# Roosevelt Residential Urban Village

DRAFT ZONING CHANGES to implement Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA)

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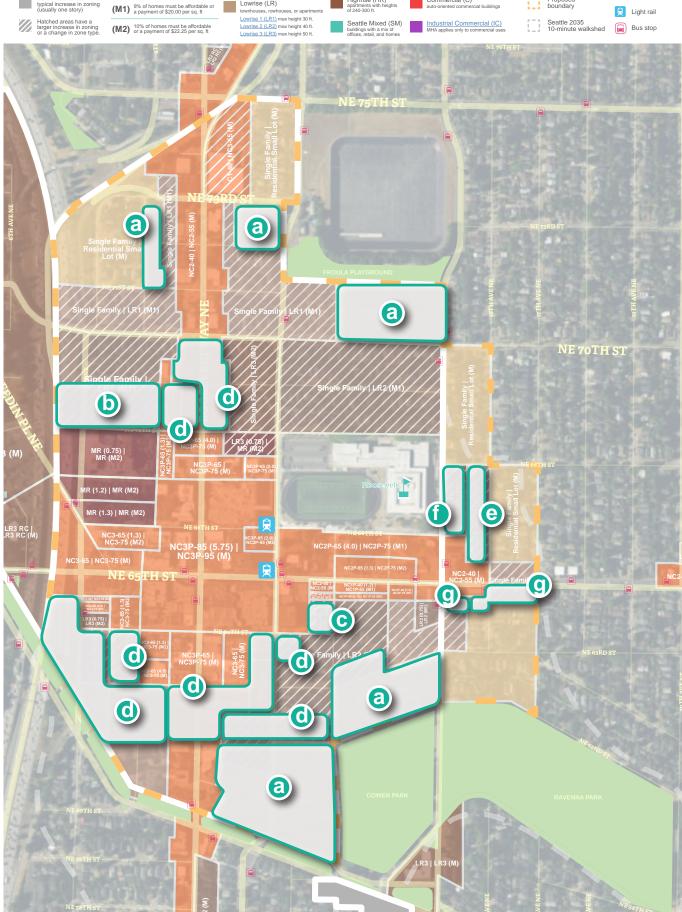
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# Low Risk of Displacement / High Access to Opportunity

### **Zoning changes from Draft 1 map**

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

Recognizing the high access to opportunity and low risk of displacement in this community, we propose more (M1) and (M2) zone changes where they align with principles.

- a Community input encouraged more (M1) zone changes in Green Lake. Increase added capacity to Lowrise zoning.
- **(b)** Calvary church site changed to MR (M2) to facilitate potential affordable housing.
- Reduce capacity change to LR2 (M1) to moderate scale changes.

- Other areas within a close walk of light rail changed to add capacity consistent with principles to allow more housing near transit.
- Community request to limit zoning changes east of 15th Ave. Maintain urban village expansion, but scale back zone change to RSL (M)
- One area on 15th from LR3 RC to LR2 RC.
- G Area proposed from SF to NC-55 changed to LR1 and RSL in response to community input that scale changed was excessive.

# What we heard from the community\*

\*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

- Transitions
- Views
- Transit-oriented development
- Affordability
- Pedestrian safety
- Historic resources
- Housing options



Families like mine that want to stay in Seattle need more options like duplexes, backyard cottages and triplexes that provide more space than typical Seattle apartments offer. Not to mention the chance to live somewhere with kids that isn't on a busy arterial.



- Drew

I am very glad to see the expansion. We need to increase density around the transit stations. The area should be extended even further along the arterials and bus lines.

- Sealaw

# Local opportunities and challenges

- Concern about zoning changes in single-family areas, especially in urban village expansion area
- Pedestrian safety
- Expand urban villages around schools, parks, institutions, cultural centers, and other services
- Distribute capacity more equitably with more medium-density throughout urban villages, not concentrated high density on arterials
- Support for family-size units, especially rent- and income-restricted
- Desire for MHA payments to be invested here
- Increase setbacks in LR and MR zones
- Support among Roosevelt residents to expand urban village expansion east of 15th
- Infrastructure and amenity concerns (schools, parks, library, community center)
- Split views on the area proposed for LR2 in southeast part of the neighborhood
- Concerns that concentrating housing near the freeway is not equitable
- Concern about changes around Cowen Park, townhouses in single-family areas
- Support for smaller, relatively more affordable ownership options with RSL and LR1
- Desire for design guidelines
- Some respondents upset that urban villages don't exist elsewhere in northeast Seattle

# 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.

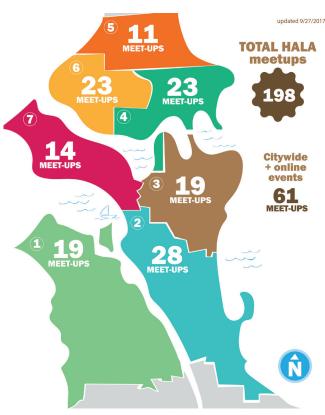
# Two years of community engagement

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