

Increasing Housing Options & Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing

2024-MAY-06

INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS

- Community engagement occurred in fall 2023
- Largely positive feedback
- Moving forward with Secondary Suite Regulations and Infill Housing in Existing Neighbourhoods





SMALL-SCALE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

- "SSMUH", a component of Provincial Bill 44
- Requires all "restricted zones" to permit a maximum of 3 or 4 units
- Provincial Policy Manual provides additional guidance





SMALL-SCALE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

The following zones in the Zoning Bylaw have been identified as "restricted zones":

- R1 / R1a / R1b Single Dwelling Residential
- R2 Single Dwelling Residential Small Lot
- R4 Duplex Residential
- R13 Old City Duplex Residential





SMALL-SCALE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

The following zones are proposed to provide the Provincial Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing:

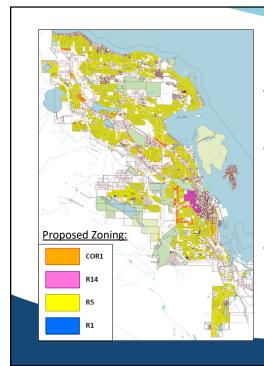
- R5 Three and Four Unit Residential
 - All areas in the city except the Old City Neighbourhood and Corridor designations
- R14 Old City Fourplex Residential
 - Within the Old City Neighbourhood designation
- COR1 Residential Corridor "Interim Corridor Area"
 - Within the Corridor designations



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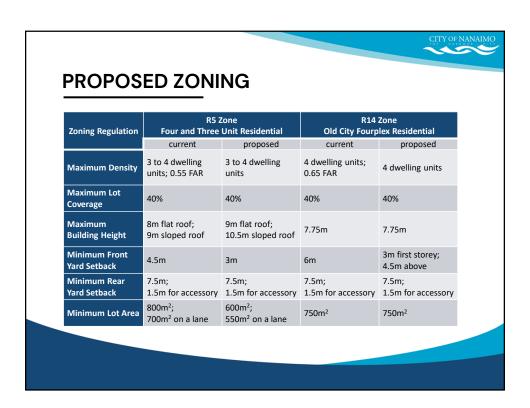
All "restricted zone" properties are proposed to be pre-zoned to R5, R14, and COR1, unless any of the following exemptions apply:

- Lots that are not connected to City utilities
- Zones where the minimum lot area is 4,050m² (1 acre) or greater
- Lots that are 4,050m² or greater in area
- Lots subject to hazardous conditions (North Slope)
- · Lots within a Transit-Oriented Area



PROPOSED ZONING

- Overview of proposed areas for pre-zoning.
- Full zoning maps attached to proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw.
- Most properties in the city are proposed to be pre-zoned to the R5 zone, with text amendments.



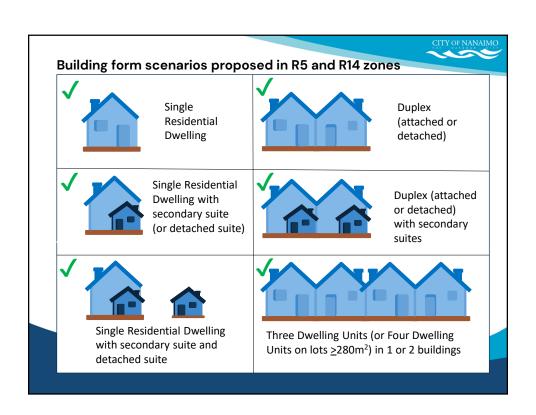


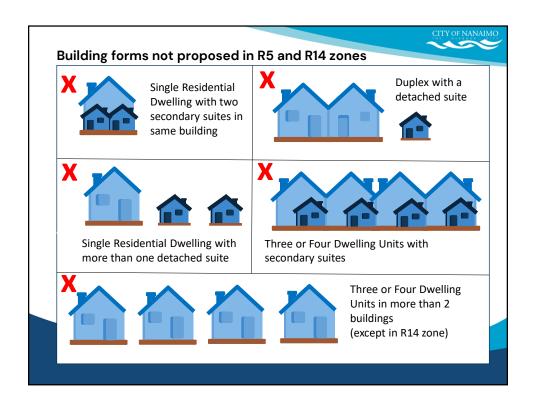
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Other key text amendments proposed are:

- Allowing a fifth dwelling unit in the R14 zone where an older residential dwelling is retained
- Limit of two principal buildings on a lot in the R5 zone
- Allowing secondary suites in duplexes, townhouses, and row houses (one per dwelling unit)
- Revising the Row House (R7) zone to allow multi-family residential (townhouse) development







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PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Maximum allowable density will not necessarily be feasible on all eligible lots (site constraints, parking requirements, BC Building Code, servicing, etc.).
- Potential impacts on City infrastructure and services (on-street parking, waste collection, utilities, etc.) to be monitored over time.







NEXT STEPS

- ➤ 2024-MAY-27 Bylaw introduction
- ➤ 2024-JUN-17 Consideration of adoption
- ➤ 2024-JUN-30 Provincial deadline for compliance with SSMUH
- ➤ 2024-2025 Comprehensive review of Zoning Bylaw



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Questions?

