

City of Independence

MEMORANDUM

Community Development

DATE: August 9, 2021

TO: **Zachary Walker, City Manager**
Adam Norris, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Tom Scannell, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: **Apartment Moratorium Quarterly Update**



Resolution 21-217 authorized a temporary moratorium on all new apartment development approvals for one year within the City of Independence. The resolution set forth several objectives, including budgeting for a Housing Study in 2021-22 and a periodic review by the City Council to consider continuation of the moratorium.

The selection of the Housing Study consultant, Development Strategies, was approved by City Council on July 6th. Staff and the consultant have had several meetings discussing project schedule, data collection, community tour and field work, and community partner engagement. The consultant team intends to be in town on August 18th and 19th to conduct the community tour, additional field work and begin the community partner conversations in a one-on-one or two-on-one format. The overall project schedule is 4-5 months.

Since approval of the moratorium, the City has not received any new applications for multi-family developments. The Case multi-family project in the Falls at Crackerneck was approved by City Council; the final development plan and building permit plans have not been submitted.