

MIDDLE HOUSING UPDATE

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved amendments to the County's Zoning & Development Ordinance (ZDO) to allow for middle housing (duplexes, townhouses, triplexes, quadplexes and cottage clusters) on urban residential land in unincorporated Clackamas County. The vote came at the end of a second public hearing that included discussion about written testimony received since the first public hearing in April.

The action was taken after extensive public outreach and a Planning Commission public hearing in response to state House Bill 2001 that requires middle housing to be permitted in urban residential zones by June 30, 2022. A video recording is available at <https://www.clackamas.us/meetings/bcc/landuse>.

Final action to approve the updated code language will be taken at a Board business meeting in the next few weeks. The Board asked staff to provide a program update after they have had time to gather data on middle housing permit applications and assess the effectiveness of the new code.

For more information about the amendments or on steps you would need to take to develop middle housing, contact Principal Planner Martha Fritzie at mfritzie@clackamas.us or 503-742-4529.

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