



City Council Information Packet

July 9, 2026

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City Council Tentative Meeting Schedule

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July 9, 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, July 14, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Special Formal Meeting	
Monday, July 20, 2026	4:30 PM	Joint Entities Meeting Hosted by Johnson County Brd of Supervisors	TBD
Tuesday, August 4, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, August 18, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, September 1, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, October 6, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Monday, October 19, 2026	4:30 PM	Joint Entities Meeting Hosted by the Iowa City Community School Dist	TBD
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Monday, November 2, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, December 8, 2026	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	



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**Iowa City
City Council - Work Session
Agenda
Work Session
July 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM
Emma J. Harvat Hall
410 E. Washington Street
www.icgov.org**



City of Iowa City Land Acknowledgment can be found at:
icgov.org/landacknowledgement

Meeting Rules can be found at: icgov.org/meetingrules

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- <https://citychannel4.com/live>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/citychannel4/live>
- <https://facebook.com/CityofIowaCity>

Following the 4:00 PM Special Formal Executive Session

For informational purposes, the Current ICHA Waiting Lists Counts are as follows:

Month	HCV Waiting List	PH Waiting List
July	1,301	729

1. Clarification of Agenda Items
2. Information Packet Discussion [June 18, June 25, July 2, July 9]
3. University of Iowa update
4. Council updates on assigned boards, commissions, and committees



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Pending Work Session Topics

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PENDING CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION TOPICS July 8, 2026

Currently Scheduled

- August 4th: Executive Session
Housing Dashboard Presentation
- August 18th: Pedestrian Mall Safety Discussion
- September 1st: FY2028 Budget Discussion
Review of Financial Reserve Policies

FY23-26 Strategic Plan Action Item Topics Requiring Council Discussion:

- Evaluate legal steps to discourage or prevent bad faith and predatory property investors and encourage ethical leasing practices (staff memo requested)
- Develop and maintain cost recovery guidelines for programs and services that balance fiscal responsibility and equity (staff memo requested)

Other Topics:

- Discussion of board and commission appointment process
- License plate reader technology discussion
- Historic preservation incentive and guideline review (staff memo requested)
- Low Income Utility Discount Program (IP2 from 4.24.25)
- Strategic Plan Prioritization (facilitated discussion targeted in summer 2026)
- 21 S. Linn Update

Note: Some items on the Pending List may require staff research and information gathering prior to scheduling.



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Memo from City Manager and NDS Director - FY27 Affordable Housing Fund - Proposed Changes to the Distribution Formula

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CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: July 8, 2026

To: Geoff Fruin, City Manager

From: Tracy Hightshoe, Neighborhood & Development Services Director

Re: FY27 Affordable Housing Fund – Proposed Changes to the Distribution Formula

As part of the FY27 budget, the City has allocated \$1,000,000 to support affordable housing initiatives. Staff recommend a modification to the Affordable Housing Funding Distribution formula due to a change in the funding source for the City's winter shelter.

Beginning in FY27, approximately \$108,160 in annual winter shelter costs will be supported through Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenues rather than the Affordable Housing Fund. This change creates an opportunity to redirect Affordable Housing Fund resources to other housing priorities while maintaining the City's overall investment in affordable housing.

Recommended FY27 Affordable Housing Distribution

% Distribution	Amount	Purpose
65%	\$650,000	Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County (Competitive Allocations)
20%	\$200,000	Security Deposit Program
10%	\$100,000	Landlord Risk Mitigation
5.0%	\$50,000	Reserved for emergent situations
0.0%	\$0	Opportunity Fund

Staff recommend maintaining funding for the **Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County** at \$650,000 and the **Emergent Housing Needs** at \$50,000, consistent with FY26 allocations.

No FY27 allocation is recommended for the **Opportunity Fund**. The fund currently has an available balance of approximately \$618,000, which staff believe is sufficient to meet anticipated needs. The balance will be reevaluated during the FY28 budget process based on FY27 expenditures and program activity.

