Proposed Draft

AN UPDATE TO PORTLAND'S MULTI-DWELLING ZONING CODE

Better Housing by Design

Appendix A Guidance from the Comprehensive Plan

This document provides a compilation of goals and policies from the 2035 Comprehensive Plan that provide guidance regarding development in the multi-dwelling zones. These policies serve as a basis for the Proposed Draft zoning code proposals. In summary, policies especially relevant to the multi-dwelling zones call for development to:

- 1. Accommodate housing growth, especially in and around centers, corridors, and transit station areas.
- 2. Contribute to providing a diversity of housing types, including an adequate supply of affordable housing and physically-accessible housing.
- 3. Provide healthy and safe environments for residents, with design that supports active living.
- 4. Provide pedestrian-oriented environments that are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
- 5. Contribute to providing a network of safe and accessible street and pedestrian connections, especially around centers and transit stations.
- 6. Use design that responds to and enhances the positive qualities of context, including the distinct characteristics of Portland's five neighborhood pattern areas.
- 7. Integrate nature and green infrastructure into the urban environment, avoid environmental impacts, and reduce impervious surfaces and urban heat island effects.
- 8. Use resource-efficient design and development approaches.

This document groups Comprehensive Policies under each of the above topics.

Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policy Related to Multi-Dwelling Development

- 1. Accommodate housing growth, especially in and around centers, corridors, and transit station areas.
 - **Goal 3.C Focused growth.** Household and employment growth is focused in the Central City and other centers, corridors, and transit station areas, creating compact urban development in areas with a high level of service and amenities, while allowing the relative stability of lower-density single-family residential areas.
 - **Goal 3.D** A system of centers and corridors. Portland's interconnected system of centers and corridors provides diverse housing options and employment opportunities, robust multimodal transportation connections, access to local services and amenities, and supports low-carbon complete, healthy, and equitable communities.

- **Policy 3.2 Growth and stability.** Direct the majority of growth and change to centers, corridors, and transit station areas, allowing the continuation of the scale and characteristics of Portland's residential neighborhoods.
- Policy 3.12 Role of centers. Enhance centers as anchors of complete neighborhoods that include concentrations of commercial and public services, housing, employment, gathering places, and green spaces.
- **Policy 3.14 Housing in centers.** Provide housing capacity for enough population to support a broad range of commercial services, focusing higher-density housing within a half-mile of the center core.
- **Policy 3.32 Housing.** Provide for a wide range of housing types in Town Centers, which are intended to generally be larger in scale than the surrounding residential areas. There should be sufficient zoning capacity within a half-mile walking distance of a Town Center to accommodate 7,000 households.
- **Policy 3.36 Housing.** Provide for a wide range of housing types in Neighborhood Centers, which are intended to generally be larger in scale than the surrounding residential areas, but smaller than Town Centers. There should be sufficient zoning capacity within a half-mile walking distance of a Neighborhood Center to accommodate 3,500 households.
- **Policy 3.39 Growth.** Expand the range of housing and employment opportunities in the Inner Ring Districts. Emphasize growth that replaces gaps in the historic urban fabric, such as redevelopment of surface parking lots and 20th century auto-oriented development.
- **Policy 3.48 Integrated land use and mobility.** Enhance Civic Corridors as distinctive places that are models of ecological urban design, with transit-supportive densities of housing and employment, prominent street trees and other green features, and high-quality transit service and pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- **Policy 3.52 Neighborhood Corridors.** Enhance Neighborhood Corridors as important places that support vibrant neighborhood business districts with quality multi-family housing, while providing transportation connections that link neighborhoods.
- **Policy 3.53 Transit-oriented development.** Encourage transit-oriented development and transit-supportive concentrations of housing and jobs, and multimodal connections at and adjacent to high-capacity transit stations.
- **Policy 3.56 Center stations.** Encourage transit stations in centers to provide high density concentrations of housing and commercial uses that maximize the ability of residents to live close to both high-quality transit and commercial services.
- **Policy 3.58 Transit neighborhood stations.** Encourage concentrations of mixed-income residential development and supportive commercial services close to transit neighborhood stations. Transit neighborhood stations serve mixed-use areas that are not in major centers.
- **Policy 4.20 Walkable scale.** Focus services and higher-density housing in the core of centers to support a critical mass of demand for commercial services and more walkable access for customers.

