

SB 49-1

Six "housing production accelerator" concepts

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Component 1: Legalizing incremental development



26 dwellings per net acre



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zero dwellings per net acre



SB 49-1: Cities with more than **10,000 population** would need to **remove mandatory minimum densities** at some point in their next scheduled housing planning cycle (between 6 and 16 years).

Being considered for future amendments: scale back or remove.

Component 2: Applying model zoning codes

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Must allow that zone **somewhere** in town; cities control where and how much land.

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State model codes

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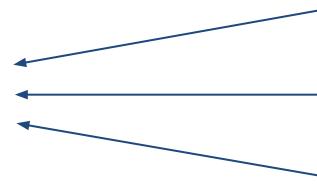
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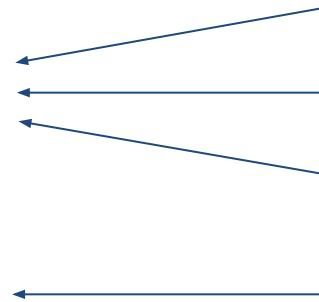
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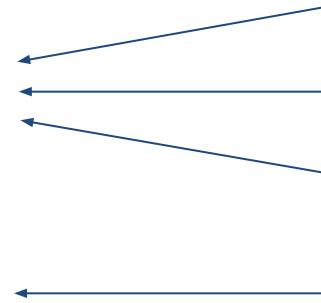


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Component 3: Streamlining upzones



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Component 4: Protecting council-approved zoning



Proposed: 214 homes



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Approved: 121 homes



Proposed: 165 homes



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Approved: 148 homes

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Being considered for future amendments: Add height, FAR.

Component 5: Flexible and productive inclusionary zoning options

Applies only to **mandatory** IZ programs,
which only one city has ever created under
current statute: Portland

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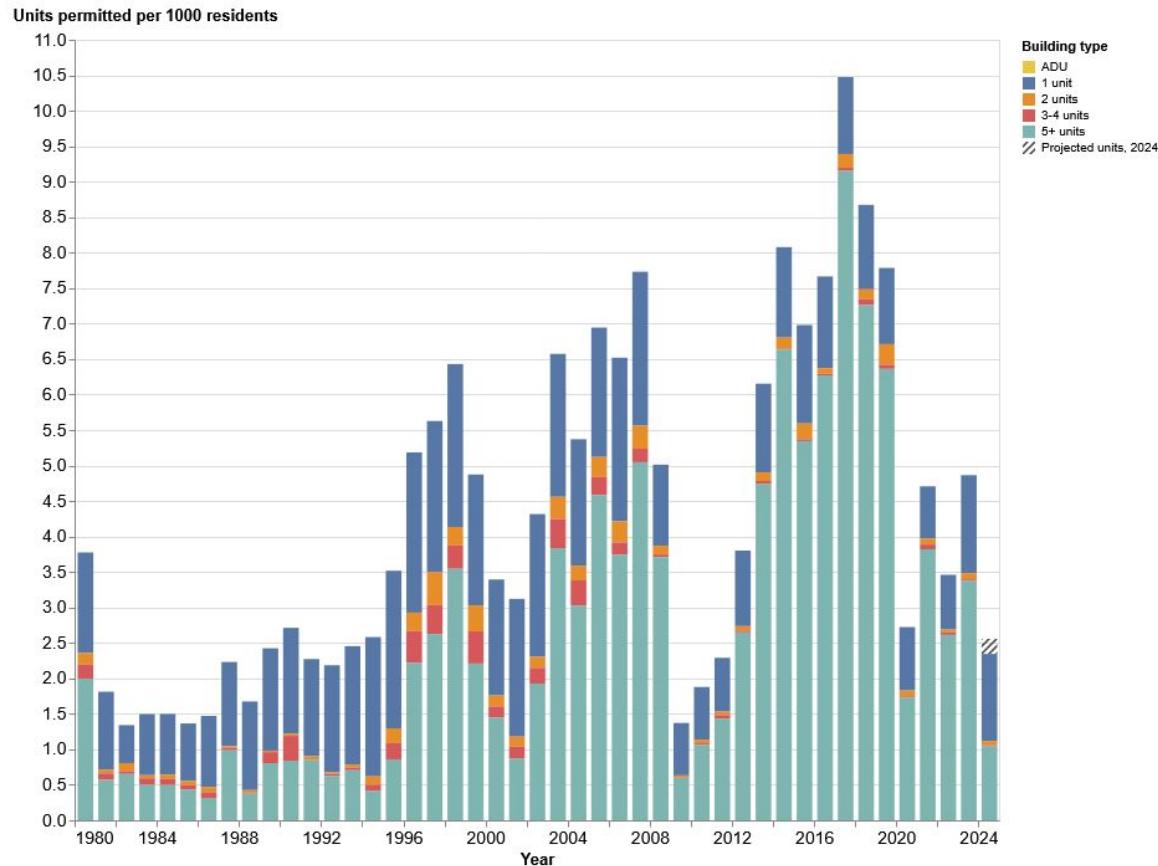