Housing Security Programs

The recommended increase in funding for housing security programs reflects growing demand for assistance that helps households obtain and maintain stable housing. These programs are often the final piece needed to help individuals and families transition from homelessness or housing instability into permanent housing.

Security Deposit Program

The City contracts with CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank to administer the Security Deposit Program for households earning less than 50% of Area Median Income. The program provides up to \$1,000 toward a tenant's initial security deposit, paid directly to the landlord for rental units located within Iowa City's corporate limits.

Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to referrals through the Coordinated Entry System. CommUnity staff participate in weekly Coordinated Entry meetings with local homeless service providers to ensure households receive the most appropriate available assistance.

City funds are the sole source of financial support for this program. CommUnity's unrestricted resources are primarily reserved for emergency rent and utility assistance for Johnson County residents who are ineligible for other assistance programs.

During FY26, the program assisted 79 households with security deposit assistance. Demand is highest in July and August due to the community's typical leasing cycle. CommUnity is experiencing an increased demand from voucher tenants and individuals moving out of shelter or off the streets.

Program funding is typically exhausted in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, requiring eligible households to wait until next year's allocation. In FY26, \$77,000 was distributed in security deposit assistance.

To better meet current demand and ensure assistance remains available throughout the fiscal year, staff recommend increasing the Security Deposit Program allocation to \$200,000.

Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund

The landlord risk mitigation fund is administered by Shelter House and was initially capitalized with \$60,000. The program provides financial protection to landlords who lease to households participating in the Rapid Re-housing program or those utilizing Emergency Housing or Mainstream vouchers.

These households often face significant barriers to securing housing, including felony convictions, poor credit history, previous property damage, or prior evictions. To qualify, applicants must demonstrate they have been denied at least three permanent housing opportunities within the previous 30 days.

Eligible rental units must:

- Be located in Iowa City's corporate limits.
- Have a lease term of at least one year.
- Pass an initial inspection, with landlords agreeing to complete any required repairs.

Since the program began, 25 households have participated. Currently, two households are enrolled, with an additional 13 referrals awaiting placement. Of the original participants, only one household returned to homelessness approximately two and one-half years after completing the program.

Importantly, no landlord claims have been submitted since the program's inception.

The current maximum guarantee of \$3,500 per household covers damages beyond the security deposit, unpaid rent, and legal expenses. Shelter House reports that many landlords believe this level of protection is insufficient to offset the perceived risk of renting to higher-barrier households.

Based on program experience and landlord feedback, staff recommends the following modifications:

- Increase the City's investment by \$100,000, bringing the total program balance to \$160,000.

- Increase the maximum landlord guarantee from \$3,500 to \$7,500 per household for eligible damages, unpaid rent, and legal expenses beyond the security deposit.
- Authorize Shelter House to extend guarantees to up to 42 households at any one time. Even if every participating household filed the maximum claim, the fund would support at least 21 full claims before requiring additional resources.
- Should claims ever exceed the available balance, the Opportunity Fund would serve as the backstop. National experience indicates landlord risk mitigation programs generally experience claim rates of less than 15 percent.
- Subject to funding availability, restore the fund annually to \$160,000 based on actual claim activity from the previous year.

Staff will continue to monitor program performance and recommend adjustments as needed to ensure the program remains effective and financially sustainable.

Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the FY27 Affordable Housing Fund allocations as outlined in this memorandum.

Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, staff will proceed with implementing these allocations beginning in FY27.



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CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: July 9, 2026
To: Mayor and City Council
From: City Manager's Office
Re: Housing Information

At the October 15, 2024 work session, City Council asked staff to provide housing related information on a recurring basis prior to each City Council meeting. This memo provides a new housing-related piece of information with each Information Packet that is publicly released prior to formal City Council meetings and includes past information that is less than one year old.

We welcome feedback on the type of information that you believe will be most informative and useful in your roles as City Councilors.

