



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

Monday, February 10, 2025

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**Subject:** Middle Housing Update

**Category:** Discussion

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### **Summary**

Following the community forums held on Thursday, January 9, and Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Medina community members were invited to participate in a survey related to the future of housing in Medina.

During the previous City Council meeting held on January 27, 2025, Council received a summary of the survey results available as of January 21<sup>st</sup>. At that time, 18 surveys had been completed. With additional time and ongoing outreach efforts by the City, the number of survey responses has increased to **142** (as of February 6, 2025), including three (3) paper surveys submitted to the City! The survey will end on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

A report of the final survey results will be included in the February 24<sup>th</sup> packet for consideration by City Council. So far, the completion rate is 71.1%, with 101 respondents completing the entire survey and 41 partially completed.

As of February 6, 2025, key takeaways from the survey are as follows:

- 21.6% reported that they were very familiar with the term ‘Middle Housing’, with another 51.8% reporting that they were at least somewhat familiar. Three (3) respondents skipped this question.
- When asked if they knew what housing types were included in Middle Housing, 61.9% of respondents reported that they knew of the possible housing types this would entail. 16.5% responded with a “maybe”, and 21.6% (or 30 respondents) said “no”. Again, three (3) respondents skipped this question.

While this is a generalization, it will be helpful to read the responses provided by the many community members who took the time to respond to this survey, once the process is complete. City Council will likely be interested in using the feedback to develop a work plan for the coming year and inform their policy decisions as the Middle Housing project progresses. The survey is also very helpful for better understanding the ways in which the community members like to receive information and get engaged on topics that are important to them.

Also on February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Council will have a workshop before the meeting. It will focus on Middle Housing and Subdivision issues. This will include an in-depth review and discussion of the proposed **Unit Lot Subdivision/Zero Lot Line Ordinance**.

This Middle Housing Land Use Code Update project continues to meet and support Council's priorities 2, 3 and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

**Attachment(s)**

None

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:**

**Recommendation:** Discussion only; no action needed.

**City Manager Approval:**



**Proposed Council Motion:** N/A

Time Estimate: 10 minutes