- **Policy 5.5 Housing in centers.** Apply zoning in and around centers that allows for and supports a diversity of housing that can accommodate a broad range of households, including multi-dwelling and family-friendly housing options.
- **Policy 5.6 Middle housing.** Enable and encourage development of middle housing. This includes multi-unit or clustered residential buildings that provide relatively smaller, less expensive units; more units; and a scale transition between the core of the mixed use center and surrounding single family areas. Where appropriate, apply zoning that would allow this within a quarter mile of designated centers, corridors with frequent service transit, high capacity transit stations, and within the Inner Ring around the Central City.
- **Policy 5.8 Physically-accessible housing.** Allow and support a robust and diverse supply of affordable, accessible housing to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, especially in centers, station areas, and other places that are proximate to services and transit.
- **Policy 5.22 New development in opportunity areas.** Locate new affordable housing in areas that have high/medium levels of opportunity in terms of access s to active transportation, jobs, open spaces, high-quality schools, and supportive services and amenities.
- **Policy 5.23 Higher-density housing.** Locate higher-density housing, including units that are affordable and accessible, in and around centers to take advantage of the access to active transportation, jobs, open spaces, schools, and various services and amenities.
- **Policy 5.31 Household prosperity.** Facilitate expanding the variety of types and sizes of affordable housing units, and do so in locations that provide low-income households with greater access to convenient transit and transportation, education and training opportunities, the Central City, industrial districts, and other employment areas.
- **Policy 5.32 Affordable housing in centers.** Encourage income diversity in and around centers by allowing a mix of housing types and tenures.

2. Contribute to providing a diversity of housing types, including an adequate supply of affordable housing and physically-accessible housing.

- **Goal 5.A Housing diversity.** Portlanders have access to high-quality affordable housing that accommodates their needs, preferences, and financial capabilities in terms of different types, tenures, density, sizes, costs, and locations.
- **Goal 5.D Affordable housing.** Portland has an adequate supply of affordable housing units to meet the needs of residents vulnerable to increasing housing costs.
- Policy 4.15 Residential area continuity and adaptability. Encourage more housing choices to accommodate a wider diversity of family sizes, incomes, and ages, and the changing needs of households over time. Allow adaptive reuse of existing buildings, the creation of accessory dwelling units, and other arrangements that bring housing diversity that is compatible with the general scale and patterns of residential areas.
- **Policy 5.4 Housing types.** Encourage new and innovative housing types that meet the evolving needs of Portland households, and expand housing choices in all neighborhoods. These housing types include but are not limited to single-dwelling units; multi-dwelling units; accessory

dwelling units; small units; pre-fabricated homes such as manufactured, modular, and mobile homes; co-housing; and clustered housing/clustered services.

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- **Policy 5.7 Adaptable housing.** Encourage adaption of existing housing and the development of new housing that can be adapted in the future to accommodate the changing variety of household types.
- **Policy 5.8 Physically-accessible housing.** Allow and support a robust and diverse supply of affordable, accessible housing to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, especially in centers, station areas, and other places that are proximate to services and transit.
- **Policy 5.9 Accessible design for all.** Encourage new construction and retrofitting to create physically-accessible housing, extending from the individual unit to the community, through the use of Universal Design Principles.
- **Policy 5.19 Aging in place.** Encourage a range of housing options and supportive environments to enable older adults to remain in their communities as their needs change.
- **Policy 5.23 Higher-density housing.** Locate higher-density housing, including units that are affordable and accessible, in and around centers to take advantage of the access to active transportation, jobs, open spaces, schools, and various services and amenities.
- **Policy 5.31 Household prosperity.** Facilitate expanding the variety of types and sizes of affordable housing units, and do so in locations that provide low-income households with greater access to convenient transit and transportation, education and training opportunities, the Central City, industrial districts, and other employment areas.
- **Policy 5.32 Affordable housing in centers.** Encourage income diversity in and around centers by allowing a mix of housing types and tenures.
- **Policy 5.36 Impact of regulations on affordability.** Evaluate how existing and new regulations affect private development of affordable housing, and minimize negative impacts where possible. Avoid regulations that facilitate economically-exclusive neighborhoods.
- **Policy 5.38 Workforce housing.** Encourage private development of a robust supply of housing that is affordable to moderate-income households located near convenient multimodal transportation that provides access to education and training opportunities, the Central City, industrial districts, and other employment areas.