Date	Topic	Source
July 14, 2026	Riverfront Crossings (RFC) Affordable Housing: In 2016, the City began requiring new projects in the RFC District with 10+ units to make 10% as affordable units for 10 years in exchange for increased density or to pay a fee in-lieu of the housing. Since adoption, this requirement led to 95 new affordable rental units of which 34% are targeted to those making less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and another 31% are targeted to those making 30-50% AMI. More recently, the City is working to leverage \$5.1 million in fee-in-lieu funding to facilitate construction of 168 additional affordable units at Orchard Court.	Tracy Hightshoe, Neighborhood and Development Services Director (April 3, 2026)
June 16, 2026	ICAAR Market Trends: ICAAR collects data about home sales monthly. In May 2026, the median sales price was \$366,000 for single-family (up 3.1% from May 2025) and was \$249,950 for a condominium (up 11.1%). However, the median sales price per square foot only increased 1.7%.	Iowa City Area Association of Realtors (ICAAR): https://icaar.org/market-trends/

June 2, 2026	HUD Point-in-Time Count: This is a required count conducted across the country of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. In 2026, the count revealed 215 sheltered and 30 unsheltered individuals in Johnson County. In 2025, the count revealed 214 sheltered and 39 unsheltered individuals in Johnson County.	Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) https://icalliances.org/pit
May 19, 2026	Income Limits: Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development publishes income limits for federally assisted housing based on the Area Median Income (AMI) for each metropolitan area. Households earning less than 80% AMI are classified as low income, while those earning below 60% AMI are often prioritized for federally assisted rental housing. As of June 1, 2026, a 4-person household in Iowa City is considered low income if their annual income is below \$97,100 (80% AMI). The 60% AMI threshold is \$72,840 for a 4-person household. These limits represent a 2.7% increase from 2025.	FY 2026 Adjusted HOME Income Limits for Iowa, https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/HOME-Income-limits.html
May 5, 2026	Renter Households by Types and Age: In Iowa City, renter households number over 16,270 (53%). While more households rent, the total population in renter households is not significantly different than that for owner households. For householders who rent, nearly 11,020 (68%) are aged 34 years or younger, while only ~3,800 (23%) are aged 35-64 years and 1,450 (9%) are 65 years or older. Many renter households (over 7,480 or 46%) live alone, with ~5,950 (37%) living with others in non-family households and ~2,830 (17%) consisting of families. Renter-occupied households are more likely to be less than 35 years old and/or living in non-family households with or without others compared to all households in Iowa City.	2024 5-Year American Community Survey Data by the U.S. Census Bureau https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2024.B25011?q=B25011&q=160XX00US1938595
April 21, 2026	Owner Households by Types and Age: Over 14,550 households (47%) in Iowa City own the home in which they live. Of owner-occupied householders, nearly 2,220 (15%) are aged 34 years or younger, nearly 7,700 (53%) are 35-64 years, and	2024 5-Year American Community Survey

	more than 4,630 (32%) are 65 years or older. Most owner-occupied households (nearly 9,630 or 66%) consist of families, while another ~4,110 (28%) live alone and only ~810 (6%) live in non-family households with others. Owner-occupied households are more likely to be families and/or aged 35+ compared to all households in Iowa City.	Data by the U.S. Census Bureau https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2024.B25011?q=B25011&q=160XX00US1938595
April 7, 2026	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): The Iowa City Housing Authority (ICHA) administers a TBRA program to assist rent payments for elderly and disabled households on the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist. In FY26, ICHA anticipates serving 60 households under 30% of the Area Median Income, most of whom have a fixed income. The average household income is \$1,164 per month while the average rental assistance payment is \$461 per month. Providing significant rent relief to this population has often helped stabilize their housing; some households at the verge of eviction prior to the offer of TBRA assistance report being able to work with landlords to maintain housing. ICHA anticipates continuation of this program in the future using HOME funding.	Rachel Carter, Iowa City Housing Authority Executive Director (Apr. 1, 2026)
March 10, 2026	Building Permits: In 2025, the City of Iowa City issued 59 permits for new single-family dwellings, 10 permits for new duplex dwellings totaling 20 units, 4 permits for new multi-family dwellings totaling 72 units, and 8 permits for residential accessory dwelling units. While permitted single-family and multi-family units are down significantly from 10-year averages, 2025 marked a notable increase in duplex and accessory dwelling units permitted.	City of Iowa City, Neighborhood & Development Services https://www.iowa-city.org/WebLink/browse.aspx?id=1483505&dbid=0&repo=CityofIowaCity
February 17, 2026	ICAAR Days on Market Trends: ICAAR collects data about how long homes are listed for sale on the market. In Jan. 2026, the median Days on Market (DOM) in Iowa City was 36 for	Iowa City Area Association of Realtors (ICAAR):

