

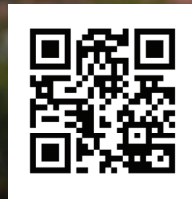


Housing Now

Housing NOW is Albuquerque’s next-generation housing initiative. A bold, people-first plan to address the housing shortage, affordability crisis, and neighborhood stability. The initiative modernizes zoning, removes barriers, and uses City resources creatively to turn underutilized properties into affordable housing while giving neighborhoods a voice in shaping their future.

Strategies include stronger renter protections, home repair support, hotel conversions, streamlined permitting, and flexible zoning.

By expanding housing choices, building more homes where they’re needed most, and safeguarding neighborhoods, Housing NOW balances progress with preservation. At its core, it’s about dignity, opportunity, and belonging — building safer and stable communities now and for generations to come.



WHY ALBUQUERQUE NEEDS HOUSING NOW?

15,500

AFFORDABLE HOMES

Over 15,000 affordable homes are needed to meet current demand.



41%

RENTAL HOUSING

Over 40% of the City's rental housing market is aging and in need of repairs.



74%

of residential land is zoned for single-family homes only.

250

new construction workers are needed to meet housing demand.

4,500+

new housing units have come online through City-supported projects.

3,500+

of those units are specifically designated as affordable housing.





What is Housing NOW?

Housing NOW is Albuquerque's next-generation housing initiative.

A bold, people-centered plan to tackle the housing shortage, affordability crisis, and neighborhood stability through smart growth, flexible housing choices, and community-led solutions.

MORE HOMES WHERE THEY'RE NEEDED MOST

- Build near jobs, transit, and services, without displacement
- Increase height and density in key corridors
- Reform parking rules to cut costs and support smart growth

REAL CHOICES IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD

- Legalize cottage homes,

duplexes, and casitas

- Allow flexible lot sizes for multigenerational living
- Keep seniors, workers, and families in place
- Convert empty office buildings into housing

PROTECT RENTERS & STABILIZE COMMUNITIES

- RENT Act: Stronger tenant protections
- PATCH Act: Grants for low-income home repairs
- Lien forgiveness to keep homes in families

TURN CITY ASSETS INTO HOUSING

- Convert vacant hotels to housing
- Use city-owned land for affordable and mixed-income projects

LET NEIGHBORHOODS GUIDE GROWTH

- Opt-in pathways for more housing
- Encourage corridor growth while protecting residential cores

WHY NOW?

Everyone deserves a safe, affordable home in a neighborhood they love. Housing NOW proves we

can make progress and protect the community if we put people first.

GET INVOLVED

- Attend a town hall
- Apply for housing programs
- Share your story

Together, we're building a more inclusive, affordable Albuquerque—starting now.

Contact Information

KEEP IN TOUCH

For more updates, visit cabq.gov/housing-now or contact the Mayor's Office at 505-768-3000.

