

Increasing Housing Production with Middle Housing and Infill: Changes to HB2138 with the -2 Amendment

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Core Policy Goals

To reduce housing prices and increase homeownership

- Legalize thousands of new housing units by allowing additional duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses across Oregon
- Eliminate barriers to development for additional middle housing in every community
- Require incentives for accessible homes and affordable homeownership



Key Policy Areas

- Providing more flexibility on the configuration of middle housing types
- Expanding where middle housing is allowed, including on lots that were previously restricted by CC&Rs and those that have one or two existing units on them
- Streamlining middle housing land division and subdivision processes
- Requiring a density bonus for affordable homeownership or accessible unit development
- Prohibiting traffic impact analyses and exactions for infill developments
- Amending or adopting siting and design standards in rule to further remove development barriers



Key Changes in -2

- *Middle housing on unincorporated urban lands*: Clarify definitions and applicability to match policy intent
- *Traffic impact analyses and exactions*: Clarify that local governments can still require SDCs and improvements to the frontage; define applicable lots with a unit cap of 12 and excluding new (5 yrs. or less) subdivisions
- *Clear and objective standards*: Establish requirement for clear and objective direction at application denial
- Removed based on feedback:
 - \rightarrow Cottage cluster courtyard requirement
 - \rightarrow Rulemaking changes for demolition review in historic districts



Thank you!