

# ZONING AND HOUSING

The Zoning Code has updated many aspects of housing within the city.

## How does the updated zoning code impact housing?

The updated zoning code expands the types of housing that can be built, where housing can be built, and how units can be included within a new development or renovation projects. The zoning code does this by clarifying existing residential districts and creating new zoning districts that allow housing in more places throughout the city (see the *New Zoning Districts info sheet*).



The updated zoning code also provides clarity in the process for home and business renovation processes, reducing barriers for home and business owners to expand or make improvements to meet their needs, while still maintaining community standards.

For the first time, the new code permits construction of Accessory Dwelling Units in eligible residential areas. Accessory Dwelling Units are second dwelling units located on the same lot as a stand-alone single-family home (to learn more see the *Accessory Dwelling Unit Info Sheet*).



## What about housing affordability?

Supporting the development and maintenance of affordable housing options to meet the needs of residents is an important citywide priority. The Zoning Code addresses housing affordability by creating flexibility in where housing can be built, clarity in how to renovate or expand existing housing, and reduce access barriers by allowing housing to be located near jobs, services, and transit.

Additionally, the city is currently conducting a housing study to better understand housing affordability within Brooklyn Center, identify housing gaps, and outline solutions to ensure housing remains affordable for all people. The updated zoning code establishes a much-needed framework that could support housing policy recommendations from study findings.



To learn more about the updated Brooklyn Center Zoning Code, visit:

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