

Amendment 45 to Council Bill No. 28 -2023

**BY: The Chairperson at the Request
of the County Executive**

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Amendment No. 45

(This Amendment adds that townhouses and condominiums will be considered when exploring options for acquisition/rehabilitation programs to support homeownership opportunities for moderate income households.)

1 In the *HoCo By Design* General Plan, attached to this Act as Exhibit A, amend the following
2 pages as indicated in this Amendment:

- 3 • Chapter 6, Dynamic Neighborhoods – page 66
- 4 • Chapter 11, Implementation - page 44

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6 Correct all page numbers, numbering, and formatting within this Act to accommodate this
7 amendment.

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Housing affordability is critical to this conversation. As older communities and Village Centers are revitalized, existing residents should not be priced out and there need to be intentional efforts to make these higher-density areas more affordable. More missing middle housing in these targeted revitalization areas is key.

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- HoCo By Design process participant



DN-13 Policy Statement



Preserve affordability of existing housing stock and create opportunities for context-sensitive infill development, especially in Preservation-Revitalization Neighborhoods.

Implementing Actions

1. Identify neighborhoods and properties for preservation.
2. Continue to support the County's housing preservation programs, which are designed to preserve existing affordable housing and assist low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters to remain in their homes.
3. Explore options and partnerships for acquisition/rehabilitation programs for older single-family homes, [townhomes and condominiums](#) that would support homeownership opportunities for moderate-income households.
4. Encourage the development of missing middle housing types that conform to existing neighborhood character and contribute to the creation of mixed-income communities.
5. Develop strategies for employing the right of first refusal policy to ensure no loss of affordable units when there are opportunities for redevelopment of multi-family properties.

DN-14 Policy Statement



Support existing neighborhoods and improve community infrastructure and amenities as needed, especially in older or under-served neighborhoods and multi-family communities.

Implementing Actions

1. Assess existing community facilities and the neighborhoods that they serve, and upgrade or retrofit as needed to support changing neighborhood needs. Engage communities in the identification of neighborhood needs.
2. Identify older communities in need of a comprehensive revitalization strategy and work with those communities to develop revitalization plans to assist those communities.
3. Work with the multi-family rental community to understand barriers to reporting and resolving issues related to multi-family property maintenance.

Table 10-1: Implementation Matrix		
Policy and Implementing Actions	Lead Agency	Timeframe (Mid-Term five-year, Long-Term six+ years, Ongoing)
DN-11 - Provide a range of affordable, accessible, and adaptable housing options for older adults and persons with special needs.		
1. Use zoning tools and incentives that increase the supply of missing middle housing and accessory dwelling units, as identified in Policy Statements DN-1 and DN-2.	DPZ DHCD	Mid-Term
2. Provide flexibility in the Zoning Regulations and the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for adult group homes/ communal living and for accessibility modifications for persons with disabilities who wish to live independently or older adults who wish to age in place or downsize and age in their community at affordable price points.	DPZ DILP	Mid-Term
3. Encourage Age-Restricted Adult Housing (ARAH) developments to build small- to medium-scale housing units to include apartments, condominiums, townhomes, and missing middle housing types that allow seniors to downsize and are affordable to low- and moderate-income households. Evaluate if current ARAH Zoning Regulations allow sufficient density increases to incentivize missing middle housing types, such as cottage clusters, duplexes, and multiplexes.	DPZ DHCD	Ongoing
4. Explore options for additional Continuing Care Retirement Communities in the County.	DPZ	Mid-Term
5. Update the County's Universal Design Guidelines to enhance the capacity for individuals to remain safe and independent in the community through universal design in construction.	DPZ	Mid-Term
6. Require builders and homeowners to follow, when practicable, the updated Universal Design Guidelines for new and rehabilitated, remodeled, or redesigned age-restricted housing.	DPZ	Mid-Term
DN-12 - Create greater opportunities for multi-generational neighborhoods, especially in character areas identified as activity centers.		
1. Design new activity centers to accommodate the needs of various ages, abilities, and life stages. Ensure design of neighborhoods and their amenities provide accessibility using universal design guidelines with sidewalks, wayfinding, and safe connections.	DPZ	Ongoing
2. Bring multi-modal transportation options to locations planned for new multi-generational neighborhoods.	OOT DPZ	Ongoing

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1. Identify neighborhoods and properties for preservation.	DPZ DHCD	Mid-Term
2. Continue to support the County's housing preservation programs, which are designed to preserve existing affordable housing and assist low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters to remain in their homes.	DHCD DPZ	Ongoing
3. Explore options and partnerships for an acquisition/rehabilitation program for older single-family homes, <u>townhomes and condominiums</u> that would support homeownership opportunities for moderate-income households.	DHCD	Ongoing
4. Encourage the development of missing middle housing types that conform to existing neighborhood character and contribute to the creation of mixed-income communities.	DPZ	Ongoing
5. Develop strategies for employing the right of first refusal policy to ensure no loss of affordable units when there are opportunities for redevelopment of multi-family properties.	DHCD	Mid-Term
DN-14 - Support existing neighborhoods and improve community infrastructure and amenities as needed, especially in older or under-served neighborhoods and multi-family communities.		
1. Assess existing community facilities and the neighborhoods that they serve, and upgrade or retrofit as needed to support changing neighborhood needs. Engage communities in the identification of neighborhood needs.	DPW	Ongoing
2. Identify older communities in need of a comprehensive revitalization strategy and work with those communities to develop revitalization plans to assist those communities.	DPZ	Long-term
3. Work with the multi-family rental community to understand the barriers to reporting and resolving issues related to multi-family property maintenance.	DHCD DILP HCHC	Mid-Term