

Chapter 16.24 EXPEDITED AND MIDDLE HOUSING LAND DIVISIONS

16.24.010 Purpose and applicability.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of the expedited and middle housing land division process is to implement requirements in ORS 197.360 to 197.380 for expedited land divisions in residential districts, and 2021 Oregon Laws Ch. 103 (S.B. 458) regarding middle housing land divisions.
- B. Expedited Land Division Applicability. The procedures of this chapter are applicable to partitions and subdivisions within residential zoning districts as provided in ORS 197.365.
- C. Middle Housing Land Division Applicability. The procedures of this chapter are applicable to the following middle housing projects, or proposed middle housing projects, on an existing lot:
 - 1. A duplex.
 - 2. A triplex.
 - 3. A quadplex.
 - 4. A townhouse project (four units or fewer).
 - 5. A cottage cluster.

16.24.020 Expedited review.

- A. Expedited and middle housing land divisions are reviewed under a Type II procedure except as provided in this Chapter. Where the provisions of this Chapter conflict with the Type II procedures in OCMC 17.50, the procedures of this Chapter will prevail.
- B. Expedited and middle housing land divisions are not subject to pre-application conference requirements in OCMC 17.50.050.
- C. Expedited and middle housing land divisions are not a land use decision or limited land use decision under ORS 197.015.

16.24.030 Submittal requirements.

- A. An application for an expedited land division or middle housing land division is subject to the completeness review and one hundred and twenty-day rule requirements of OCMC 17.50.070 except as follows:
 - 1. The timeline for the completeness check in OCMC 17.50.070.A is twenty-one days, rather than thirty days.
 - 2. The notice of decision must be provided to the applicant and parties entitled to receive notice under OCMC 17.50.130.C within sixty-three days of a completed application.
- B. Mailed notice of an application for an expedited land division or middle housing land division must be provided in the same manner as for a Type II decision, as specified OCMC 17.50.090.A, to the following persons:
 - 1. The applicant.
 - 2. Owners of record of property, as shown on the most recent property tax assessment roll, located within one-hundred feet of the property that is the subject of the notice.
 - 3. Any state agency, other local government, or special district responsible for providing public facilities or services to the development area.

- C. A notice of decision must be provided to the applicant and to all parties who received notice of the application. The notice of decision must include:
 - 1. A written determination of compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of approval in OCMC 16.24.040 for an expedited land division or OCMC 16.24.050 for a middle housing land division.
 - 2. An explanation of the right to appeal the community development director's decision to a city-appointed hearings referee, as provided in ORS 197.375.

16.24.040 Criteria of approval – expedited land division.

- A. The community development director will approve or deny an application for expedited land division within sixty-three days of receiving a complete application, based on whether it satisfies the applicable criteria of approval. The community development director may approve the land division with conditions to ensure the application meets the applicable land use regulations.
- B. The land subject to the application is within the R-10, R-8, R-6, R-5, R-3.5 and R-2 districts.
- C. The land will be used solely for residential uses, including recreational or open space uses that are accessory to residential use.
- D. The land division does not provide for dwellings or accessory buildings to be located in the following areas:
 - 1. The Willamette River Greenway Overlay District;
 - 2. The Historic Overlay District;
 - 3. The Natural Resources Overlay District.
- E. The land division satisfies the minimum public improvement and design standards for development in OCMC 16.12.
- F. The land division satisfies the following development standards contained in this code or in an applicable Master Plan:
 - 1. Applicable lot dimensional standards;
 - 2. Applicable standards that regulate the physical characteristics of permitted uses, such as building design standards;
 - 3. Applicable standards in this code for transportation, sewer, water, drainage and other facilities or services necessary for the proposed development, including but not limited to right-of-way standards, facility dimensions and on-site and off-site improvements.
- G. The land division will result in development that either:
 - 1. Creates enough lots to allow building residential units at 80 percent or more of the maximum net density permitted by the zoning designation of the site; or
 - 2. Will be sold or rented to households with incomes below 120 percent of the median family income for Clackamas County.

16.24.050 Criteria of approval – middle housing land division.

- A. The community development director will approve a tentative plan for middle housing land division based on whether it satisfies the following criteria of approval:
 - 1. The application provides for the development of middle housing in compliance with the Oregon residential specialty code and land use regulations applicable to the original lot allowed under ORS 197.758 (5).
 - 2. Separate utilities are provided for each dwelling unit.

3. The applicant provides for easements necessary for each dwelling unit on the plan for:
 - i. Locating, accessing, replacing and servicing all utilities;
 - ii. Pedestrian access from each dwelling unit to a private or public road;
 - iii. Any common use areas or shared building elements;
 - iv. Any dedicated driveways or parking; and
 - v. Any dedicated common area;
4. The applicant proposes exactly one dwelling unit on each resulting lot, except for lots, parcels or tracts used as common areas.
5. The applicant demonstrates that buildings or structures on a resulting lot will comply with applicable building codes provisions relating to new property lines and, notwithstanding the creation of new lots, that structures or buildings located on the newly created lots will comply with the Oregon residential specialty code.
6. The original lot dedicated and improved the abutting street right of way sufficient to comply with minimum right of way and improvement standards of OCMC 16.12, or dedication and/or improvements of the abutting street right of way are proposed that meet the standards of OCMC 16.12.
7. The type of middle housing developed on the original lot shall not be altered by a middle housing land division. For example, cottage cluster units within a cottage cluster do not become single-family detached residential units after a middle housing land division.

16.24.060 Conditions of approval - expedited and middle housing land division.

- A. The community development director may add conditions of approval of a tentative plan for a middle housing land division or expedited land division as necessary to comply with the applicable criteria of approval. Conditions may include but are not limited to the following:
- B. A condition to prohibit the further division of the resulting lots or parcels.
- C. A condition to require that a notation appear on the final plat indicating that the approval was given under Section 2 of Senate Bill 458 (2021) as a middle housing land division.
- D. A condition to require recording of easements required by the tentative plan on a form acceptable to the City, as determined by the City Attorney.

16.24.070. Final plat for expedited and middle housing land division.

- A. An expedited land division or middle housing land division is subject to the final plat standards and procedures as specified in OCMC 16.08.100 to 16.08.105, except as specifically provided otherwise in this section.
- B. A notice of middle housing land division for each middle housing lot shall be recorded with the county recorder that states:
 1. The middle housing lot may not be further divided.
 2. No more than one unit of middle housing may be developed on each middle housing lot.
 3. The dwelling developed on the middle housing lot is a unit of middle housing and is not a single family detached residential unit, or any other housing type.
- C. A final plat is not required prior to issuance of building permits for middle housing proposed with a middle housing land division.

- D. A middle housing land division tentative plan is void if and only if a final plat is not approved within three years of the tentative approval. Expiration of expedited land division tentative plans shall comply with the provisions of OCMC 17.50.200.

16.24.080 Appeals.

The procedures in OCMC 17.50.190 do not apply to appeals of an expedited land division or middle housing land division. Any appeal of an expedited land division or middle housing land division must be as provided in ORS 197.375. The Approval Authority for any appeal of an expedited land division or middle housing land division is a city-appointed hearings referee.