



Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendment Housing Regulations & Housing Choices for a Complete Community

April 10, 2023

Why are we doing this?

- September 2021 – Council members petition staff to create pathway for missing middle housing
- Projected Housing Needs, 2020-2040
 - Little variety in existing housing stock – single family homes and luxury apartments
 - Many needs are going unmet
 - Need to increase housing production by 35% (an average of 500 units annually)
- Complete Community Strategy

Timeline



Fall 2022

- Staff presents to Planning Commission, Housing Advisory Board, and Council Committee for Economic Sustainability (CCES)



Winter 2022-2023

- Staff presents to Housing Advisory Board and Planning Commission
- Council opens the legislative hearing (1.25) and closes the legislative hearing (2.22)
- Staff hosts Community Open Houses and neighborhood meetings



Spring 2023

- Staff hosts Community Open Houses and neighborhood meetings
- Council work session (4.10)
- *Return to advisory boards*
- *Town Council public hearing and action (TBD)*

Questions for Council

LUMO Clean-Up & Refining Missing Middle

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Expanding Missing Middle Housing Choices

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Purpose of the Text Amendments



Clean up the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO)

Diversify Housing Types

Increase Housing Production

Encourage Compatible Infill

Promote Gentle Density

Where We've Been

Initial Proposal

LUMO “Clean Up” Text Amendments

- Setback and Height Exceptions
- Townhouse Development Regulations
- Updated Standards for Duplexes and Accessory Apartments

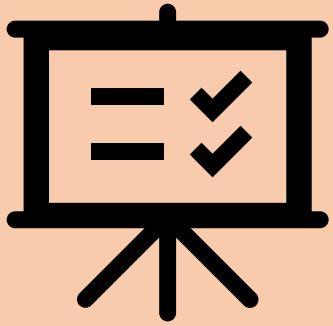
Opportunities to Increase Missing Middle Housing

- Remove density limitations
- Cottages on Compact Lots
- Admin. Approval of Triplexes and Fourplexes in R-1 and R-2
- Cottage Courts starting in R-2

Research and Stakeholder Engagement

- Meeting with city and county departments
- Analysis of existing infrastructure, access to transit, and walkability scores
- Engaging with affordable housing groups
- Met with UNC about student housing demands
- Consulting with similar cities about Missing Middle Housing efforts
- Community Outreach

Public Engagement



2 Public Information Meetings &
7 Community Open Houses

127 attendees



13 Neighborhood Meetings

332 residents

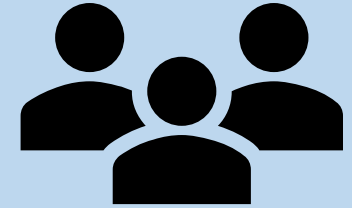


Digital Outreach

- Public Input Website
- Email Listserv
- Online Survey

471 Email Subscribers

868 Survey Participants



5 Planning Staff &
Staff from
Communications,
Housing, Inspections,
Ombuds, Managers
Office

**135 Staff Hours on
Public Meetings**

Summary of Community Feedback

- Student Housing
- Parking/Traffic
- Nuisances
- Infrastructure capacity
- Equity and diversity
- Locations for density
- Housing affordability
- Neighborhood character
- Tree canopy
- Out-of-town investors
- Demolitions and loss of neighborhood character
- Historic designations
- Occupancy
- Stormwater
- Unintended consequences
- Zoning as a promise of expectations

Summary of Proposed Changes

What this does not do:

- Make single-family houses non-conforming or prohibit single-family developments
- Eliminate single family residential zoning
- Supersede restrictive covenants or entitlements
- Guarantee affordable housing.
- Prevent student rentals.

What this is intended to do:

- **Preserve existing uses** in Neighborhood Conservation Districts (NCDs)
- Allows **administrative approval** for small, multi-family developments up to 4 units in zones that already allow 3-7 units
- Allows **site plan approval by the Planning Commission** for cottage courts
- Imposes standards to ensure that new development is **compatible with existing neighborhoods**

Staff Recommendation

Purpose of Text Amendments is the guide for staff recommendation

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Setbacks & height exceptions

Townhouse development standards

Duplex & ADU standards

Prioritize dimensional standards over density restrictions

Introduce cottages on compact lots

Administrative approval of triplexes and fourplexes

Add new missing middle housing types in higher density districts.

