

'Missing Middle' Housing



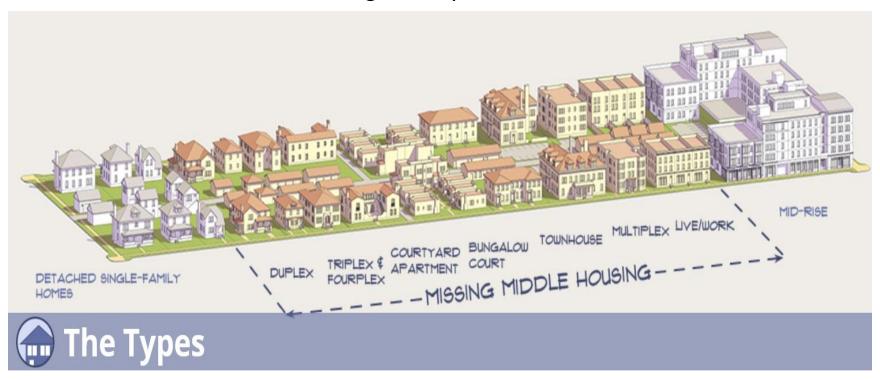


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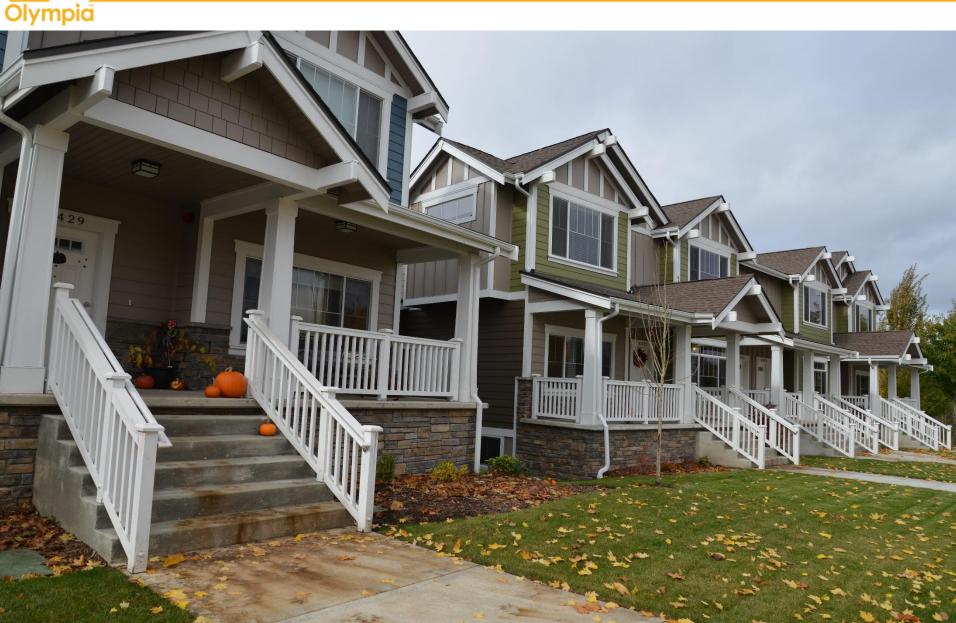


"A range of multi-unit or clustered housing types compatible in scale with single-family homes"



Source: MissingMiddleHousing.com















Why Missing Middle Housing?

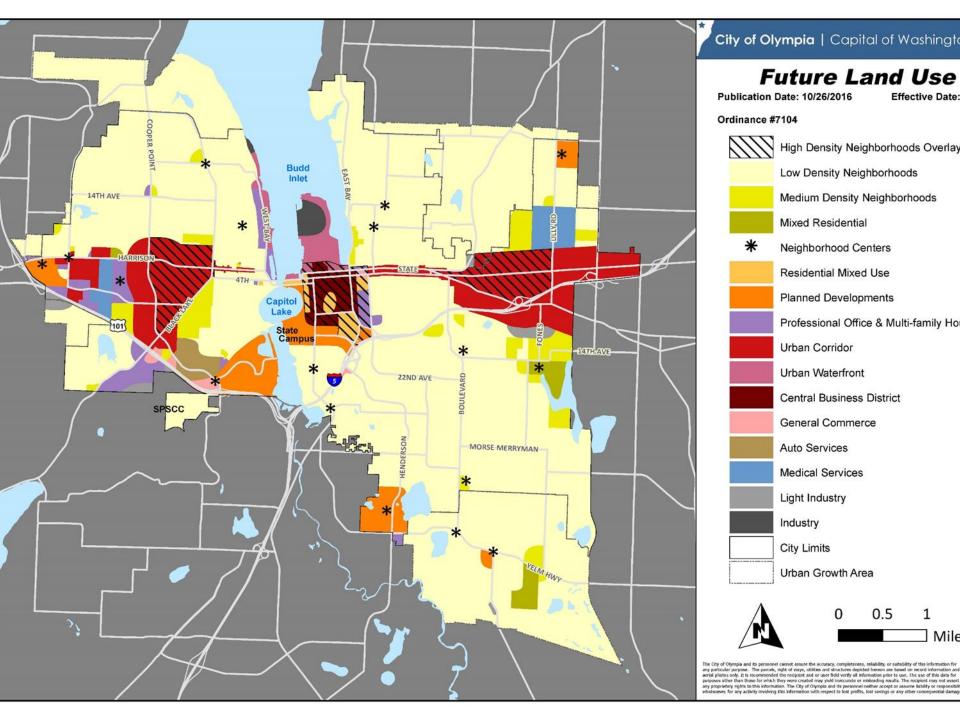
Allows Olympians:

