

ARLINGTON COUNTY

The Arlington County Board adopted the following
Housing Principles and Housing Goals on December 9, 2000.

HOUSING PRINCIPLES

1. Affordable housing should be a County priority.
2. Market rate affordable housing should be the primary means of providing affordable housing. The County should continue to support efforts to maintain and preserve that affordable housing supply and the surrounding neighborhoods.
3. A range of housing choices should be available throughout the County to accommodate households of all income levels, sizes and needs.
4. In providing housing assistance, priority should be targeted to the lowest-income households – low income households with children and low income households with members who are elderly or have disabilities.
5. Affordable housing should be used to help prevent homelessness and promote a diverse community.
6. Equal housing opportunity should be a reality. Housing discrimination should not exist in Arlington.
7. Households with children should never be homeless.

HOUSING GOALS

The County Board is striving to achieve the following goals in full partnership with the state and federal governments and with the expectation that these partners will place a priority on funding affordable housing programs.

- I. Balance support for the elderly and persons with disabilities with a transitional safety net for working families with children.
- II. Ensure through all available means that all housing in Arlington County is safe and decent.
- III. Permit no net loss of committed affordable housing, and make every reasonable effort to maintain the supply of affordable market rate housing.
- IV. Reduce the number of households in serious housing need (defined as those earning below 40% of median income who pay more than 40% of their income in rent).
- V. Increase the number of housing units with two or more bedrooms in order to match the needs of households with children.
- VI. Distribute committed affordable housing within projects, within neighborhoods and throughout the County.
- VII. Increase the rate of home ownership throughout the County, and increase homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income households.
- VIII. Ensure, through all available means, that housing discrimination is eliminated.
- IX. Provide housing services effectively and efficiently.