	single-family (down 28% from Jan. 2025) and was 15 for condominiums (down 44%). A decreasing number of DOM suggests a tighter market with many homes selling quickly. This indicates a continued strong demand for housing compared to supply.	https://icaar.org/market-trends/
February 3, 2026	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): Cities receiving HOME funds can create TBRA programs to help low-income households pay for rent in market-rate units. The Iowa City Housing Authority launched a TBRA program in FY25 to assist rent payments for elderly and disabled households under 30% of the area median income, selected from the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. This program has allowed the City to assist 31 households through November 2025, lessening their rent burden and decreasing voucher wait time.	Brianna Thul, City of Iowa City Senior Community Development Planner (Dec. 31, 2026)
January 15, 2026	City Down Payment Assistance: The City of Iowa City, GreenState Credit Union, and Hills Bank partner to increase affordable homeownership opportunities for households that do not meet traditional financial parameters in Iowa City. Potential buyers receive homebuyer education and financial counseling through Horizons at no cost. In FY25, downpayment assistance was provided to 13 low-income households through City homeownership programs.	FY 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) www.icgov.org/actonplan
December 31, 2025	Homeownership Purchase Price Limits: Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development publishes homeownership value limits for its HOME and Housing Trust Fund programs which reflects 95% of the area median purchase price for a single-family home in specific geographic areas. The City uses this limit as its maximum sales price for affordable housing programs. Effective December 1, 2025, the purchase price limit in Iowa City is \$332,000 for new construction and \$285,000 for existing homes. This marks an increase of 7.4% for new construction and 3.3% for existing homes.	FY 2025 HOME Homeownership Value limits for Iowa City, IA HUD Metro FMR Area https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/home-ownership-value-limits.html

December 4, 2025	Housing Choice Voucher Utilization Rate: The utilization rate refers to the number of housing choice vouchers that are under lease as a percentage of total vouchers available. As of June 30, 2025, the national utilization rate is 85.72%. The State of Iowa utilization rate is 79.53%. The Iowa City Housing Authority utilization rate of 98.23% exceeds both the national and state figures.	HUD Housing Choice Voucher Data Dashboard https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/public-indian-housing-hcv-dashboard
November 13, 2025	Mortgage Interest Rates: Freddie Mac conducts a survey on primary mortgage interest rates every week. Interest rates affect the cost of homeownership, with higher interest rates leading to higher costs as more money is paid towards interest. For the week of November 6, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 6.22%, which is 0.57% lower than it was one year ago. While this is near the long-term average, it is higher than the historically low interest rates experienced in the years following the pandemic.	Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, U.S. weekly average as of November 6, 2025: https://www.freddiemac.com/pmms
October 30, 2025	ICAAR Market Trends: ICAAR collects data about home sales monthly. In Sept. 2025, the median sales price was \$344,000 for single-family (up 19.2% from Sept. 2024) and was \$310,000 for a condominium (up 26.5%). However, the median sales price per square foot only increased 9.0%, which suggests some of the increase is due to the size of homes. In addition, the active inventory has increased 1.8%, which may help stabilize inflationary pressures.	Iowa City Area Association of Realtors (ICAAR): https://icaar.org/market-trends/
October 16, 2025	2-Bedroom Housing Wage: Each year, the National Low Income Housing Coalition computes housing wages (i.e. the hourly wage rate needed to afford housing in a selected geographic region) across the country. For the State of Iowa, the 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.99 for 2025, an increase of 6.0% since 2024. For the Iowa City metropolitan area, the 2-	National Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach Report. https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ia

