <b>Homeless Shelter Overlay District Evaluation.</b></p> <p>Evaluate the Homeless Shelter Overlay District to determine suitability for accommodating the identified number of homeless persons. At the minimum, this evaluation will include an analysis of environmental conditions, physical features, location, and capacity of the zone to accommodate the identified number of homeless persons. Depending on the results of this evaluation, the City will consider options including possible amendment of the District to maintain compliance with SB 2.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Complete evaluation of overlay district on a bi-annual basis, with the first report due to Planning Commission by June 30, 2020. Depending on results of evaluation(s), make recommendations to Planning Commission and/or City Council for options including possible amendment of the District within 6 months of the date the report is due.</p>
<p>3a <b>Research, review and amend the development standards in the zoning code for opportunities to maximize housing development. Specific areas of research and amendments may include the following:</b></p> <p><b>Increasing maximum allowable height for new residential buildings.</b></p> <p><b>Increasing density.</b></p> <p><b>Reducing yard setbacks.</b></p> <p><b>Reducing minimum site area.</b></p> <p><b>Upzoning R-1 (Single-family Residential) and R-1-H (Single-family-Residential Hillside Combining) zoning districts to allow by-right and/or permit other residential building types and densities.</b></p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division; Planning Commission; City Council</p>	<p>Complete draft Zoning Code amendments by December 30, 2021; secure adoption by June 30, 2022</p>
<p>3b <b>Develop flexible parking policies for new residential development.</b></p> <p>The intent of this policy is to reduce parking requirements, especially in zoning districts that allow for lower-income housing developments.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget and other funding sources as available</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division; Planning Commission; City Council</p>	<p>Complete draft policy by June 30, 2020</p>



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<p>3c <b>Explore other policies and regulations that facilitate new infill housing development.</b></p> <p>Produce report with recommendations and present to Planning Commission and City Council. Possible areas of research include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <p>Temporary housing options.</p> <p>Low Impact Development offsite mitigation.</p> <p>Community benefit zoning.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division; Planning Commission; City Council</p>	<p>Complete draft report by June 30, 2026</p>
<p>3d <b>Facilitate improvements to permit processing to streamline housing development.</b></p> <p>Continue to work on improving processing procedures and by June 30, 2021 develop a brochure to guide developers through City processes.</p> <p>Continue to offer a pre-application conference with project applicants to identify issues and concerns prior to application submittal.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental Funding</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division, Building Services Division</p>	<p>Pre-application conferences ongoing; City processing procedures brochure developed by June 30, 2021</p>
<p>3e <b>Continue to apply the CEQA infill exemption to streamline environmental review.</b></p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3f <b>Review Site Development Permit and Use Permit Processes.</b></p> <p>Produce report for City Council analyzing processes and making recommendations for how to revise processes and/or Ukiah City Code such that project approval process is accelerated.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Report due to City Council by December 31, 2020; process and/or code improvements to be implemented immediately thereafter.</p>

Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>4a <b>Continue to collaborate with the Ukiah Police Department and property owners and managers to keep housing safe.</b></p> <p>Support the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design standards through continued referral of residential new construction projects to the Ukiah Police Department.</p> <p>Funding: General Funds</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division, Building Services Division; and Ukiah Police Department</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4b <b>Continue to refer housing discrimination complaints to Legal Services of Northern California, State Fair Employment and Housing Commission, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).</b></p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4c <b>Develop project referral procedural for referral of all proposed General Plan amendments to the appropriate military office for review and comment.</b></p> <p>Revise the planning permit application form to include this step of referral.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>	<p>Develop referral procedure and revise planning permit application form by December 31, 2019; implement on January 1, 2020.</p>
<p>5a <b>Maintain a housing resources webpage.</b></p> <p>Included on the webpage are resources such as funding sources and programs, affordable housing developers, and a list of publicly assisted housing providers.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Housing Services Division</p>	<p>Updated regularly, as new and relevant information is available.</p>
<p>5b <b>Complete the update of the 2020 Sphere of Influence, Municipal Service Review, and Ukiah 2040 General Plan. Include an annexation policy.</b></p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget, other funding as available</p>	<p>2020- Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review; 2021- Ukiah 2040 General Plan.</p>	<p>Community Development Department, Planning Services Division</p>



Implementing Programs	Responsible Department(s)	Schedule
<p>5c Work collaboratively with stakeholder jurisdictions for opportunities to lessen or remove development constraints, and update the housing plan accordingly.</p> <p>Funding: Departmental budget, other funding as available</p>	<p>Community Development Department, in conjunction with stakeholder jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Ongoing, at least on an annual basis.</p>