

CITYWIDE MANDATORY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

CONNECTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO GROWTH

What is MHA?

Mandatory Housing Affordability, or MHA, is a proposal that would link affordable housing to growth across Seattle. Any new multifamily or commercial development will create affordable housing in exchange for larger development, usually one story of additonal height. The developer can either build affordable housing on-site or pay the city to construct affordable housing elsewhere.



MHA: Years in the Making

MHA has been shaped by years of community input and engagement. In 2015 the city released its Housing Affordability & Livability Agenda, or HALA, with the goal of creating 50,000 more units of housing in the next 10 years and 20,000 units of affordable housing. MHA is one of the primary strategies to create more affordable housing, as well as address the legacy of redlining and its impact on housing inequality. Since 2015, there have been hundreds of community meetings all across Seattle, hearing neighborhood concerns and shaping policy. The City Council is slated for a final vote on citywide MHA in March 2019.



200+ Community Engagement Meetings throughout the City

- 16 Urban Village Community Design Workshops
- 5 Citywide Open Houses throughout the city
- 6 Evening Public Hearings in neighborhoods
- 20 Meetings of the Select Committee on Citywide MHA
- Council amendments based on community input

What's Being Proposed

Where would MHA apply?



About 6,000+ Units of Affordable Housing

MHA is intended to provide about 6,000 new rent-restricted homes for low-income people over ten years. The city has already implemented MHA in 6 neighborhoods in Seattle. The proposal would expand MHA citywide. The affected areas (highlighted in the adjacent map) are multifamily and commercial zones. Only 6% of single-family zones would be affected.

Who Qualifies

People must income-qualify for affordable housing:

Individual

Making less than \$42,150 will pay no more than \$1,128 for a one bedroom



Family of Four Making less than \$60,200 will pay no more than \$1,353 for a two bedroom