

# House Bill 2001: More Housing Choices for Oregonians

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2001, a bipartisan bill to help provide Oregonians with **more housing choices**, especially housing choices **more people can afford**.

The new law lets people build certain traditional housing types that already exist in most cities, instead of being limited to a single housing type.

House Bill 2001 requires updates of local rules that have limited what sorts of housing people could build. These limitations have led to increased housing costs.

## The Need for More Diverse, Affordable Choices

People need a variety of housing choices. Today, too many Oregonians are paying too much for the housing they have and are limited to renting or buying detached single-unit homes. Meanwhile, the composition of Oregon households is shifting; more than a quarter of households today are a single person living alone.

At different times in their lives, we have different needs. Imagine what sort of housing a young adult might want or be able to afford, or think of the needs of a retired person.

## The Bill: Traditional Housing Types Allowed in Most Neighborhoods Soon

Under the bill, by June 30, 2021, Oregon's medium-sized cities must allow Oregonians to build duplexes in areas zoned for single-family dwellings. Most cities already allowed duplexes in certain circumstances.

By June 30, 2022, cities in the Portland Metro region and Oregon's other largest dozen cities (those over 25,000 population), must allow people to build duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses in residential areas.

These houses can be more affordable and meet the housing needs of many younger people, older people, and people who work hard but can't afford a large detached house of their own.

The bill also provided \$3.5 million for technical assistance to cities, and has other details. Read the bill for details: [olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2001/Enrolled](https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2001/Enrolled)

## Siting and Design Flexibility; Transformation Expected to be Gradual

While the bill re-legalizes certain housing types, the bill is about choices. People can still build detached single-family homes. We expect most homes in residential areas to be built as such.

Cities can set reasonable siting and design requirements on the houses, including making sure there is adequate infrastructure. The bill directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to help cities figure this out.

While the law allows traditional housing types, DLCD expects the transformation of housing choices to be gradual. Cities have allowed some of these types in certain areas. Not many have been built. Local knowledge of how to build these housing types will grow over time. The building of them will depend on local housing markets.

## Learn More and Sign Up to Stay Informed

[www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx)

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*Before being outlawed, non-single-unit homes have long been built in our cities; this is a Salem triplex.*





## KEY ELEMENTS OF HOUSE BILL 2001 (Middle Housing)

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House Bill 2001 (HB 2001) provides \$3.5 million to DLCD for technical assistance to local governments to:

- 1) assist local governments with the development of regulations to allow duplexes and/or middle housing, as specified in the bill, and/or
- 2) assist local governments with the development of plans to improve water, sewer, storm drainage and transportation services in areas where duplexes and other middle housing types would not be feasible due to service constraints.

DLCD Required Rulemaking: Who is affected:	Middle Housing Requirements		Infrastructure Deficiency Process
	Medium Cities	Large Cities	Medium & Large Cities
Significant dates:	DLCD Rules and model code adoption December 31, 2020	DLCD Rules and model code adoption December 31, 2020	DLCD Rules adoption [no date specified in bill] Target: July 2020
Local Government Deadlines:	Local Government Adoption of model code or alternative June 30, 2021	Local Government Adoption of model code or alternative June 30, 2022	Medium Cities Extension Requests due by December 31, 2020  Large Cities Extension Requests due by June 30, 2021
Effect of missed deadline:	Model code applies directly	Model code applies directly	No extension granted

