



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Newcastle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, to receive public comment on draft housing ordinances governing accessory dwelling units (ADUs), middle housing such as duplexes and triplexes, and emergency housing.

State law requires the City to allow duplexes or a single family home and two accessory dwelling units on lots in single-family zoned neighborhoods. In addition to complying with state law, the Planning Commission is considering changes such as:

- Allowing 3-unit townhouses on lots along major roads such as 116th St. and SE May Creek Park Dr., provided one of the units is affordable to middle income buyers.
- Requiring developments of 4 or more units to either provide housing affordable to moderate income residents onsite or to pay a fee that could be used to build affordable housing elsewhere—policies that could make the other homes in the development somewhat more expensive.
- Allowing ADUs and other types of middle housing to be built closer to side and rear lot lines than single family homes are permitted to go today.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Newcastle City Hall and will be streamed live on [YouTube](#). All interested persons are encouraged to attend and make their views known to the Planning Commission.

Written comments may be submitted by regular mail at 12835 Newcastle Way, Suite 200, Newcastle, Washington 98056 or by email to cityclerk@newcastlewa.gov. Written comments received by 4 p.m. on the hearing date will be distributed to the commission before the meeting.

For meeting information or special accommodation, contact Jayne Westman, City Clerk, by calling 425-386-4114, or by sending email or regular mail to the addresses above.