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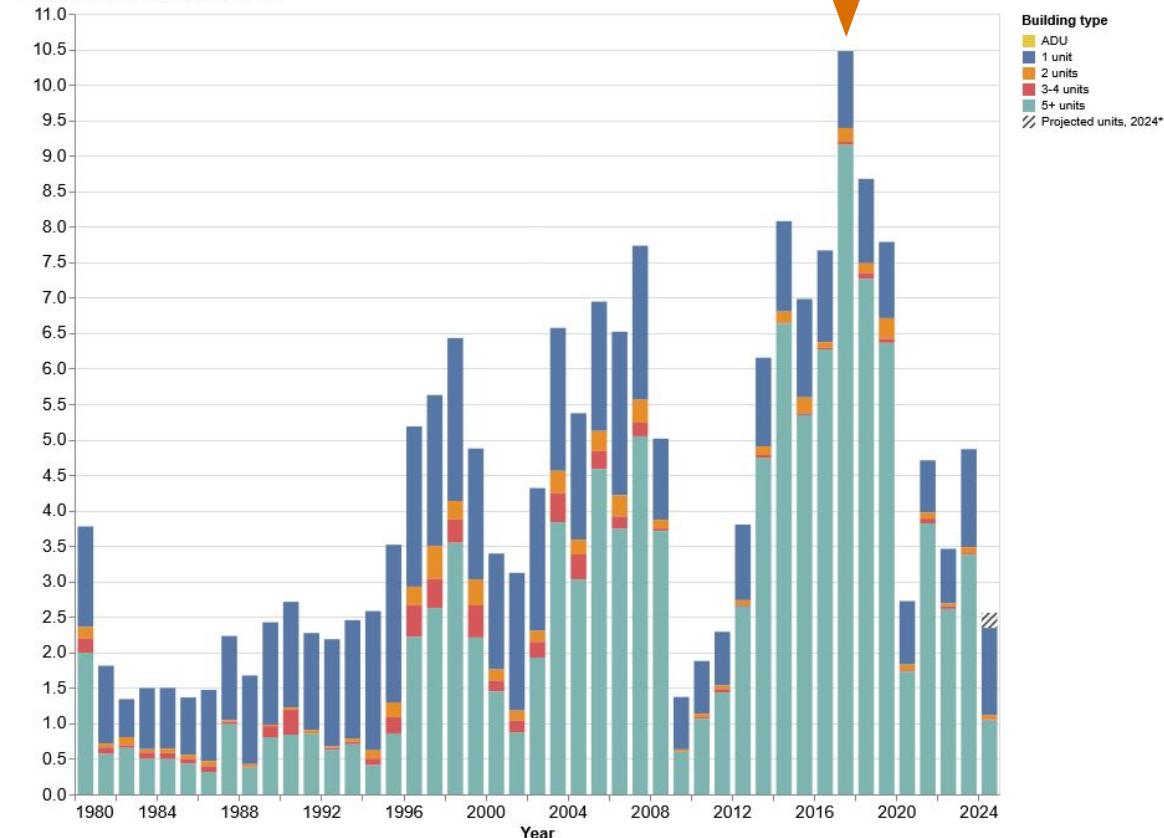






