

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
GENERAL PLAN
HOUSING AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES**

LEAD AGENCY: City of Twentynine Palms
6136 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

CONTACT PERSON: Travis Clark, Community Development Director

PROJECT TITLE: General Plan Housing and Safety Element Updates

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As a mandated Element of the General Plan, the Housing Element analyzes the existing housing stock and existing and future housing needs based on demographic data, and provides strategies to meet the housing needs of the City’s residents. The Housing Element focuses on affordable housing and housing for special needs populations, including seniors, disabled persons (including developmental disabilities), large families, single parent households, and the homeless. The Goals, Policies, and Programs identified in this Housing Element will assist the City’s decision makers in facilitating housing development and preservation to address the needs. The City is complying with the mandatory update schedule for Housing Elements. This Update addresses the 2022-2029 planning period. During this period, the City has been allocated the following housing units under the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) developed by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):

Income Category	Number Of Units
Extremely low income	115
Very low income	116
Low income	127
Moderate income	185
Above moderate income	504
Total	1,047

Note that the extremely low and very low income categories are 50% each of the 231 units assigned for the very low category.

Source: SCAG

The Safety Element Update includes a Flood Hazard Zones Map (Exhibit SF-4) which reflects the current FEMA flood zones, and a Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map (Exhibit SF-5) which provides the current fire hazard mapping by CalFire. The Safety Element also addresses climate change impacts and adaptation, including its interaction with fire, flood, and extreme heat hazards. The Update expanded discussion on emergency preparedness at local and regional levels with reference to the City’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be adopted in 2021 and the San Bernardino County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA and adopted in 2017.

FINDINGS / DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that no significant impacts will occur. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period for the Negative Declaration will commence on January 5, 2022 and end on January 26, 2022 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments can be submitted to Travis Clark at:

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The Initial Study and Negative Declaration are available for public review at the Community Development Department at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or available on the City's Planning Division website at www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us.

PUBLIC HEARING: This matter has not been scheduled for public hearings. Please contact Travis Clark at the number shown above to obtain the hearing date.