Accessory Apartments for Cultural and Institutional Facilities as well as Places of Worship

LUMO Clean Up & Refining Missing Middle

Proposed Housing Types and Placement:

Accessory
Apartment



Duplex



Cottage on
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Proposed for all existing multi-family residential zoning districts and review by Planning Commission

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Proposed Types & Placement:

Highest Density

Lowest Density

Allowed in all residential districts



Accessory Apartment



Duplex

Allowed in all residential districts except rural (RLD and RT)



Cottage on Compact Lot

Allowed wherever multifamily is allowed (R-3 and higher)

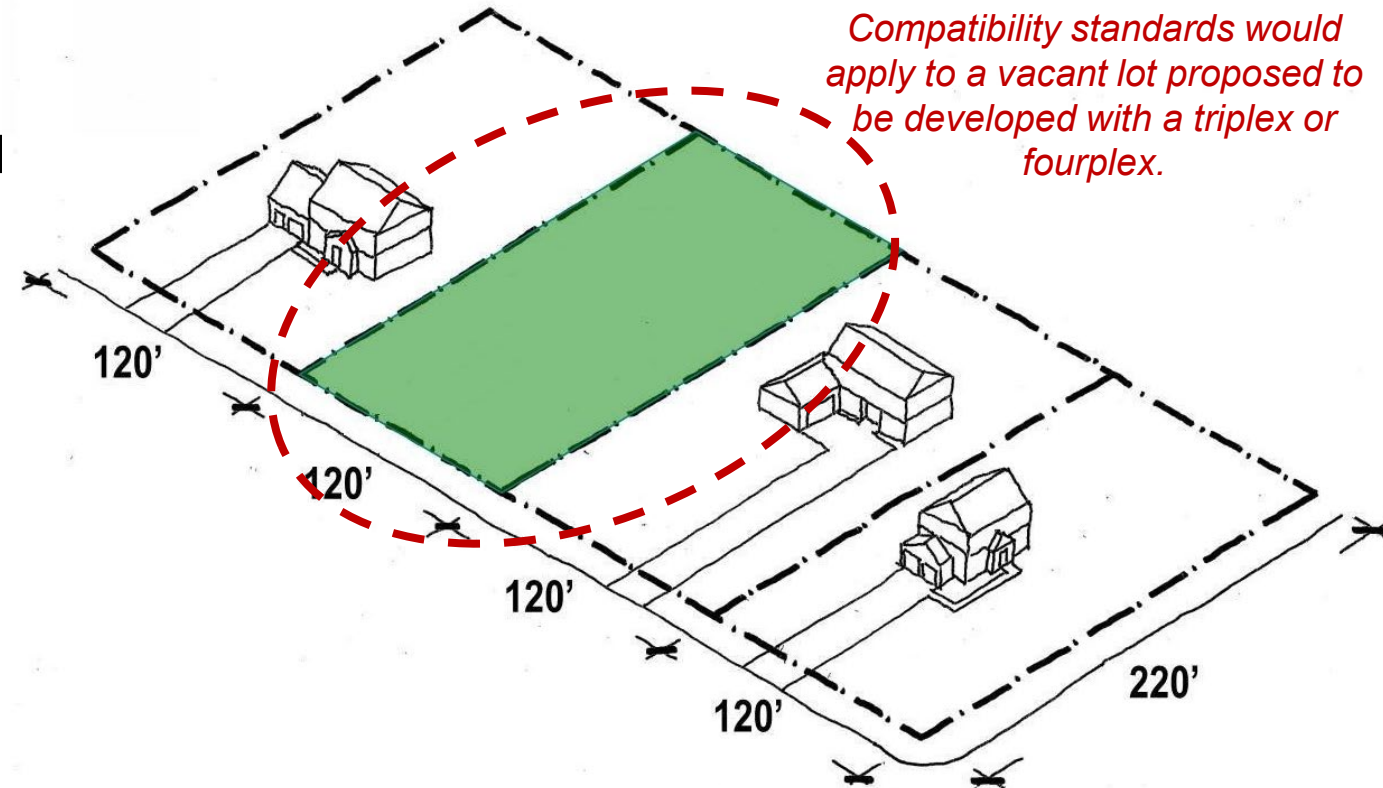


Triplex, Fourplex, Cottage Court

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Nighborhood Compatibility For Triplexes & Fourplexes