- **Policy 5.39 Compact single-family options.** Encourage development and preservation of small resource-efficient and affordable single-family homes in all areas of the city.
- **Policy 5.43 Variety in homeownership opportunities.** Encourage a variety of ownership opportunities and choices by allowing and supporting including but not limited to condominiums, cooperatives, mutual housing associations, limited equity cooperatives, land trusts, and sweat equity.
- 3. Provide healthy and safe environments for residents, with design that supports active living.
 - **Goal 5.C Healthy connected city.** Portlanders live in safe, healthy housing that provides convenient access to jobs and to goods and services that meet daily needs. This housing is connected to the rest of the city and region by safe, convenient, and affordable multimodal transportation.
 - **Policy 4.10 Design for active living.** Encourage development and building and site design that promotes a healthy level of physical activity in daily life.
 - **Policy 4.11 Access to light and air.** Provide for public access to light and air by managing and shaping the height and mass of buildings while accommodating urban-scale development.
 - **Policy 4.12 Privacy and solar access.** Encourage building and site designs that consider privacy and solar access for residents and neighbors while accommodating urban-scale development.
 - **Policy 4.13 Crime-preventive design.** Encourage building, site, and public infrastructure design approaches that help prevent crime.
 - **Policy 4.14 Fire prevention and safety.** Encourage building and site design that improves fire prevention, safety, and reduces seismic risks.
 - **Policy 4.25 Residential uses on busy streets.** Improve the livability of places and streets with high motor vehicle volumes. Encourage landscaped front setbacks, street trees, and other design approaches to buffer residents from street traffic.
 - **Policy 4.87 Growing food.** Increase opportunities to grow food for personal consumption, donation, sales, and educational purposes.
 - **Policy 5.47 Healthy housing.** Encourage development and maintenance of all housing, especially multi-dwelling housing, that protects the health and safety of residents and encourages healthy lifestyles and active living.
 - **Policy 5.49 Housing quality.** Encourage housing that provides high indoor air quality, access to sunlight and outdoor spaces, and is protected from excessive noise, pests, and hazardous environmental conditions.
 - **Policy 5.51 Healthy and active living.** Encourage housing that provides features supportive of healthy eating and active living such as useable open areas, recreation areas, community gardens, crime-preventive design, and community kitchens in multifamily housing.

- **Policy 5.52 Walkable surroundings.** Encourage active transportation in residential areas through the development of pathways, sidewalks, and high-quality onsite amenities such as secure bicycle parking.
- **Policy 5.53 Responding to social isolation.** Encourage site designs and relationship to adjacent developments that reduce social isolation for groups that often experience it, such as older adults, people with disabilities, communities of color, and immigrant communities.
- 4. Provide pedestrian-oriented environments that are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
 - **Policy 3.4 All ages and abilities.** Strive for a built environment that provides a safe, healthful, and attractive environment for people of all ages and abilities.
 - **Policy 4.5 Pedestrian-oriented design.** Enhance the pedestrian experience throughout Portland through public and private development that creates accessible, safe, and attractive places for all those who walk and/or use wheelchairs or other mobility devices.
 - **Policy 4.6 Street orientation.** Promote building and site designs that enhance the pedestrian experience with windows, entrances, pathways, and other features that provide connections to the street environment.
 - **Policy 4.7 Development and public spaces.** Guide development to help create high-quality public places and street environments while considering the role of adjacent development in framing, shaping, and activating the public space of streets and urban parks.
 - **Policy 4.8 Alleys.** Encourage the continued use of alleys for parking access, while preserving pedestrian access. Expand the number of alley-facing accessory dwelling units.
 - **Policy 4.20 Walkable scale.** Focus services and higher-density housing in the core of centers to support a critical mass of demand for commercial services and more walkable access for customers.
 - Policy 9.58 Off-street parking. Limit the development of new parking spaces to achieve land use, transportation, and environmental goals, especially in locations with frequent transit service. Regulate off-street parking to achieve mode share objectives, promote compact and walkable urban form, encourage lower rates of car ownership, and promote the vitality of commercial and employment areas. Use transportation demand management and pricing of parking in areas with high parking demand. Strive to provide adequate but not excessive off-street parking where needed, consistent with the preceding practices.

