MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title:

Implementation of "middle housing" legislation (Oregon House Bill 2001)

Purpose/Objective

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2001, which was subsequently signed into law by the governor. Among other things, HB 2001 requires most local governments in the greater Portland region to amend their plans to allow more variety of "middle" housing types in areas where single-family detached homes are allowed. Those middle housing types include duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhomes, and cottage clusters. Some have described the law as "re-legalizing" housing types that were once allowed in many neighborhoods.

In greater Portland, local governments have until mid-2022 to amend their codes to implement HB 2001. This panel discussion at MPAC is intended to provide background on HB 2001 and examples of considerations that local governments may wish to address as they amend their codes to allow more housing variety.

Action Requested/Outcome

No action is required. The desired outcome of this meeting is that MPAC members are familiar with HB 2001 and begin identifying policy options for local governments to ensure that their plan amendments lead to more housing variety in our communities.

What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

NA

What packet material do you plan to include? HB 2001