- *Applies to new development in single-family neighborhoods in R-3 through R-6 zoning districts*
- Requires new buildings to be compatible with those found within 150' of the proposed site by regulating:
 - Building height
 - Roof forms, pitches, breaks, and massing
 - Street setbacks
 - Building width, articulation, and modulation of facades
 - Building orientation and entrances
 - Fenestration patterns (windows and doors)
 - Building materials
 - Parking in side or rear yard



Proposed Phasing of LUMO Clean Up & Refining Missing Middle

Original Proposal

Setbacks & height exceptions

Townhouse development standards

Duplex & ADU standards

Prioritize dimensional standards over density restrictions

Introduce cottages on compact lots

Administrative approval of triplexes and fourplexes

Add new missing middle housing types in most R- zoning districts:

- Triplexes
- Fourplexes
- Cottage Courts

Immediate Next Steps

Setbacks & height exceptions

Townhouse development standards

Duplex & ADU standards

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Add new missing middle housing types, inc. cottage courts, in higher density districts (R-3 and up)

Accessory Apartments for Cultural and Institutional Facilities as well as Places of Worship

Future Work

Strategically add new missing middle housing types in most zoning districts:

- Triplexes
- Fourplexes
- Cottage Courts

Expanding Missing Middle Housing Opportunities

Consider incorporating additional opportunities through the LUMO Rewrite:

- Identify criteria for strategic placement of triplexes, fourplexes, and cottages:
 - Opportunities through overlay zones
 - Identifying vacant and underdeveloped sites
 - Requirements for proximity to sidewalks, major streets, or transit service
- Limit the pace of triplex and fourplex construction through guardrails
 - Cap on the number of permits issues per year
 - A minimum separation distance

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LUMO Clean Up & Refining Missing Middle

	R-LD5	RT	R-LD1	R-1A	R-1	R-2	R-2A	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	HR-L	HR-M	HR-X
Single Family	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Single Family + Accessory Apartment	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<u>Cottage on a Compact Lot</u>	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duplex	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Triplex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	P
<u>Fourplex</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
<u>Cottage Courts</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
<u>Accessory Apartments for Cultural and Institutional Facilities as well as Places of Worship</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>Townhouses</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
Multi-Family (3-7 units <u>5-10 units</u>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	-	-	P
Multi-Family (7+ units <u>10+ units</u>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CZ	-	-	-

Underlined Text - Changes to the table

A - Accessory Use

P - Permitted uses

✓ New Permitted Use

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Cottage on a Compact Lot

- *Smaller, stand-alone house containing 1-2 units on a reduced sized single family lot*
- Min. Lot Size: 2,700 SF
- Max. Footprint: 1,000 SF
- Max. Floor Area: 1,600 SF
- Max. Unit Size: 1,600 SF
- Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.50
- Stormwater Management: Not Typical
- Tree Canopy Coverage: Not Applicable
- Max. Height: 29 FT
- Parking: Not applicable



	R-LD5	RT	R-LD1	R-1A	R-1	R-2	R-2A	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	HR-L	HR-M	HR-X
<u>Cottage on a Compact Lot</u>	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Accessory Apartments

- *Accessory dwelling unit associated with either a single family home, institutional or cultural facility, or place of worship*
- Max. Floor Area: 1,000 SF



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<u>Accessory Apartments</u>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

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Duplexes

- *Two units side-by-side or one-over-the other*
- Min. Lot Size: Follows Zoning District
- Max. Footprint: Not Applicable
- Max. Floor Area: 3,000 SF/building
- Max. Floor Area Ratio: 0.40
- Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.50
- Stormwater Management: Not Typical
- Tree Canopy Coverage: Not Applicable
- Parking: Follows multi-family requirements



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Duplexes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Triplexes

- *Three units side-by-side or one-over-the other*
- Min. Lot Size: Follows Zoning District
- Max. Footprint: Not Applicable
- Max. Floor Area: 3,000 SF/building
- Max. Floor Area Ratio: 0.40
- Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.50
- Stormwater Management: Required
- Tree Canopy Coverage: 30%
- Parking: Follows multi-family requirements
- Neighborhood Compatibility Design Criteria



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Triplexes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	P

