

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM9.36	ACTION			Ward: All
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Expanding Housing Options in Toronto- Tackling the Missing Middle and the ‘Yellowbelt’ - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Housing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report to the Planning and Housing Committee in the fourth quarter of 2019 on options and a timeline to increase housing options and planning permissions in areas of Toronto designated as Neighbourhoods in Toronto’s Official Plan.

Summary

In decades past, many of Toronto’s neighbourhoods housed more people than they do today. Shrinking family sizes and changing demographics have reduced the population in many neighbourhoods.

To allow residents to age in their communities, and to accommodate more people in their underused houses and to provide alternative forms of housing, we must examine the means by which we can expand permissions to construct the so-called ‘Missing Middle’ housing form. The Missing Middle refers to housing forms that range from duplexes to low-rise walk-up apartments many of which can be found in a number of Toronto’s neighbourhoods today.

Areas of Toronto designated as Neighbourhoods in the Official Plan, and coloured yellow in the land use plan map, are referred to as the ‘Yellowbelt.’

Toronto has made significant strides in the last several years to expand housing options in the City’s neighbourhoods including approving laneway housing and secondary suites. These changes have added the potential for thousands of additional units to be created in neighbourhoods without significant impacts. It is imperative that we continue to look for ways to allow gentle density throughout the City to alleviate the demand for housing and to build a more equitable City.

Background Information (City Council)

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