

Age-Friendly Terms in the 2040 Comp Plan Hastings

“The population of Hastings is aging. This is true across the nation, across the state, and in most communities in Minnesota. The shape and way of life in our communities needs to reflect this changing demographic landscape. Fortunately, people of any age desire similar things. They want to live in a community that is safe, affordable, and convenient, and that offers services and amenities that meet their needs, and opportunities that enrich their lives. But as people age, certain community characteristics are essential to a vital life.” (8-10)

Some Key Points

Baby Boomers continue to seek **high-quality-of-life** environment for retirement - A continued need for housing dedicated to **elderly** citizens - Continue to improve **public transportation for all ages** - Focus on the Diversity and Balance of **life-cycle housing** - Provide a transportation network that is safe for all - Continue to improve **sidewalks** and bike lanes for its users - Focus on being **pedestrian** friendly - Consider **Complete Streets** policy - Encourage and identify areas that **mixed use development** would be beneficial - A strength is the community **volunteers** - Continue to use **Uber and Lyft** as well as other **delivery services**, increasing accessibility

Terms Mentioned...

Aging - 8
Demographics - 5
Older Adults - 23
Age-Friendly - 2
Walk - 67
Complete Streets - 1
Mixed Land Use - 16
Baby Boomers - 2
Millennials - 1
Assisted Living - 4
Volunteers - 1
Rideshare - 3

No Mention of...

Accessory Dwelling Units
Universal Design