

# House Bill 2984

Sponsored by Representative MARSH; Representative FAHEY, Senators DEMBROW, GOLDEN (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows conversion of building from commercial use to workforce housing within urban growth boundary. Prohibits, for such conversions, local governments from enforcing parking minimums and suspends collection of system development charges.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to housing; amending ORS 197.308.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 197.308, as amended by section 4, chapter 47, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended  
5 to read:

6 197.308. (1) As used in this section[,]:

7 (a) "Affordable housing" means residential property:

8 [(a)] (A) In which:

9 [(A)] (i) Each unit on the property is made available to own or rent to families with incomes  
10 of 80 percent or less of the area median income [*as determined by the Oregon Housing Stability*  
11 *Council based on information from the United States Department of Housing and Urban*  
12 *Development*]; or

13 [(B)] (ii) The average of all units on the property is made available to families with incomes of  
14 60 percent or less of the area median income; and

15 [(b)] (B) Whose affordability is enforceable, including as described in ORS 456.270 to 456.295, for  
16 a duration of no less than 30 years.

17 (b) "Area median income" means the median income for the metropolitan statistical area  
18 in which affordable housing or workforce housing is located as determined by the Housing  
19 and Community Services Department and adjusted for household size based on information  
20 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

21 (c) "Workforce housing" means residential property:

22 (A) In which each unit on the property is made available to own or rent to families with  
23 incomes of 120 percent or less of the area median income; and

24 (B) Whose affordability is enforceable, including as described in ORS 456.270 to 456.295,  
25 for a duration of no less than 15 years.

26 (2) A local government shall allow affordable housing, and may not require a zone change or  
27 conditional use permit for affordable housing, if the proposed affordable housing is on property that  
28 is:

29 (a) Owned by:

30 (A) A public body, as defined in ORS 174.109; or

31 (B) A nonprofit corporation that is organized as a religious corporation; or

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (b) Zoned:
- 2 (A) For commercial uses;
- 3 (B) To allow religious assembly; or
- 4 (C) As public lands.

5 **(3) A local government shall allow the conversion of a building from commercial use to**  
 6 **residential use for workforce housing. The local government may not require a zone change**  
 7 **or conditional use permit for such use.**

8 [(3)] (4) [Subsection (2)] **Subsections (2) and (3)** of this section:

9 (a) [Does not] Apply **only** [to the development of housing not] within an urban growth boundary.

10 (b) [Does] **Do** not trigger any requirement that a local government consider or update an anal-  
 11 ysis as required by a statewide planning goal relating to economic development.

12 (c) [Applies] **Apply** on property zoned to allow for industrial uses only if the property is:

- 13 (A) Publicly owned;
- 14 (B) Adjacent to lands zoned for residential uses or schools; and
- 15 (C) Not specifically designated for heavy industrial uses.

16 (d) [Does] **Do** not apply on lands where the local government determines that:

17 (A) The development on the property cannot be adequately served by water, sewer, storm water  
 18 drainage or streets, or will not be adequately served at the time that development on the lot is  
 19 complete;

20 (B) The property contains a slope of 25 percent or greater;

21 (C) The property is within a 100-year floodplain; or

22 (D) The development of the property is constrained by land use regulations based on statewide  
 23 land use planning goals relating to:

24 (i) Natural disasters and hazards; or

25 (ii) Natural resources, including air, water, land or natural areas, but not including open spaces  
 26 or historic resources.

27 [(4)] (5) A local government shall approve an application at an authorized density level and au-  
 28 thorized height level, as defined in ORS 227.175 (4), for the development of affordable housing, at the  
 29 greater of:

30 (a) Any local density bonus for affordable housing; or

31 (b) Without consideration of any local density bonus for affordable housing:

32 (A) For property with existing maximum density of 16 or fewer units per acre, 200 percent of  
 33 the existing density and 12 additional feet;

34 (B) For property with existing maximum density of 17 or more units per acre and 45 or fewer  
 35 units per acre, 150 percent of the existing density and 24 additional feet; or

36 (C) For property with existing maximum density of 46 or more units per acre, 125 percent of the  
 37 existing density and 36 additional feet.

38 [(5)(a)] (6)(a) Subsection [(4)] (5) of this section does not apply to housing allowed under sub-  
 39 section (2) of this section in areas that are not zoned for residential uses.

40 (b) A local government may reduce the density or height of the density bonus allowed under  
 41 subsection [(4)] (5) of this section as necessary to address a health, safety or habitability issue, in-  
 42 cluding fire safety, or to comply with a protective measure adopted pursuant to a statewide land  
 43 use planning goal. Notwithstanding ORS 197.350, the local government must adopt findings sup-  
 44 ported by substantial evidence demonstrating the necessity of this reduction.

45 **(7) For the development of housing under subsection (3) of this section, a local govern-**

1 **ment may not:**

2 **(a) Enforce any land use regulation that establishes a minimum number of parking**  
3 **spaces that is greater than the amount allowed for the existing commercial use.**

4 **(b) Require the payment of a system development charge as defined in ORS 223.299 until**  
5 **the end of an affordability restriction described in subsection (1)(c)(B) of this section.**

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