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Units permitted per 1000 residents

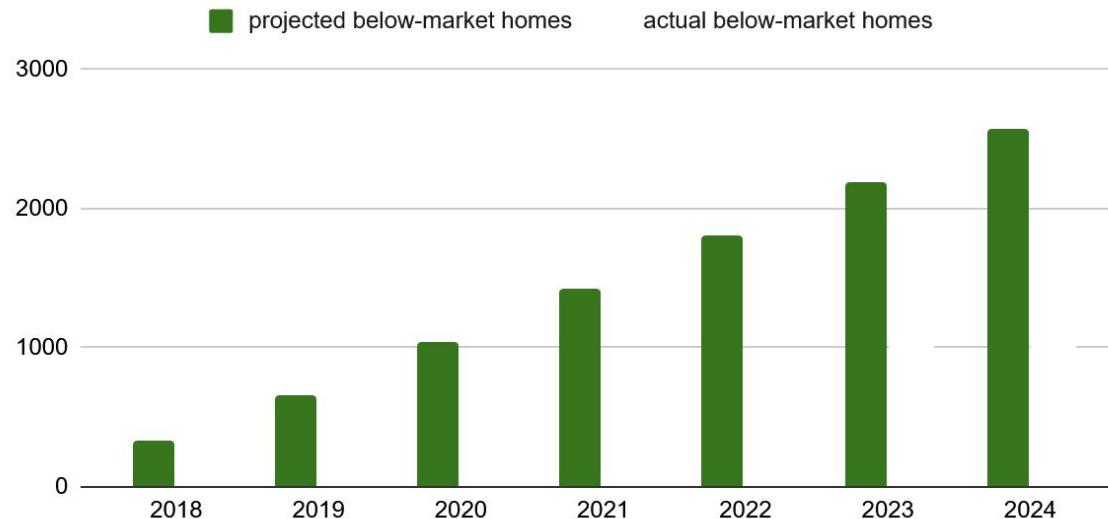


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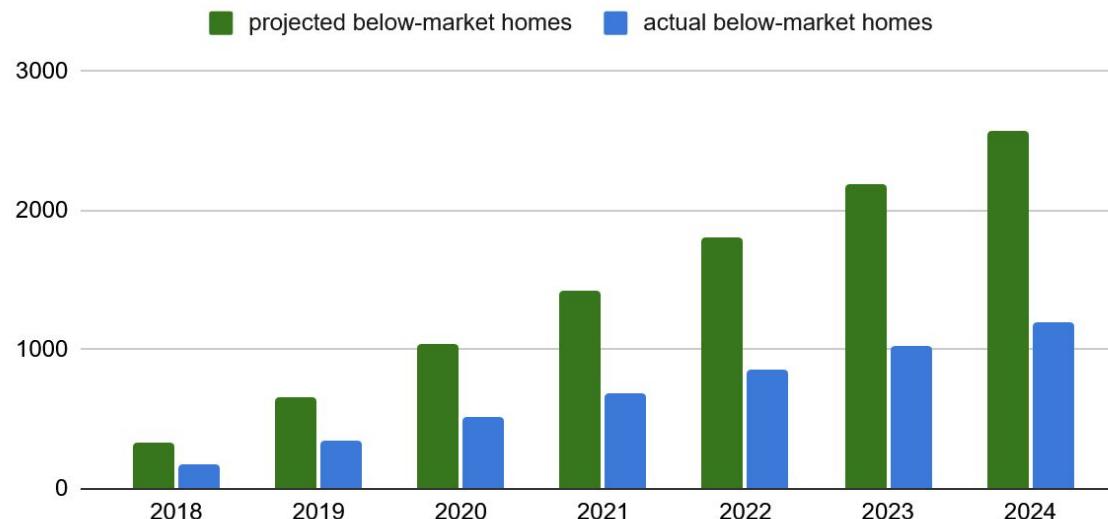
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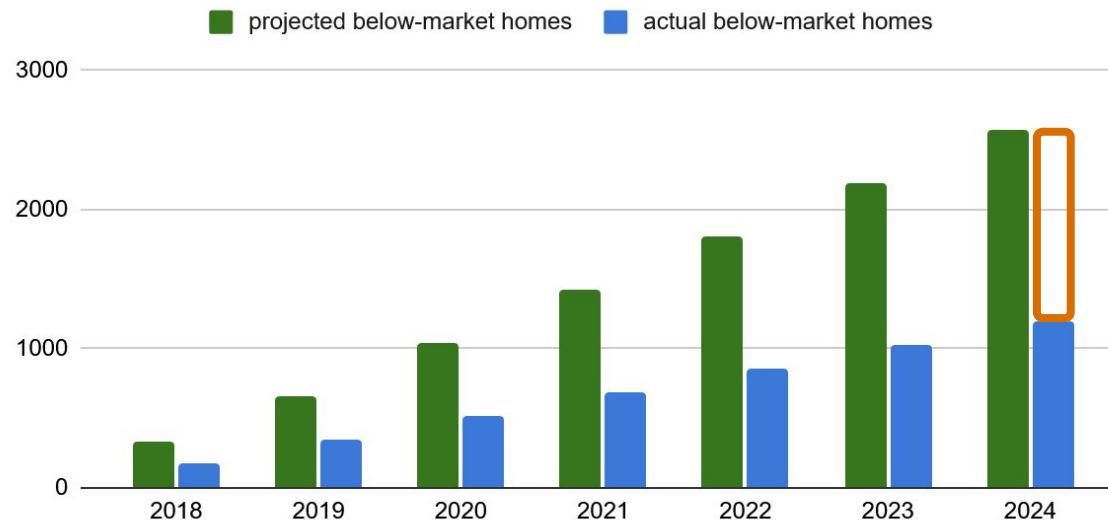
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20-212156	Tabor Heights	Approved	FINAL	Changed option post issuance	78
21-096326	Killingsworth Apartments	Approved	FINAL	Changed option post issuance	69
21-105873	Laurel Lofts	Approved	FINAL	Changed option post issuance	62
19-217418	Vibrant Cities Fargo	In Process	Issued, under construction	Changed option post issuance	100
20-218783	Davis Apartments	In Process	Issued, under construction	Changed option post issuance	20
23-091717	Pettygrove Apartments	Approved	Issued, under construction	Changed option- Amended approval	24
20-213134	Burnside Apartments	In Process	FINAL	Extended exemption- no change in option	29
21-087403	Brooklyn Apartments	Approved	FINAL	Extended exemption- no change in option	120
19-250217	West Hill Heights	In Process	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	34
20-129170	Pepsi Blocks (A) - aka Splash	Approved	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	219
20-145803	Wheelhouse II	Approved	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	31
20-167723	Alberta 29	In Process	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	29
21-069762	SW Park Avenue Apartments	Eligible	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	98
21-117297	SE 27th & Division Street	Approved	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	52
22-212375	Graham Street Apartments	In Process	Issued, under construction	Extended exemption- no change in option	29
23-054847	Russell Street Apartments	In Process	Permit Review Process	Submitted application post 3/1/24	154
24-039925	Pepsi B	In Process	Permit Review Process	Submitted application post 3/1/24	160
24-029720	Kiley40	In Process	Permit Review Process	Submitted application post 3/1/24	29

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First six months:

- 20 **mixed-income** projects
- 1,542 total **homes**
- >120 **below-market** homes
- ~\$220,000 waived revenue per 60% AMI home
- ~\$77,000 from city per home

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Details proposed for future amendments:

- Cut unit threshold outside Portland from 20 to 10
- Additional price flexibility for local programs
- Check-in on program balance every six years
- Study of prototypical projects must find 1:1 offset for lost revenue

Component 6: Housing expertise in commercial building code

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