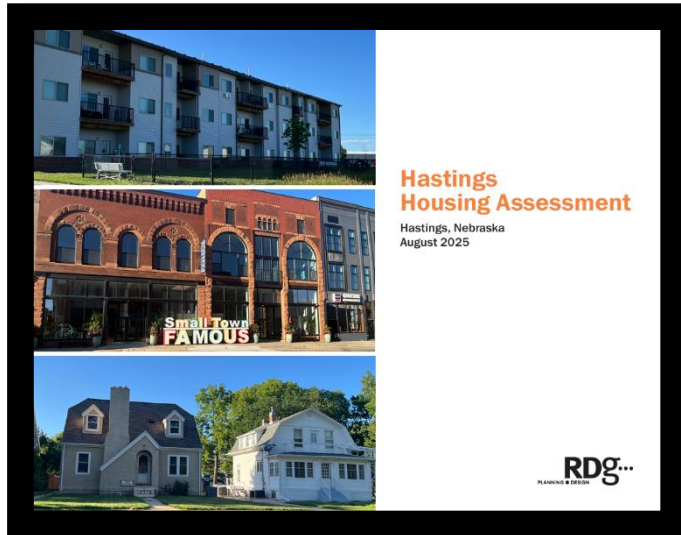


## Press Release:

### RDG Hastings Housing Study Now Available!

In June 2025, the City of Hastings and the Hastings Economic Development Corporation partnered with RDG Planning & Design to update the 2021 Housing Needs Assessment. Housing studies play a vital role in guiding city planning and tracking the community's progress over time. Regular updates not only provide insight into current and future housing needs but also help maintain important certifications, such as Hastings' designation as an Economic Development Certified Community.



Amy Haase, Urban Planner with RDG, led the 2025 Hastings Housing Study. Her research combined both quantitative and qualitative methods, drawing on census data, city data, RDG data, and direct community input. Through interviews and feedback, she gathered valuable insights to provide a well-rounded understanding of Hastings' housing market.

On August 8th, Amy Haase presented her findings to the Hastings community during the Chamber of Commerce's Community Builder event, providing attendees the opportunity to share additional feedback for the study. After incorporating several rounds of community input, Haase delivered the final Housing Study report to Hastings on September 5th, 2025.

The Housing Study highlighted several key insights about the Hastings community, including that *"Hastings has added over 450 housing units since 2021"* and *"Construction activity in the last five years has increased while the city has maintained low vacancy rates."* In addition to these findings, the study outlined goals for the future, noting that *"Hastings will offer a variety of housing options to support every stage of life"* and *"Housing quality will be elevated to ensure safe housing for all residents."* The full study provides additional insights, goals, and recommendations on Hastings' current housing landscape and what the community should strive for in the years ahead.

To access the 2025 Hastings Housing Study, you can click this [link](#). If you have any questions, you can reach out to [info@hastingschamber.com](mailto:info@hastingschamber.com).