5. Contribute to providing a network of safe and accessible street and pedestrian connections, especially around centers and transit stations.

• **Goal 9.B** - **Multiple goals.** Portland's transportation system is funded and maintained to achieve multiple goals and measurable outcomes for people and the environment. The transportation system is safe, complete, interconnected, multimodal, and fulfills daily needs for people and businesses.

- **GOAL 9.F Positive health outcomes.** The transportation system promotes positive health outcomes and minimizes negative impacts for all Portlanders by supporting active transportation, physical activity, and community and individual health.
- **Policy 3.18 Accessibility.** Design centers to be compact, safe, attractive, and accessible places, where the street environment makes access by transit, walking, biking, and mobility devices such as wheelchairs, safe and attractive for people of all ages and abilities.
- Policy 3.19 Center connections. Connect centers to each other and to other key local and regional destinations, such as schools, parks, and employment areas, by pedestrian trails and sidewalks, bicycle sharing, bicycle routes, frequent and convenient transit, and electric vehicle charging stations. Prepare and adopt future street plans for centers that currently have poor street connectivity, especially where large commercial parcels are planned to receive significant additional housing density.
- **Policy 3.37 Transportation.** Design Neighborhood Centers as multimodal transportation hubs that are served by frequent-service transit and optimize pedestrian and bicycle access from adjacent neighborhoods.
- **Policy 3.54 Community connections.** Integrate transit stations into surrounding communities and enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities (including bike sharing) to provide safe and accessible connections to key destinations beyond the station area.
- **Policy 3.97 Eastern Neighborhoods active transportation.** Enhance access to centers, employment areas, and other community destinations in Eastern Neighborhoods by ensuring that corridors have safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle facilities and creating additional secondary connections that provide low-stress pedestrian and bicycle access.
- **Policy 3.99** Western Neighborhoods active transportation. Provide safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle connections, as well as off-street trail connections, to and from residential neighborhoods.
- **Policy 4.23 Design for pedestrian and bicycle access.** Provide accessible sidewalks, high-quality bicycle access, and frequent street connections and crossings in centers and corridors.
- **Policy 9.17 Pedestrian transportation.** Encourage walking as the most attractive mode of transportation for most short trips, within neighborhoods and to centers, corridors, and major destinations, and as a means for accessing transit.
- **Policy 9.18 Pedestrian networks.** Create more complete networks of pedestrian facilities, and improve the quality of the pedestrian environment.
- Policy 9.47 Connectivity. Establish an interconnected, multimodal transportation system to serve centers and other significant locations. Promote a logical, direct, and connected street system through street spacing guidelines and district-specific street plans found in the Transportation System Plan, and prioritize access to specific places by certain modes in accordance with policies 9.6 and 9.7:
 - **Policy 9.6 Transportation strategy for people movement.** Implement a prioritization of modes for people movement by making transportation system decisions according to the following ordered list:

- Walking
- Bicycling
- Transit
- Taxi / commercial transit / shared vehicles
- Zero emission vehicles
- Other single-occupant vehicles

When implementing this prioritization, ensure that:

- The needs and safety of each group of users are considered, and changes do not make existing conditions worse for the most vulnerable users higher on the ordered list.
- All users' needs are balanced with the intent of optimizing the right of way for multiple modes on the same street.
- When necessary to ensure safety, accommodate some users on parallel streets as part of a multi-street corridor.
- Land use and system plans, network functionality for all modes, other street functions, and complete street policies, are maintained.
- Policy-based rationale is provided if modes lower in the ordered list are prioritized.

6. Use design that responds to and enhances the positive qualities of context, including the distinct characteristics of Portland's five neighborhood pattern areas.