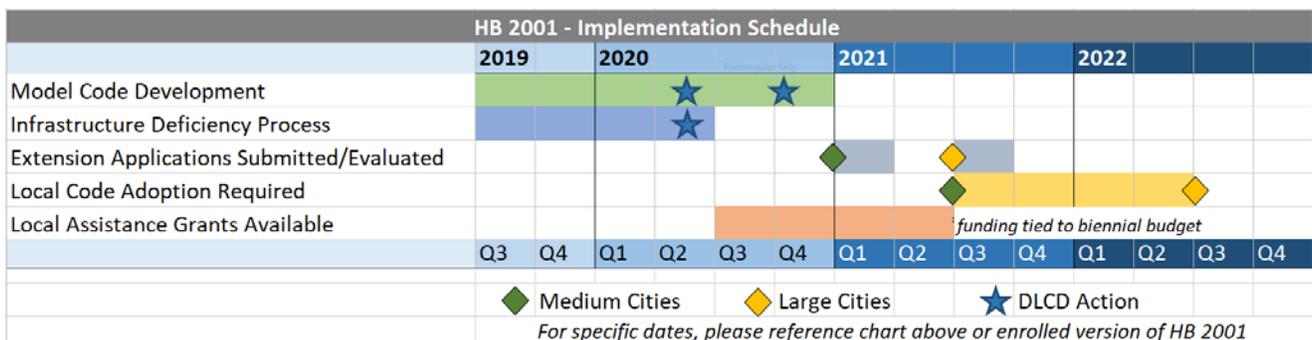
### Medium Cities

All Oregon cities outside the Portland Metro boundary with a population between 10,000 and 25,000.	
<b>Middle Housing Requirement</b>	Duplexes to be allowed “on each lot or parcel zoned for residential use that allows for the development of detached single family dwellings.”

### Large Cities

All Oregon cities with a population of more than 25,000, unincorporated areas within the Portland Metro boundary that are served by sufficient urban services, and all cities within the Portland Metro boundary with a population of more than 1,000.	
<b>Middle Housing Requirement</b>	Duplexes (as above) <u>AND</u> triplexes, quadplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses “in areas zoned for residential use that allow for the development of detached single family dwellings.”

**Flexibility**     *Medium and Large Cities “may regulate siting and design of middle housing required to be permitted under this section, provided that the regulations do not, individually or cumulatively, discourage the development of all middle housing types permitted in the area through unreasonable cost or delay.”*



## Other Provisions in HB 2001

- ✓ A local government may request an extension of time to adopt the required regulations based on an application identifying an infrastructure constraint (water, sewer, storm drainage, or transportation) to accommodating middle housing development, along with a plan of actions to remedy the deficiencies in those services.
- ✓ The applications for time extensions based on infrastructure deficiency will be reviewed by DLCD and approved or denied.
- ✓ Housing Needs Analyses, in conjunction with a UGB decision, may not assume more than a three percent increase in housing units produced as a result of the adoption of middle housing regulations unless the local government can show that higher increases have been achieved to date.
- ✓ The bill amends requirements relating to accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The bill states, “Reasonable local regulations relating to siting and design’ [for ADUs] does not include owner-occupancy requirements of either the primary or accessory structure or requirements to construct additional off-street parking.” However, such regulations may be applied if the ADU is used for vacation occupancy.
- ✓ Changes the annual housing production survey required by passage of HB 4006 in 2018. Adds requirement to report on ADUs and units of middle housing, both for market rate housing and for regulated affordable units.
- ✓ Directs the Building Codes Division to develop standards to facilitate conversions of single-family dwellings into no more than four residential dwelling units.
- ✓ Prohibits the establishment of new Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions or similar instruments that would prohibit middle housing or ADUs in a residential neighborhood.
- ✓ The bill also notes that the department shall prioritize technical assistance to cities or counties with limited planning staff, or that commit to implementation earlier than the date required by the act.

*This fact sheet is intended to summarize key elements of HB 2001. It is not intended to replace a detailed review of the legislation. For specific bill language, please review the enrolled version of the HB 2001:*  
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2001>

*“HB 2001 is focused on increasing the supply of ‘middle housing’ in Oregon cities – not by limiting construction of single family homes, but by allowing development of duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes. Through technical assistance and resources for local governments, DLCD joins the effort to help create housing opportunities for all Oregonians.”*

- Jim Rue, DLCD Director

For more information visit our website at <http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx>

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