# Housing Opportunities in Mixed-Use Areas (HOMA)

#### **Informational Session**

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## **Agenda**

**Background Information** 

**HOMA Information** 

**Next Steps** 

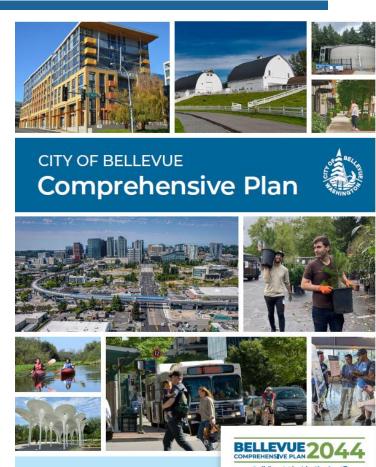
### **City Context & Needs**

- Recently adopted Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map
  - Sets foundation for implementing the City's growth strategy
- Planning for 35,000 or more new housing units by 2044
- Targeting additional 5,700 affordable units by 2034



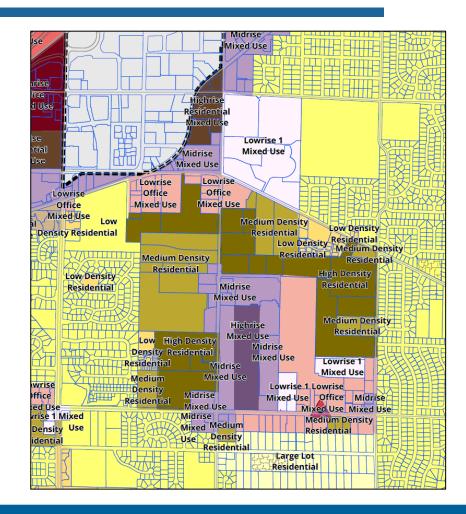
## **Comprehensive Plan Alignment**

- Guides Land Use Code Updates
  - Create diverse housing opportunities
  - Expand affordable housing
  - Foster vibrant, well-served neighborhoods
  - Enable people to live closer to work and shopping
  - Determines appropriate uses and scale



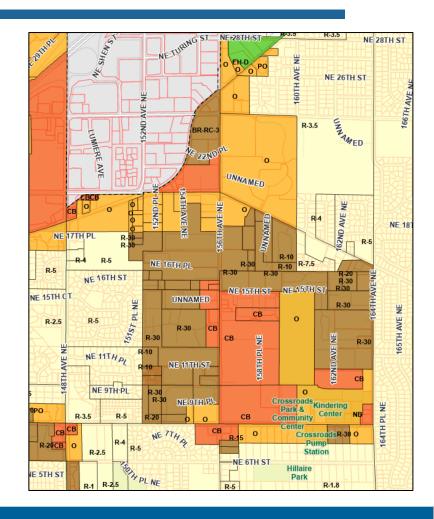
## What is a Future Land Use Map?

- Acts as a guide to determine appropriate scale and uses throughout the City
- Future oriented
- Non-regulatory
- Bellevue recently updated the FLUM



## What is Zoning?

- Regulations which determine the exact uses, requirements, and standards that apply to a property
- Found in the City's Land Use Code
- Must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and FLUM
- Updated through LUCAs and rezones

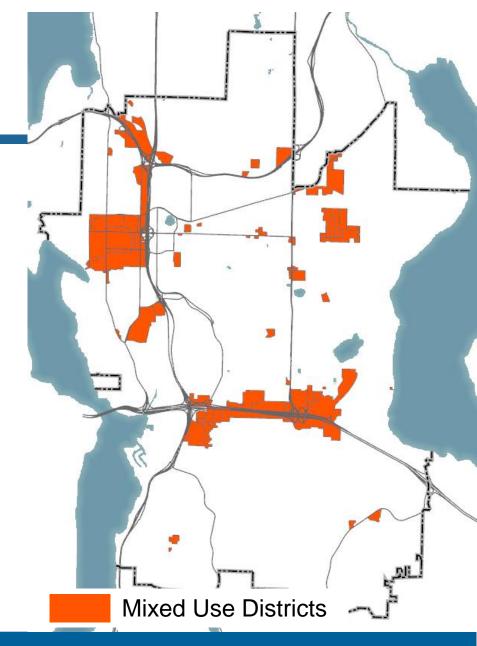


#### What is HOMA?

- Land Use Code Amendment aimed at encouraging housing and affordable housing in targeted mixed-use areas
- Looks at zoning standards inhibiting housing development
- Creates an affordable housing program
- Includes rezones for targeted mixed-use properties not consistent with the FLUM
- Updates standards in the Land Use Code to be consistent with new Comp Plan