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Four-plexes

- *Four units side-by-side or one-over-the other*
- Min. Lot Size: Follows Zoning District
- Max. Footprint: Not Applicable
- Max. Floor Area: 3,000 SF/building
- Max. Floor Area Ratio: 0.40
- Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.50
- Stormwater Management: Required
- Tree Canopy Coverage: 30%
- Parking: Follows multi-family requirements
- Neighborhood Compatibility Design Criteria

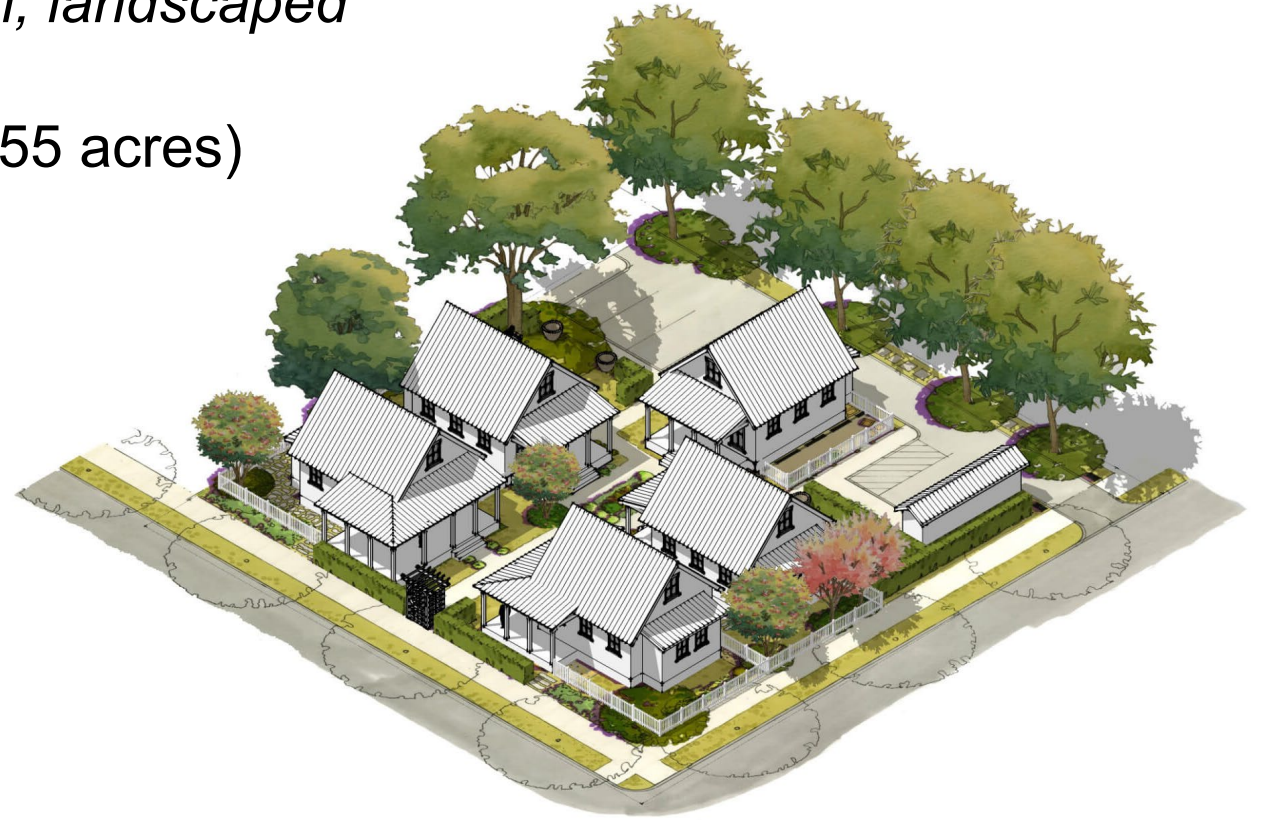


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<u>Fourplexes</u>	-	-	-					✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	P

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Cottage Courts

- 3 to 12 cottages oriented around a central, landscaped area
- Lot Size: 10,000 SF – 20,000 SF (0.22-0.55 acres)
- Max. Footprint: Not Applicable
- Max. Floor Area/cottage: 1,600 SF
- Max. Floor Area Ratio: Follows Zoning
- Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.50
- Stormwater Management: Required
- Tree Canopy Coverage: 30%
- Parking: 1 to 2 spaces/unit



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