Welcome!

City of White Salmon Open House on Proposed Zoning Code Changes

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Why change the zoning code?

- Household demographics and market trends have changed dramatically since the White Salmon zoning code was first developed.
- Many people recognize that we are experiencing a housing affordability crisis, and that current zoning restrictions are playing a role
- Many people recognize that historic zoning has served to exclude certain "undesirable" populations, and this practice is no longer considered fair or just
- Many people who are seeking to build housing in White Salmon (including small infill projects and accessory dwellings) report that the process is restrictive, slow and expensive

How long has this process been under way?

2019: Vision 2040 Comprehensive Plan Vision (Stakeholder surveys)

2020: White Salmon Urbanization Study (Included stakeholder surveys)

2020: Klickitat County Buildable Lands Survey and Housing Needs Analysis (Included stakeholder surveys)

2021: Comprehensive Plan Update

2023: White Salmon Housing Survey (185 respondents)

2023: White Salmon Housing Needs Analysis

2023: White Salmon Housing Action Plan (adopted)

2023: Draft code change ordinance (now in review)

What are the next steps?

Hearing before the City Council on December 6th

Deliberation at the City Council on December 20th

Final adoption may occur in early 2024

Additional work on form-based coding is planned for 2024

Additional work on pre-approved plans and other innovations is planned for 2024

Recruitment of partner aggencies and developers in affordable housing is planned for 2024

YOUR ideas are welcome and important!