

Middle Housing Code Amendments

Draft Values and Principles

These principles were written by city staff using words, phrases and themes suggested by public outreach groups in the fall of 2020. They serve to inform development of land use code and policy drafts that allow middle housing in more areas in Eugene as required by House Bill 2001.

Equity and Access to Housing

Create more ways for renters and owners of all incomes and identities to live across Eugene's neighborhoods.

Broad Dispersal of Middle Housing

Encourage the creation of a land use code that facilitates the broadest possible dispersal of housing types to create accessible neighborhoods and avoid disproportionate impacts.

Housing Options of All Shapes and Sizes

Develop a land use code that allows the creation of quality housing in all neighborhoods that varies in size, type, and total cost.

Compact, Efficient Housing

View housing policy by using a sustainability lens; consider energy efficient building, encourage development that does not rely on cars, and allow more density to preserve our natural environment and surrounding farm and forest land.

Sense of Belonging

Treat existing and future neighbors living in homes of all shapes and sizes with respect and use language that champions safe, welcoming neighborhoods and public forums.

Opportunities to Build Wealth

Create opportunities for home ownership and economic vitality.

Interconnectedness of Housing Solutions

Go beyond the requirements of the legislation; see the minimum standards as a floor, not a ceiling, in order to meet more community needs.

Vibrant Neighborhoods

Reimagine areas zoned low density residential and encourage creation of vibrant neighborhoods with pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, shops, and gathering places.