

HB 2001: City of Bend code adoption

Here are some central themes to consider when you weigh in.

- People who live and work in Bend should be able to afford housing in Bend. This code amendment helps make that possible for vital members of our community, including teachers, firefighters, and nurses, by allowing for more different housing options for **various income levels**.
- This code amendment provides current and future Bend residents with more housing choices at a time when it is needed most. As housing prices rise due to surging demand and limited supply, low-income families and people historically excluded from homeownership are often pushed out. Often, this disproportionately affects people from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities. HB 2001 begins to reverse this pattern by allowing for **more affordable** housing types.
- Our cities are a key part of **tackling climate change** and implementing Bend's Climate Action Plan. When housing options are thoughtfully developed and focused in key places throughout Bend, our community becomes more accessible (i.e., walkable, bikeable). More people have more choices that let them determine where they live and how they get around. Smaller housing types are also more energy-efficient and will reduce our overall energy consumption. Over time, that means less carbon and pollution in our air and water, which are essential ways to proactively build a more climate-friendly future.
- HB 2001 can help **prevent sprawl**. Rather than restricting housing development to a particular type of stand-alone house, allowing for middle housing will help the City of Bend accommodate growth without sprawling outward into surrounding farms and wild lands.