- **Goal 4.A Context-sensitive design and development.** New development is designed to respond to and enhance the distinctive physical, historic, and cultural qualities of its location, while accommodating growth and change.
- **Policy 3.42 Diverse residential areas**. Provide a diversity of housing opportunities in the Inner Ring Districts' residential areas. Encourage approaches that preserve or are compatible with existing historic properties in these areas. Acknowledge that these areas are historic assets and should retain their established characteristics and development patterns, even as Inner Ring centers and corridors grow. Apply base zones in a manner that takes historic character and adopted design guidelines into account.
- **Policy 3.91 Inner Neighborhoods residential areas.** Continue the patterns of small, connected blocks, regular lot patterns, and streets lined by planting strips and street trees in Inner Neighborhood residential areas.
- **Policy 3.92 Eastern Neighborhoods street, block, and lot pattern.** Guide the evolving street and block system in the Eastern Neighborhoods in ways that build on positive aspects of the area's large blocks, such as opportunities to continue mid-block open space patterns and create new connections through blocks that make it easier to access community destinations.
- **Policy 3.93 Eastern Neighborhoods site development.** Require that land be aggregated into larger sites before land divisions and other redevelopment occurs. Require site plans which advance design and street connectivity goals.

- **Policy 3.94 Eastern Neighborhoods trees and natural features.** Encourage development and right-of-way design that preserves and incorporates Douglas fir trees and groves, and that protects the area's streams, forests, wetlands, steep slopes, and buttes.
- **Policy 3.96 Eastern Neighborhoods corridor landscaping.** Encourage landscaped building setbacks along residential corridors on major streets.
- **Policy 3.98** Western Neighborhoods village character. Enhance the village character of the Western Neighborhoods' small commercial districts and increase opportunities for more people to live within walking distance of these neighborhood anchors.
- **Policy 3.100** Western Neighborhoods development. Encourage new development and infrastructure to be designed to minimize impacts on the area's streams, ravines, and forested slopes.
- **Policy 4.1 Pattern areas.** Encourage building and site designs that respect the unique built natural, historic, and cultural characteristics of Portland's five pattern areas described in Chapter 3: Urban Form.
- **Policy 4.2 Community identity.** Encourage the development of character-giving design features that are responsive to place and the cultures of communities.
- **Policy 4.3 Site and context.** Encourage development that responds to and enhances the positive qualities of site and context the neighborhood, the block, the public realm, and natural features.
- **Policy 4.16 Scale and patterns.** Encourage design and development that complements the general scale, character, and natural landscape features of neighborhoods. Consider building forms, scale, street frontage relationships, setbacks, open space patterns, and landscaping. Allow for a range of architectural styles and expression.
- **Policy 4.25 Residential uses on busy streets.** Improve the livability of places and streets with high motor vehicle volumes. Encourage landscaped front setbacks, street trees, and other design approaches to buffer residents from street traffic.
- Policy 4.30 Scale transitions. Create transitions in building scale in locations where higherdensity and higher-intensity development is adjacent to smaller-scale single-dwelling zoning. Ensure that new high-density and large-scale infill development adjacent to single dwelling zones incorporates design elements that soften transitions in scale and limit light and privacy impacts on adjacent residents.
- **Policy 4.46 Historic and cultural resource protection.** Within statutory requirements for owner consent, identify, protect, and encourage the use and rehabilitation of historic buildings, places, and districts that contribute to the distinctive character and history of Portland's evolving urban environment.
- **Policy 4.48 Continuity with established patterns.** Encourage development that fills in vacant and underutilized gaps within the established urban fabric, while preserving and complementing historic resources.

7. Integrate nature and green infrastructure into the urban environment, avoid environmental impacts, and reduce impervious surfaces and urban heat island effects.

