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Poulsbo City Council Unanimously Approves City's First Affordable Housing Project

Poulsbo, WA— On July 17, in a unanimous vote, Poulsbo City Council approved the budget and agreements necessary to build the City's first city-owned affordable housing project. The project, called Nordic Cottages, is a partnership between the City, Housing Kitsap and Gateway Fellowship. It will be built on City property at 609 NE Lincoln. The Cottages, once built, will provide eight one-bedroom homes for low-income older adults and adults with disabilities. Groundbreaking is expected in late 2024 and completion in late 2025.

"This has been a work in progress for many years," says Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson. "It reflects our vision, here in Poulsbo, to build small scale, attractive affordable housing that incorporates into neighborhoods and enhances them as well. This also reflects our interest in city owned housing on city owned land that will stay permanently affordable."

"Housing Kitsap is very excited about this partnership and this groundbreaking project," says Housing Kitsap Director Heather Blough. "This will be the only project in our portfolio that is owned by a city and managed by Housing Kitsap. The award of Project Based Vouchers attached to the units will provide deep affordability for many years to come. We are able to leverage our expertise as a housing authority with the City's expertise in engineering, building, permitting—and benefit from their connections to partners and volunteers that will make this a true community initiative."

According to Poulsbo Housing, Health and Human Services Director Kim Hendrickson, interest in the project is high and many people have called to request a spot on the waiting list. A waiting list for the new homes will not be created for several months, but people who would like to be put on an information list for updates and announcements about the project can contact Kim at kimberlyh@cityofpoulsbo.com.

The Nordic Cottage design was created by Coates Design, a Bainbridge Island based architectural firm. Construction will be done by the BJC Group of Port Orchard. Parking will be provided on the abutting Gateway Fellowship property. The project budget is \$3.9 million, with funds from the City's local affordable housing tax, Department of Commerce, and Kitsap County HOME funding.

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