	bedroom housing wage is \$20.81 for 2025, an increase of 2.1% since 2024.	
October 2, 2025	Fair Market Rents (FMR): Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development publishes FMRs which estimate reasonable rental prices for housing in specific geographic areas. It is considered a benchmark for rent affordability and is used by many affordable housing programs to establish maximum rents. For FY2026, the monthly FMR is \$961 for a 1-bedroom unit, \$1,141 for a 2-bedroom unit, and \$1,587 for a 3-bedroom unit in Iowa City. Compared to 2025, FMR increased 4.3% for 1-bedroom, 3.3% for 2-bedroom, and 2.5% for 3-bedroom units.	FY 2026 Fair Market Rent for Iowa City, IA https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2026_code/2026summary.pdf
September 11, 2025	Poverty Status: Poverty status means a household's income is below the federal poverty threshold for its size, indicating they may struggle to meet basic needs. People living in poverty often spend a larger share of their income on housing, which can lead to overcrowding, housing instability, or difficulty affording other necessary expenses. In 2023, 26.3% of Iowa City residents were determined to be below the poverty level. Much of this is due to Iowa City's large student population. Approximately 65.5% of those enrolled in undergraduate and graduate school were determined to be below the poverty level, compared to 10.6% of the remaining population.	2023 5-Year American Community Survey Data by the U.S. Census Bureau https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2023.B14006?q=iowa+city+poverty+by+School+Enrollment
August 28, 2025	Housing & Shelter Services. The United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties recently published a Community Needs Assessment, which includes an impact goal for everyone to have safe, stable housing that they can afford. One metric they tracked was the number of people seeking formal housing services or shelter. Their data indicates 2,194 people in Johnson County sought services in 2023. Approximately 26% were children under 18, 9% were youth aged 18-24, 50% were adults aged 25-54, and 15% were adults aged 55+. Note that	Stronger Together Community Needs Assessment, United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties, https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/sites/unitedwayjwc.org

	many individuals facing housing instability utilize informal housing methods, so this data does not reflect the full needs present in the County.	itedwayjwc/files/cna2025-full.pdf
August 14, 2025	Resident Mobility: Resident mobility shapes housing markets by influencing demand, turnover, and neighborhood stability. Younger adults, including university students and early-career professionals, move more frequently, while older adults tend to pursue more stable housing. In Iowa City, only 45% of adult Gen Z'ers (aged 18-29) lived in the same house the year before, compared to 79% of Millennials (aged 30-44), 89% of Gen X'ers (aged 45-59) and 93% of older generations (aged 60+).	2023 5-Year American Community Survey Data by the U.S. Census Bureau https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2023.B07001?q=iowa+city+population&t=Residential+Mobility
July 31, 2025	Income Limits: Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development publishes income limits for federally assisted housing based on the Area Median Income (AMI) for each metropolitan area. Households earning less than 80% AMI are classified as low income, while those earning below 60% AMI are often prioritized for federally assisted rental housing. As of June 1, 2025, a 4-person household in Iowa City is considered low income if their annual income is below \$94,550 (80% AMI). The 60% AMI threshold is \$70,920 for a 4-person household. These limits represent a 3.1% increase from 2024.	FY2025 Adjusted HOME Income Limits for Iowa, https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/home-datasets/files/HOMEIncomeLimitsStateIA2025.pdf

