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Have you received a City of Portland notice in the mail?

News Article

Here's what it means and what you can do.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING CODE, ZONING MAP AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTIES

What does this mean for me?

You are receiving this notice because the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is considering proposed Zoning Code, Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan Map changes which, if adopted, may affect the permissible uses of your property as well as other properties with the same map designation. These changes, in turn, may affect the value of your property.

One of the properties that may be affected is your property at:

State ID #:

Current Comprehensive Plan Map designation for this property is:

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Map designation for this property is:

The current base and overlay zoning for this property is (see:

The proposed base and overlay zoning for this property is (see:

The Better Housing by Design project is updating the City's multi-dwelling Zoning Code regulations to be consistent with the new 2035 Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. The proposed Zoning Code amendments include changes to allowed development intensities and regulatory standards, permit limited amounts of commercial and daycare uses in certain locations, and provide new development bonuses for

Welcome to the Better Housing by Design online "customer service" page. We're glad you're here.

- Perhaps you received a notice in the mail that looks like this, and you're not sure exactly what it means.
- Or maybe you heard about proposed rules that would change the zoning for apartment buildings and other higher density residential buildings.
- Or both.

You are not alone! Some 33,629 property owners received the mailing pictured at right from the City of Portland. This is required by state law whenever a change in the zoning could affect the value of a property — up or down. Your address was pulled from the County Assessor's Office.

First things first

First thing to know is that these changes are *proposals* — *not the law*. We hope you'll [learn more about them](#) and tell the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) what you think. Any new rules must be adopted by City Council before they become effective. And before adoption, they are refined and changed based on public testimony, as well as PSC and City Council amendments.

Second, these proposals *do not* require you to sell your land or do anything to your property.

We're here to help

We want to help you understand the proposal and how it may affect you and your property. You can:

- Call the Helpline at [503-823-0195](tel:503-823-0195). Friendly staff will look up your address and tell you how the proposal would affect your property.
- Look up your address on the [Map App](#) to find out what rules apply now and what could be proposed.
- Send us an email at betterhousing@portlandoregon.gov, and a knowledgeable person will respond.

Then share your feedback with the Planning and Sustainability Commission via the Map App or in person at a public hearing.

Renters matter too

You don't have to be a property owner to weigh in on these proposals. Renters are also affected by the housing shortage and the lack of housing options. So, look and imagine how these changes might affect how you live in and experience Portland. [Then share your thoughts with the Planning and Sustainability Commission.](#)