



Naperville Senior Task Force ([STF](#))

Position on Affordable Housing

The Naperville Senior Task Force (STF), established in 2014, is committed to increasing the supply of affordable senior housing in our community. Based on the 2020 Census, senior residents account for approximately 17% of the city's population.

We are interested in working with the city and builders to reach the goal of affordable senior housing. We have created the attached "Seal of Approval" criteria list to discuss with all parties building or renovating properties for seniors. The goal is for these builders to consider seniors who wish to age in place and therefore design "lifetime homes" to meet the needs of individuals in all stages of life.

We describe lifetime homes as those with a universal design which is aesthetically pleasing and usable to the greatest extent by all, regardless of their age, ability or status in life. This means it can be a lifetime home rather than a starter or a family home.

We also recommend:

- 10 % of any building project's units be set aside for seniors (age 60 and older) with incomes of less than \$46,000 per year and/or establish the criteria for spending 30% of income on rent as defined by such entities as HUD, the DuPage Housing Authority and IHDA
- Include smaller units that would appeal to people of all ages, not only seniors

We recognize that social service agencies and others have long advocated for affordable housing for families. In both DuPage and Will counties, affordable housing collaborations exist and the STF is committed to collaborating with these groups by offering a senior perspective.

This link accesses the full list of criteria that the STF is recommending:

<https://www.naperville.il.us/globalassets/media/boards-and-commissions/senior-task-force/design-guidelines-stf.pdf>