



Office of the City Manager

October 31, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Re: Middle Housing Update

The Middle Housing zoning changes adopted by the City Council on July 29, 2025, will take effect on November 1, 2025. Monday, November 3, 2025, will be the first business day when applications for Middle Housing projects can be submitted.

Since the adoption of the Middle Housing zoning changes, staff in the Planning and Development Department have undertaken several implementation steps. These include:

- A new Middle Housing web page, which can be found at <https://berkeleyca.gov/construction-development/land-use-development/middle-housing-zoning>. The web page includes a summary of the Middle Housing zoning changes, a map and address locator tool to determine whether a parcel is subject to the Middle Housing zoning changes, and links to application forms and submittal requirements.
- A new Middle Housing Zoning Certificate Application Form, as well as detailed submittal requirements for middle housing projects. New application forms are under development and will be posted to [Planning's Permit Forms page](#) soon
- Land Use Planning staff have been trained on the new middle housing zoning changes, application forms, and project review process.
- A Community Message will be issued on November 3, 2025, to inform the Berkeley community of the effective date of the Middle Housing zoning changes.

Additionally, on September 30, 2025, the City Council adopted a new fee structure for zoning review of Middle Housing projects.

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