



City of Kingston and County of Frontenac Housing Charter



The Housing Charter for the City of Kingston and County of Frontenac is intended to communicate policy principles regarding housing and homelessness as set out in the Municipal Housing Strategy.

Policy Statement:

Access to a full range of appropriate, affordable, and accessible housing options within a safe and welcoming community is fundamental to the City of Kingston and County of Frontenac's economic development and the health and social well-being of its residents.

In order to have and appreciate a consistent and self-sustaining quality of life, reliable and secure living accommodations should be realized by all citizens of the City and County. All citizens should be able to live in their home and within their broader neighbourhood, without reservation, discrimination or fear for their personal safety or that of their families.

All citizens are protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code that forbids discriminatory practices which could limit housing opportunities. The City of Kingston and the County of Frontenac does not condone nor allow discrimination based on age, gender, race, physical ability, sexual orientation or family structure.

The City of Kingston and the County of Frontenac is sustained by a healthy range of housing options. All housing in the City and County should be maintained and operated in a proper and safe state of repair.

Citizens of Kingston and the County of Frontenac, regardless of their home address, are entitled to an equal voice in contributing to the hopeful future of our region.

Implementation:

The Charter will focus the collective efforts of City and County elected officials, staff, committee members and community service providers, to ensure that permanent, sustainable and affordable housing remains the long-term solution to homelessness in this region.

The City of Kingston and the County of Frontenac will monitor the changing needs of the housing and homelessness sector and in turn, adjust their services and provision of resources accordingly.

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