## Geographic Scope

- Includes all mixed-use zones other than Wilburton, BelRed, and East Main
- Rezone areas inconsistent with FLUM
- Updates to dimensional, site, and other requirements to promote housing



## Form Changes

- Update to height and form standards in mixed-use areas
- Update zoning districts that are not supporting housing
- Improve development standards to promote housing
- Maximize affordable housing



## Form Changes- Low Scale

- Building Heights: 3-6 stories
- Building Size: 1-2.5 FAR
- Will apply to all areas zoned:
  - Neighborhood Business
  - Office & Limited Business
  - Office
  - Community Business zoned areas shown as Lowrise 1 Mixed Use on the FLUM



## Form Changes- Moderate Scale

- Building Height: 7 stories
- Building Size: 1-3 FAR
- Will apply to all Office & Limited Business 2 zoned areas
- Will create new zone & rezone areas shown as Lowrise 2 Mixed Use on the FLUM



## Form Changes- Middle Scale

- Building Height: 10 stories
- Building Size: 4 FAR
- Will apply to all areas zoned:
  - Neighborhood Mixed Use
  - Factoria 2 & 3
- Rezone Community
   Business zoned areas
   shown as Midrise Mixed Use
   on the FLUM



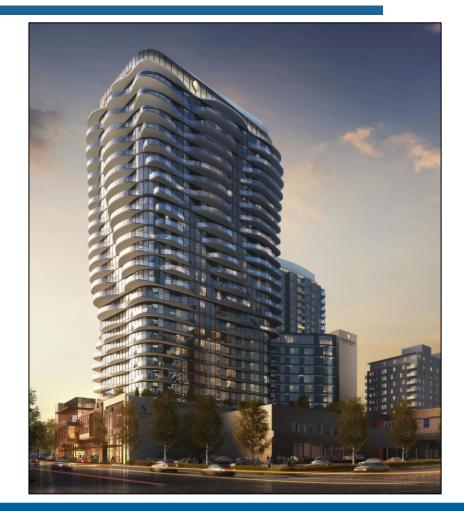
## Form Changes- High Scale

- Building Height: 16 stories
- Building Size: 5 FAR
- Will apply to all Eastgate TOD Zoned Areas
- Will create a new zoning district and rezone portions of Crossroads & Factoria



## Form Changes- Highest Scale

- Building Height: up to 60 stories
- Building Size: up to 9.9
   FAR
- Only applies Downtown
- Downtown will continue to have lowest density and scale at edges, stepping up towards center



## **Affordable Housing Options**

- Evaluate two affordable housing options
  - A. Mandatory option requires all projects over certain thresholds provide affordable housing
  - **B. Voluntary** incentive option gives a bonus for providing affordable housing
- Fee-in-lieu option will also be available



#### What We've Heard So Far

- Feedback from affordable housing and developer stakeholders on impediments to housing
  - Building Form
  - Site Requirements
  - Parking
  - Use Requirements



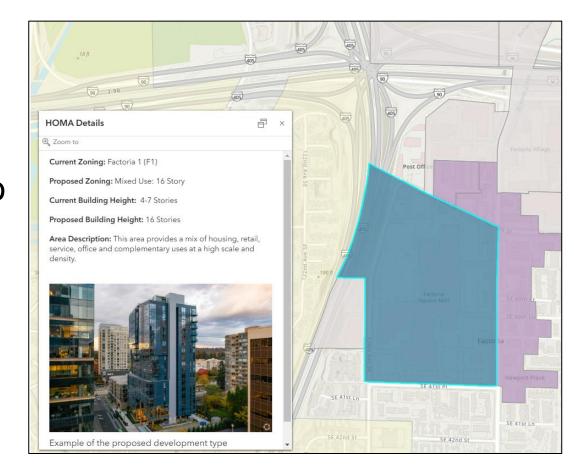
### **Community Information Sessions**

- Six public information sessions
- Presentations to various neighborhood associations
- Proposed rezones will be publicly noticed to surrounding residents



## **Interactive Story Map**

- Interactive map for both HOMA and middle housing amendments
- Will provide ability to comment through associated survey
- Link to map can be found at:
   bellevuewa.gov/HO
   MA



## **Next Steps**

#### Phase 1: Listening, Fundamentals

- Progress on:
  - ✓ Economic Analysis
  - √ Feasibility
     Assessments

#### Phase 2: Reviewing & Drafting

Review Proposal:

- Council Check-In
- PC Study Sessions

(Q4 2024 - Q2 2025)

## Phase 3: Action

- PC Public Hearing & Recommendation
- Council Study Session & Action

(Q2 2025 – Q3 2025)

Stakeholder Outreach

**Information Sessions** 

Technical Analysis, Including Nexus Study

Public Info Sessions





December

January-February





## **Questions or Comments?**

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