

Residential Infill Project

Planning and Sustainability Commission Work Session

Scale and Housing Options Wrap Up

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Agenda

- July 24: Scale and Housing Options Wrap Up
 - Parking Subcommittee
 - Scale Subcommittee
- August 14: NARROW LOTS
 - Cottage clusters
 - Land Divisions



PSC Goals

Generalized Project Goal	Commissioners Mentioned		
Equitable benefits and costs Lower displacement Increased home ownership	7 2 4	13	
More housing options Increased range of types More locations Internal conversions Age friendly options	6 5 5 2	24	
Less expensive options Smaller units More supply Lower SDCs/costs Also mentioned:	5 2 2 1	10	
Urban canopy/open space Flood/hazards protection Context Reduce 1:1 demolitions Infrastructure adequacy Public involvement/process Code simplicity Energy efficiency/climate goals	2 1 3 1 1 3 1	14	







SCALE OF HOUSES

1. Limit the size of houses

- a. Reduce the maximum allowable size of structures on a lot.
 - Set a max floor FAR for the total <u>development</u> in all structures on a lot.
 - Increase the max FAR as the number of units increases on the site.
- b. Exclude attics and basements from FAR.

Discuss with Proposal #6



2. Revise how height is measured

- a. Measure height from the lowest point near the house, not the highest point.
- b. Clarify that small dormers are excluded from the height measurement.
- c. Continue to allow 2½ story houses (30 feet high) on standard lots.

No changes from Proposed Draft





3. Improve front setbacks

- a. <u>Keep the current minimum front setbacks</u> (10 feet in the R5 zone).
- Allow setback to be reduced to align with the house next door in R7, R5 and R2.5 zones.





4. Improve building design

Building features and articulation

- a. Limit how high the front door can be above the ground <u>(exempt lots in floodplains)</u>.
- b. Allow eaves to project up to 2 feet into setbacks.
- c. <u>Delete current requirement for corner lot</u> <u>duplex entries to face separate streets.</u>
- d. <u>Delete proposed requirement for covered</u> <u>entry over units.</u>





4. Improve building design

ADUs and accessory structures

- e. <u>Keep current rules for accessory structures</u> (do not further limit height and size)
- f. <u>Delete current requirement that limits the</u> <u>size of a basement ADU conversion</u>
- g. <u>Delete current requirement that restricts</u> <u>the entry door for the primary house and</u> <u>an internal ADUs from being on the same</u> <u>facade.</u>





4. Improve building design

Parking

- h. On a lot abutting an alley, require any onsite parking to be accessed from the alley.
- i. <u>Delete current minimum parking</u> <u>requirements for residential uses in single</u> <u>dwelling zones.</u>

Discuss Parking Subcommittee proposal:

j. <u>Establish minimum driveway spacing to</u> preserve on street parking





HOUSING CHOICE

5. Apply a new 'a' overlay zone in <u>most areas</u>.

- Apply the new 'a' overlay to all properties zoned R7, R5 and R2.5 but exclude the following:
 - i. medium/high NRI
 - ii. <u>stormwater/steep slope/landslide areas</u>
 - iii. sanitary sewer constraints
 - iv. <u>100-year floodplain</u>
- b. Delete the current 'a' overlay and related zoning code provisions.









6. <u>Allow up to four units and allow</u> the FAR to increase accordingly

- a. <u>Provide additional FAR if one of the units is</u> <u>affordable at 80% (MFI)</u>
- b. When there are at least three units, require that one be visitable
- c. Lots on non-city maintained streets are not eligible for additional housing types <u>(lots on private streets are eligible)</u>



Size of structures

		R7		R5			R2.5		
		FAR		FAR		SF of BLDG* (on 5K SF lot)		FAR	
Units	Туре	Base	W/ Bonus	Base	W/ Bonus	Base	W/ Bonus	Base	W/ Bonus
1	House	.4	.5	.5	.6	2,500	3,000	.7	.8
2	Duplex or House + ADU	.5	.6	.6	.7	3,000	3,500	.8	.9
3	Triplex, Duplex + ADU, or House + 2 ADUs	.6	.7	.7	.8	3,500	4,000	.9	1.0
4	Fourplex								

* excludes basement square footage







Questions

- Q1. Range of sizes. PSC comfortable?
- Q2. Form. One primary w/one accessory or allow multiple primary structures?
- Q3. Visitability. Bonus or a requirement?
- Q4. Affordability. Size bonus or unit bonus?
- Q5. Flexibility. Pay or discretionary review?



Questions

Q6. Confirm these minimum lot sizes:

Minimum lot size	R7	R5	R2.5
3+ units	6,300 sq. ft. 5,000 sq. ft.	4,500 sq. ft.	3,200 sq. ft.
1 or 2 units	4,200 sq. ft.	3,000 sq. ft.	1,600 sq. ft.





7. Provide incentives <u>to retain existing</u> houses that are at least 10 years old

- a. <u>Allow an additional .1 FAR to convert</u> <u>existing houses into multiple units:</u>
 - i. Addition or new detached structure
 - ii. Limit alterations to street façade to 25%
 - iii. <u>More than four units only allowed through</u> <u>design or historic resource review</u>
- b. Allow one 250 sf addition per 5 years
- c. Allow basement ADU conversions to exceed 800 s.f./75% size cap.

