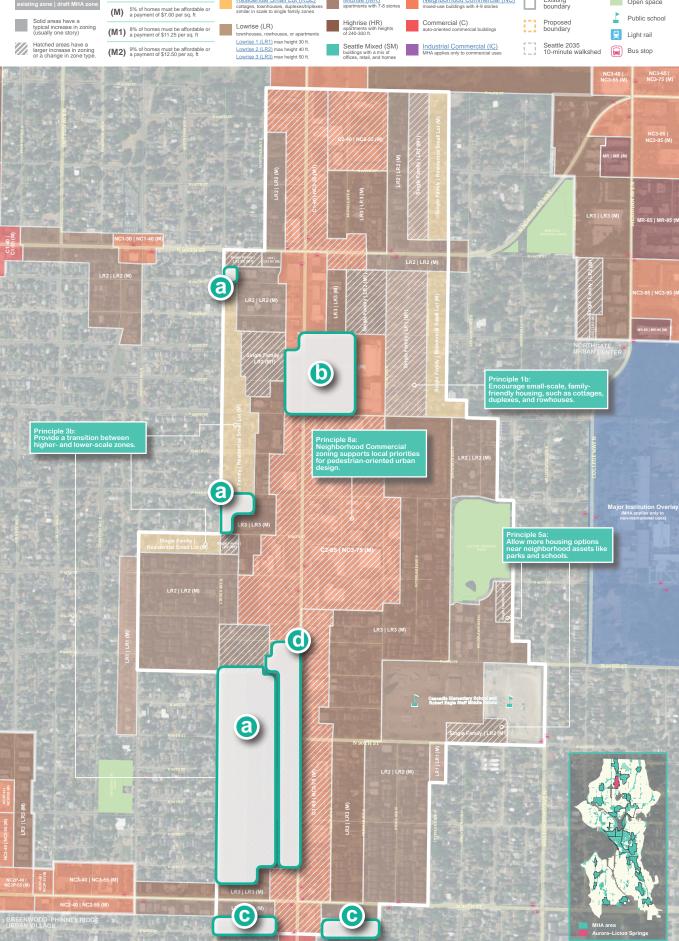
Aurora-Licton Springs Residential Urban Village

DRAFT ZONING CHANGES to implement Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA)



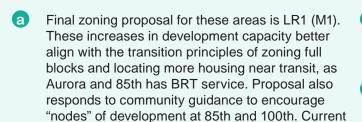


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Low Risk of Displacement / Low Access to Opportunity

Zoning changes from Draft 1 map

Please visit our web map to see more zoning detail including the Final Proposal.



- Final zoning proposal is NC-65 (M1) and NC-75 (M1) at N 100th St to encourage a denser, more vibrant "node" based on community input. The area is currently zoned NC-40.
- Final zoning proposal is RSL (M). This proposed decrease from Draft 1 better aligns with the transitions principle. The area is currently zoned single-family.
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What we heard from the community*

zoning for these areas is single-family.

*Note that input shown here does not convey consensus among community members. The purpose of this section is to share the diversity of opinions expressed.

Citywide themes most discussed

- Urban design quality
- Transitions
- Displacement
- Unique conditions



Neighborhood Commercial zoning along Aurora with density tapering off to either side is exactly what is needed for this to become a true neighborhood.

- Ryan D.

Local opportunities & challenges

- In the future consider ALUV for expansion, with a transit node at Aurora & 85th based on the frequency of the 45 bus and E line.
- Concern about loss of existing low-cost marketrate housing, especially north of 100th.
- Interest in affordable housing being built here.
- ALUV and community members favor zone changes from C to NC.
- Concern about auto-oriented development occurring under current zoning.
- Some business owners want to retain C zoning and fear NC zoning could put pressure on existing businesses that would not conform.
- Encourage nodes at 85th, 105th, and Oak Tree.
- · Desire for family-size housing, including incentives.

- Some reservations about zone changes if new development brings smaller units.
- Pedestrian safety improvements needed along Aurora as development occurs.
- Encourage focus on walkability and community nodes.
- · 90th and Linden are unsafe streets. Others will become unsafe as traffic increases.
- Redevelopment seen by some as a way to improve safety and walkability.
- · Concern about lack of sidewalks, safe and usable open spaces, connections to Northgate light rail, safe connections across Aurora.
- · Capitalize on planned greenways at 92nd and
- · Reservations about rezoning residential areas.
- Focus on growth along Aurora first before other areas such as single-family.
- · Residents of N 84th St: concern about rezone to LR1. Want to be excluded from rezone and/or urban village.
- Transitions from high-density along Aurora to single-family work well.
- Some concern and changing single-family to Lowrise and preference for RSL as a transition.
- · Potential scale, use, and intensity impacts where single-family zoning changed to Lowrise.
- ALUV missing key features of an urban village.
- · Large amounts of informal drainage. ALUV is a capacity-constrained area for water/sewer.

