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A new tool to help religious organizations create affordable housing.

The City of Seattle is proposing a development bonus for long-term income- and rent-restricted housing on faith-owned land.

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Una nueva herramienta para facilitar la creación de viviendas asequibles por parte de las organizaciones religiosas.

Isang bagong tool para makatulong sa mga organisasyong panrelihiyon na gumawa ng abot-kayang pabahay.

Công cụ mới để trợ giúp các tổ chức tôn giáo xây dựng nhà ở có giá phải chăng.

The City of Seattle is developing a new tool to support religious institutions seeking to redevelop their land with long-term affordable housing.

The City's proposed land use legislation would create flexibility and increase these projects' financial feasibility. Under the proposal, religious organizations could compete more effectively for public funds and build more affordable housing than otherwise possible under existing zoning rules.

New options for your property

Many religious organizations are considering the future of their land. This new tool will allow larger development when faith institutions create affordable housing on their land. The proposal also includes flexibility for non-residential spaces, like an office, worship space, small retail, or arts and cultural space.

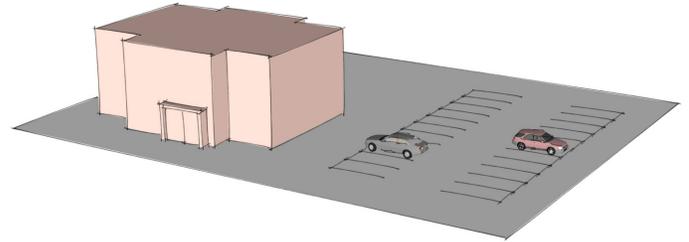
What development is eligible?

This tool is available for any property owned or controlled by a religious organization.

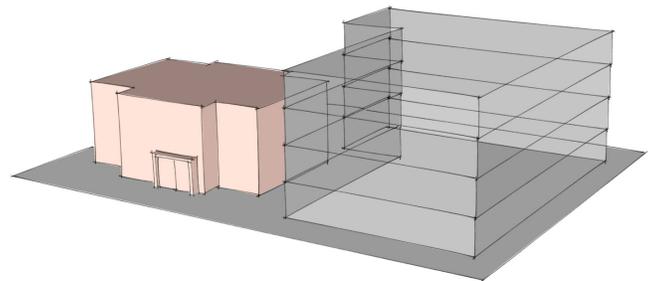
All housing developed must be affordable for at least 50 years to households whose incomes are less than 80 percent of area median income, or just under \$80,000 for a family of three. The affordable homes can be for rent or sale.

How does it work?

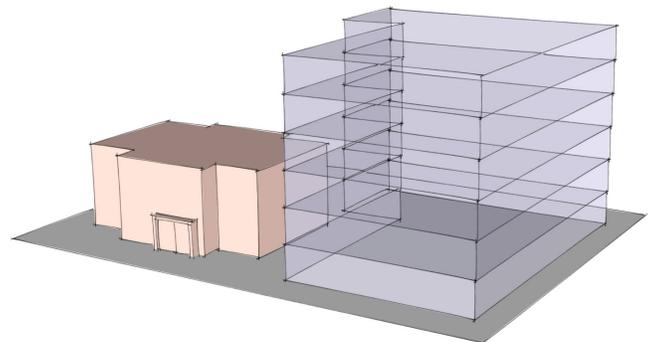
Religious organizations often have a portion of their land they might want to redevelop, like an underused surface parking lot.



Currently, development on faith-owned land is limited to the height and size allowed under existing zoning. In this example, that's a four-story building.



With this new tool, a religious organization can create more affordable homes than otherwise allowed, increasing project feasibility and maximizing opportunities to house our low-income neighbors.



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