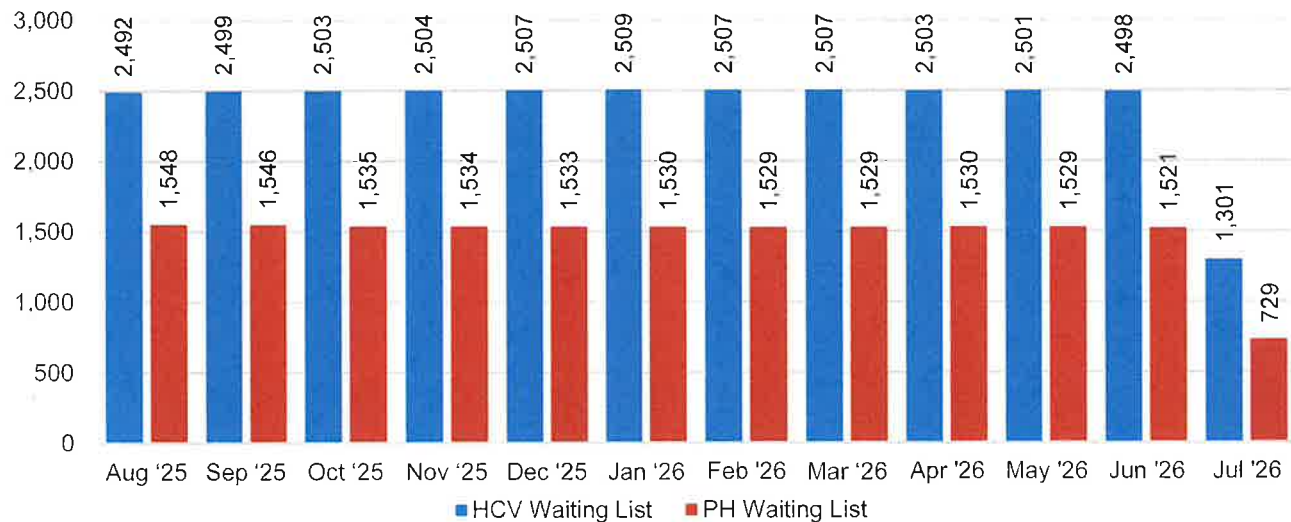


CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: July 9, 2026
To: Mayor and City Council
From: City Manager's Office
Re: Iowa City Housing Authority Waiting List Update

Table 1 presents monthly data from the Iowa City Housing Authority (ICHA) on waitlists for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing (PH) programs. Applicants are prioritized using criteria approved by City Council. The highest preference category includes households living and/or working in ICHA's jurisdiction (Johnson County, Iowa County, and the portion of Washington County north of Highway 92) and that are elderly, disabled, or include minor children. As of July 2026, 530 persons on the HCV waitlist and 280 persons on the PH waitlist are in the top preference category.

Table 1: ICHA Waiting Lists (Aug 2025 - Jul 2026)



ICHA regularly updates its waitlists consistent with best practices to ensure ongoing eligibility, continued interest in remaining on the waitlist, and accurate placement within appropriate preference categories. The most recent waitlist update occurred June 2026 as part of ICHA's transition to new software. Households removed from the waitlist as part of this transition may be reinstated to their original position on the waitlist by contacting ICHA before January 2027.

In addition, the City Council expressed interest in data on persons experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development conducts an annual Point-in-Time count of sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. In 2025, the count identified 214 sheltered and 39 unsheltered individuals in Johnson County. In 2026, the count identified 215 sheltered and 30 unsheltered individuals in Johnson County.



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BRAD COMER
ASSESSOR
MARTY BURKLE
CHIEF DEPUTY
TONY STAMMLER
DEPUTY

To: Affected Taxing Districts
From: Brad Comer, City Assessor
Re: Iowa Property Assessment Appeal Board and District Court
Notice of Appeal
Date: July 9, 2026

Iowa Code Section 441.39 (2018) requires assessors to notify taxing bodies when an assessment of more than \$5 million has been appealed to the Iowa Property Assessment Appeal Board (PAAB) or to District Court or when an appeal to PAAB requests a reduction of \$100,000 or more. The following properties meet those criteria.

Appealed To	Owner	Address	Property Type	2026 Assessed Value	Assessment Requested
District Court	MidWestOne Bank	102-104 S Clinton St 107 E Washington St	Bank (3 parcels)	\$ 12,598,540	\$ 6,700,000
District Court	Kwik Trip, Inc.	1907 Keokuk St	Convenience Store	\$ 5,084,210	\$ 4,068,800
District Court	Hy-Vee	1201 N Dodge St	Vacant Grocery	\$ 2,663,060	\$ 1,331,500