- **Goal 4.C Human and environmental health.** Neighborhoods and development are efficiently designed and built to enhance human and environmental health: they protect safety and livability; support local access to healthy food; limit negative impacts on water, hydrology, and air quality; reduce carbon emissions; encourage active and sustainable design; protect wildlife; address urban heat islands; and integrate nature and the built environment.
- **Policy 3.7 Integrate nature.** Integrate nature and use green infrastructure throughout Portland.
- **Policy 3.20 Green infrastructure in centers.** Integrate nature and green infrastructure into centers and enhance public views and connections to the surrounding natural features.
- Policy 4.4 Natural features and green infrastructure. Integrate natural and green infrastructure such as trees, green spaces, ecoroofs, gardens, green walls, and vegetated stormwater management systems, into the urban environment. Encourage stormwater facilities that are designed to be a functional and attractive element of public spaces, especially in centers and corridors.
- **Policy 4.73 Design with nature.** Encourage design and site development practices that enhance, and avoid the degradation of, watershed health and ecosystem services and that incorporate trees and vegetation.
- **Policy 4.74 Flexible development options.** Encourage flexibility in the division of land, the siting and design of buildings, and other improvements to reduce the impact of development on environmentally-sensitive areas and to retain healthy native and beneficial vegetation and trees.
- **Policy 4.75** Low-impact development and best practices. Encourage use of low-impact development, habitat-friendly development, bird-friendly design, and green infrastructure.
- **Policy 4.76 Impervious surfaces.** Limit use of and strive to reduce impervious surfaces and associated impacts on hydrologic function, air and water quality, habitat connectivity, tree canopy, and urban heat island effects.
- **Policy 4.77 Hazards to wildlife.** Encourage building, lighting, site, and infrastructure design and practices that provide safe fish and wildlife passage, and reduce or mitigate hazards to birds, bats, and other wildlife.
- **Policy 4.83 Urban heat islands.** Encourage development, building, landscaping, and infrastructure design that reduce urban heat island effects.
- 8. Use resource-efficient design and development approaches.
 - **Policy 4.18 Compact single-family options.** Encourage development and preservation of small resource-efficient and affordable single-family homes in all areas of the city.
 - **Policy 4.19 Resource efficient and healthy residential design and development.** Support resource efficient and healthy residential design and development.

- **Policy 4.60 Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.** Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of buildings, especially those of historic or cultural significance, to conserve natural resources, reduce waste, and demonstrate stewardship of the built environment.
- **Policy 4.61 Compact housing.** Promote the development of compact, space- and energyefficient housing types that minimize use of resources such as smaller detached homes or accessory dwellings and attached homes.
- **Policy 4.62 Seismic and energy retrofits.** Promote seismic and energy-efficiency retrofits of historic buildings and other existing structures to reduce carbon emissions, save money, and improve public safety.
- **Policy 4.69 Reduce carbon emissions.** Encourage a development pattern that minimizes carbon emissions from building and transportation energy use.
- **Policy 4.70 District energy systems.** Encourage and remove barriers to the development and expansion of low-carbon heating and cooling systems that serve multiple buildings or a broader district.
- **Policy 4.71 Ecodistricts.** Encourage ecodistricts, where multiple partners work together to achieve sustainability and resource efficiency goals at a district scale.
- **Policy 4.72 Energy-producing development.** Encourage and promote development that uses renewable resources, such as solar, wind, and water to generate power on-site and to contribute to the energy grid.
- **Policy 5.39 Compact single-family options.** Encourage development and preservation of small resource-efficient and affordable single-family homes in all areas of the city.
- **Policy 5.50 High-performance housing.** Encourage energy efficiency, green building practices, materials, and design to produce healthy, efficient, durable, and adaptable homes that are affordable or reasonably priced.
- Policy 9.55 Parking management. Reduce parking demand and manage supply to improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit mode share, neighborhood livability, safety, business district vitality, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, and air quality. Implement strategies that reduce demand for new parking and private vehicle ownership, and that help maintain optimal parking occupancy and availability.
- Policy 9.58 Off-street parking. Limit the development of new parking spaces to achieve land use, transportation, and environmental goals, especially in locations with frequent transit service. Regulate off-street parking to achieve mode share objectives, promote compact and walkable urban form, encourage lower rates of car ownership, and promote the vitality of commercial and employment areas. Use transportation demand management and pricing of parking in areas with high parking demand. Strive to provide adequate but not excessive off-street parking where needed, consistent with the preceding practices.