- More choices of housing types
 - 48.6% one-person or non-family households
 - 21.8% couples with no children
- More options for housing they can afford
 - Can provide income to homeowners so they can remain in their neighborhoods
- A more sustainable city
 - Can grow without expanding into farm and forest lands
 - Has more walkable neighborhoods
 - Increases the viability of small-scale neighborhood businesses
 - Supports transit

Source: 2010 U.S. Census

Olympia Comprehensive Plan Policies

- PL16.2 Adopt zoning that <u>allows a wide variety of compatible housing</u> <u>types</u> and densities.
- PL16.5 Support affordable housing throughout the community by minimizing regulatory review risks, time and costs and <u>removing</u> <u>unnecessary barriers to housing</u>, by <u>permitting small dwelling units</u> accessory to single-family housing, and <u>allowing a mix of housing types</u>.
- **PL16.9** In all residential areas, <u>allow small cottages and townhouses, and one accessory housing unit per home</u> -- all subject to siting, design and parking requirements that <u>ensure neighborhood character is maintained</u>.
- **PL16.10** Require effective, but not unreasonably expensive, building designs and landscaping to <u>blend multi-family housing into neighborhoods</u>.
- **PS3.1** Promote a <u>variety of residential densities and housing types so that housing can be available in a broad range of costs.</u>





Missing Middle Housing Analysis

For each type of Missing Middle housing, would a changed approach to each issue increase:

- Affordability?
- Variety of housing types?
- Ability to accommodate future growth?

Olympia

Public Process

- 1. 8 Work Group meetings (reviewed 14 issue papers)
- 2. 4 open houses
- 3. 2 Question & Answer sessions
- 4. 2 public surveys
- 5. 7 Planning Commission meetings
- 6. 4 City Council Committee meetings
- 7. Heritage Commission and Design Review Board meetings
- 8. 9 individual neighborhood association meetings + 12 Coalition of Neighborhood Association meetings
- 9. 4 meetings of other community organizations
- 10. Public display with comment box
- 11. 24/7 information at <u>olympiawa.gov/missingmiddle</u> with comment ability (12 months)
- 12. Regular updates in City E-newsletters and Missing Middle e-mail list

^{*} Additional coverage in The Olympian, radio news reports, and other media



Additional Public Outreach Directed by Planning Commission

- Continue monthly articles in e-newsletter (over 700 subscribers) and e-mail notices to Missing Middle mailing list (over 260 addresses)
- Notice in Utility Billings mailed to all customers
- City Website front page "ad"
- Digital marketing at City Hall, Olympia Center and Olympia Maintenance Center
- TCTV Announcements
- Flyers posted on community bulletin boards, SPSCC, Library, Olympia Center, Olympia Food Coop
- Announcements at other City Boards/Commissions
- Public Service Announcements on local radio/media
- Planning Commission-hosted public open house
- Additional updates to FAQ on Missing Middle web page

Missing Middle Recommendations

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	Current Zoning	Missing Middle Recommendations	
	Housing Types Permitted	Housing Types Permitted	Minimum Lot Sizes
R4-8	Single-Family Homes	Single-Family Homes	4,000 SF
	Accessory Dwelling Units	Accessory Dwelling Units	NA
	Manufactured Homes	Manufactured Homes	4,000 SF
	Cottage housing (including	Cottage housing (including	2,000 SF/unit
	Co-housing)	Co-housing)	
	Townhouses	Townhouses	2,000 SF min./3,000 SF
		Duplexes	avg.
		Triplexes & Fourplexes*	7,200 SF
		Courtyard Apartments*	9,600 SF & 13,000 SF
			17,500 SF
R6-12	Single-Family Homes	Single-Family Homes	3,500 SF
	Accessory Dwelling Units	Accessory Dwelling Units	NA
	Manufactured Homes	Manufactured Homes	3,500 SF
	Cottage housing (including	Cottage housing (including	2,000 SF/unit
	Co-housing)	Co-housing)	
	Townhouses	Townhouses	1,600 SF min./2,400 SF
	Duplexes	Duplexes	avg.
	Triplexes & Fourplexes (in	Triplexes & Fourplexes	6,000 SF
	limited areas)	Courtyard Apartments	7,200 SF & 9,600 SF
		Single-Room Occupancies	17,500 SF
			17,500 SF

^{*}near transit or commercial services

Black = Permitted by current zoning

Blue = Proposed as permitted use



Accessory Dwelling Units

- Detached Accessory Structure Height
 - Currently: 16 feet / Proposed: 24 feet
- No requirement for third offstreet parking space
- Owner not required to live on site
- Any ADU could be up to 800 square feet
 - Currently limited to 66-2/3% of primary structure size, up to 800 sq. ft.







Triplex, Fourplex, Courtyard Apts