Appealed To	Owner	Address	Property Type	2026 Assessed Value	Assessment Requested
PAAB	Ravi Lodging Inc.	4 Sturgis Corner Dr	Hotel	\$ 6,482,780	\$ 4,240,475
PAAB	Two Rivers Bank & Trust	551 Westbury Dr	Bank	\$ 1,134,510	\$ 950,000
PAAB	Naveen Kalia	420 W Park Rd	Residential	\$ 879,310	\$ 700,000
PAAB	Hills Bank & Trust	2621 Muscatine Ave	Bank	\$ 1,936,520	\$ 1,406,880
PAAB	Hills Bank & Trust	1401 S Gilbert St	Bank	\$ 4,126,400	\$ 3,283,600



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CITY OF IOWA CITY

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June 29, 2026

TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

RE: Civil Service Entrance Examination – Maintenance Worker II – Water Distribution

Under the authority of the Civil Service Commission of Iowa City, Iowa, I do hereby certify the following named person(s) as eligible for the position of Maintenance Worker II – Water Distribution.

Sean Ryan

Iowa City Civil Service Commission

Rick Wyss, Chair



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

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Senior Center Commission: June 18

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MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION
June 18, 2026
Room 311, Iowa City Senior Center

Members Present: Kate Milster, Lee McKnight, Emily Griffin, Jon Stahmer, Bertie Weikert

Members Absent: Nancy Ostrognai, Betty Ross

Staff Present: LaTasha DeLoach, Kristin Kromray

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by McKnight at 4:00 PM.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2026, MEETING:

Motion: To accept the minutes from the May 21, 2026 meeting as amended.
Motion carried on a 5/0 vote. Weikert/Milster

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None.

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW:

DeLoach reported the Beakers Brothers concert was well attended even with rain bringing the event inside from the park. The Senior Center's partnership with the Iowa City Public Libraries Stories Across Generations pen pal program is full of participants in both age group. The new member Welcome Social went well. The Senior Center now has mobile assistive hearing devices for tours. The Queer Elders will be in the Pride parade. The AmeriCore volunteers for Green Iowa will be doing an induction cooking demo. The gourd art classes are very popular. There will be some programming around the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 6th. The Johnson County Conservation Department will be having a series of programs this summer including a hike at Kent Park. The Eric Morton Papers presentation will be available again on July 27th.

Milster asked about the kitchen. DeLoach communicated the history of the kitchen. The Senior Center only ever provided the commercial kitchen space for the organizations who had grants for the congregate dining and meals on wheels programs. The kitchen was largely deconstructed for the current HVAC project. This space will be included in the interior renovations.

Track lighting for the 3rd floor gallery area will be installed soon. New speakers and some upgrades to digital controls in the Assembly Room have been installed and a new projector will be installed that is being funded through Friends of the Senior Center.

COMMISSION OVERVIEW:

Milster commented she appreciates the updated technology. Weikert praised the Device Advice group from the University of Iowa. Milster also noted appreciation of Frank Murry who has been the volunteer for the Cinema Salon.

Milster asked if there are programs that would be good for her to attend as a commissioner.

Commissioner Griffin exited the meeting.

DeLoach noted that any of the larger public events would be great to have commissioner support at and discussed specific events that may be a good fit.

Meeting Adjourned.

Senior Center Commission Attendance Record

Name	Term Expires	7/17/25	8/21/25	9/18/25	10/23/25	11/20/25	12/18/2025	1/15/2026	2/19/26	3/19/26	4/16/26	5/21/26	6/18/26
Jay Gilchrist	12/31/25	X	X	X	O/E	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--
Emily Griffin	12/31/28	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	NM	X	X	X
Mary McCall	12/31/27	O/E	X	X	O/E	O/E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lee McKnight	12/31/27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	O/E	X
Kathryn Milster	12/31/27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X
Nancy Ostrognai	12/31/26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O/E	NM	O/E	X	O/E
Warren Paris	12/31/25	X	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--
Betty Rosse	12/31/26	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	NM	O/E	X	O
Jon Stahmer	12/31/28	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	NM	X	X	X
Bertie Weikert	12/31/27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	X

Key: X =Present O =Absent O/E =Absent/Excused NM =No meeting -- = Not a member