

Summary of Draft Proposed Middle Housing Code Changes

TDC Chapter	Title	Draft Proposed Code
31	General Provisions <i>Definitions</i>	Revises and adds definitions to clarify housing types and standards including housing type descriptions and standards like Floor Area Ratio (FAR).
32	Procedures	Revises to Type I review for middle housing types. Type I reviews respond to predictable and objective written code standards evaluated by staff.
33	Applications and Approval Criteria	Revises the application of the Type I Architectural Review process that applies to single-family dwellings to additional middle housing types. Clarifies processes that are applicable when property owners update, remodel, or add an addition to a home, or request a variance to a standard.
34	Special Regulations	Minor updates to Home Occupation Provisions. Moves Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) standards with other design standards in Chapter 73A.
36	Subdividing, Partitions, and Property Line Adjustments	Describes how subdivision standards are applied to meet clear and objective requirements for all housing, including for middle housing types based on development standards in other chapters.
39	Use Categories	Clarifies household living use as encompassing a range of development types.
40	Low Density Residential Zone (RL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds Townhomes, Duplexes, Triplexes, and Quadplexes as “Permitted” uses subject to review. • Adds Cottage Cluster housing type, subject to review; • Updates development standards such as minimum lot size and coverage standards for middle housing types; • Introduction of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to effectively require smaller structures on smaller lots. • Clarifies subdivision provisions.
41	Medium Low Density Residential Zone (RML)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds Cottage Cluster housing type; • Updates development standards such as minimum lot size and coverage standards for middle housing types;

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58	Central Tualatin Overlay Zone	Adds middle housing types in situations where detached single family dwellings allowed consistent with state law.
73A	Site Design Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies existing criteria such as minimum window coverage and the requirement for “architectural features” that currently apply to single-family homes to additional middle housing types; • Adds section for applicable design standards for cottage cluster housing focused on common courtyard and unit standards. • Adds design standards for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), moved from Chapter 35, updates parking and siting standards for consistency with current state law, clear and objective requirements, and to coordinate with other code changes that allow for new units on a site. • Updates multi-family design standards to remove subjective requirements, consistent with state law.
73B	Landscaping Standards	Clarifies applicable standards for middle housing separate from larger multi-family developments.
73C	Parking Standards	Updates parking ratios to be consistent with middle housing legislation.
75	Access Management	Updates driveway width and spacing standards to reflect unique situations that can be presented with townhomes and attached dwellings.