Implementing Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) Citywide

Requiring development to contribute to affordable housing as Seattle grows

Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) ensures that new commercial and multifamily residential development contributes to affordable housing. MHA will provide at least 6,000 new rent-restricted, income-restricted homes for low-income people. Affordable housing requirements take effect when the Seattle City Council adopts new zoning that adds development capacity. By enacting affordable housing requirements and increasing development capacity at the same time, MHA is consistent with a state-approved approach used in other Washington cities.

After putting MHA in place in six Seattle neighborhoods in 2017, the City is proposing to implement MHA citywide. Our proposal targets more housing choices close to community assets, such as frequent transit, parks, and jobs. We are proposing less intensive changes in areas with higher risk of displacement, environmentally sensitive areas, and areas with fewer community assets. The maps of proposed zoning changes necessary to implement MHA across Seattle are available at www.seattle.gov/hala.

This proposal is the product of over two years of engagement and reflects many of the themes we heard from the community:

- Create more affordable housing that is rentrestricted for low-income people.
- Minimize displacement of existing residents.
- Support more housing choices, including home ownership and family-size housing.
- Develop more opportunities for people to live near parks, schools, and transit.



- Minimize the impacts of new development on existing neighborhood character.
- Coordinate growth with infrastructure investments.

MHA is part of Seattle's Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) that strives to create 50,000 homes by 2025, including 20,000 affordable homes. The development of both affordable housing and market-rate housing is an important strategy for slowing housing cost increases and providing a wider range of housing choices.





Crafting Our Proposal

Community engagement and a commitment to racial and social equity shapes our proposal to implement MHA. Key elements of the proposal include:

- Apply affordable housing requirements in all multifamily and commercial zones, and all urban villages, consistent with the Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council.
- Increase housing choices throughout Seattle, with more housing in areas with low risk of displacement and high access to opportunity (transit, parks, jobs and other critical resources).
- In areas with high risk of displacement of low-income people and communities of color, focus increased housing choices and jobs within a 5-minute walk of frequent transit.
- Expand 10 urban villages to provide more housing options within a 10-minute walk of frequent transit.
- Minimize impacts in environmentally sensitive areas and propose less intensive changes within 500 feet of major freeways.

Seattle's Urban Villages

In 1994, Seattle implemented an urban village strategy to guide growth and investments to designated communities across the city. The Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan's Growth and Equity Analysis examined demographic, economic, and physical factors to understand current displacement risk and access to opportunity in Seattle's urban villages.

Risk of Displacement



- Incorporate new design standards for buildings to reduce impacts on neighborhood character.
- Improve Green Factor and tree requirements to support environmental goals.
- Make no zoning changes in federally designated historic districts and critical shorelines.

Affordable housing requirements on development

With MHA, new buildings must include affordable housing (performance option) or contribute to the Seattle Office of Housing fund to support the development of affordable housing (payment option).

MHA requirements vary based on housing costs in each area of the city and the scale of the zoning change. Higher MHA requirements apply in areas with higher housing costs and larger zoning changes.

With the performance option, between 5 percent and 11 percent of homes in new multifamily residential buildings are reserved for low-income households. With the payment option, development will contribute between \$5.00 and \$32.75 per square foot.

Like the Seattle Housing Levy, MHA payments are leveraged to produce more high-quality affordable housing located throughout Seattle. This also supports other benefits, including serving people with lower incomes, providing family-sized homes, and offering opportunities for community-oriented ground floor spaces and services.

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Where would MHA apply?

Who qualifies for affordable housing created through MHA

2017 Income and Rent Limits

Individual

Making less than \$40,320 will pay no more than \$1,008 for a one bedroom



Family of Four

Making less than \$57,600 will pay no more than \$1,296 for a two bedroom.

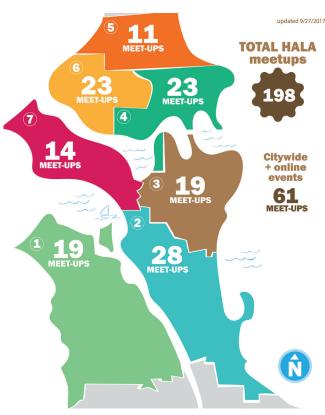
Two years of community engagement

MHA has been shaped by nearly two years of community engagement led by the Department of Neighborhoods (DON). Community-generated principles, like creating better transitions between areas of higher and lower densities, guided our initial draft proposal released in October 2016. Since then, additional engagement and environmental review shaped the final proposal. Our traditional and innovative approaches to community engagement have included:

- Interactive online conversation at <u>hala.consider.it</u> with more than 2000 community members
- Telephone town halls that reached more than 70,000 Seattle households
- A mailer to 90,000 households to share information and invite residents to public meetings
- Door belling more than 10,000 homes where zoning changes are proposed
- An email newsletter to 4,700 people

Next Steps

From 2015-2017, City Council voted unanimously to establish MHA requirements and rezones in the following communities: University District, Downtown, South Lake Union, Chinatown-International District, along 23rd Ave in the Central Area, and Uptown.



In 2018, the Council, supported by City staff, will continue to engage communities as it considers MHA implementation citywide. The Council has announced a slate of open houses and hearings across the city through August 2018 so that more community voices can shape the proposal.

Learn more about the City Council process for Citywide MHA at www.seattle.gov/council