

HOUSING FORWARD

OVERVIEW OF SEPT 2025 PROPOSED ORDINANCES

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Housing Policy Committee Meeting, September 25, 2025



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#1 Increase Housing Choice

- Look for ways to make lot division and subdivision processes simpler to create more new lots for homes

Leg ID 89916

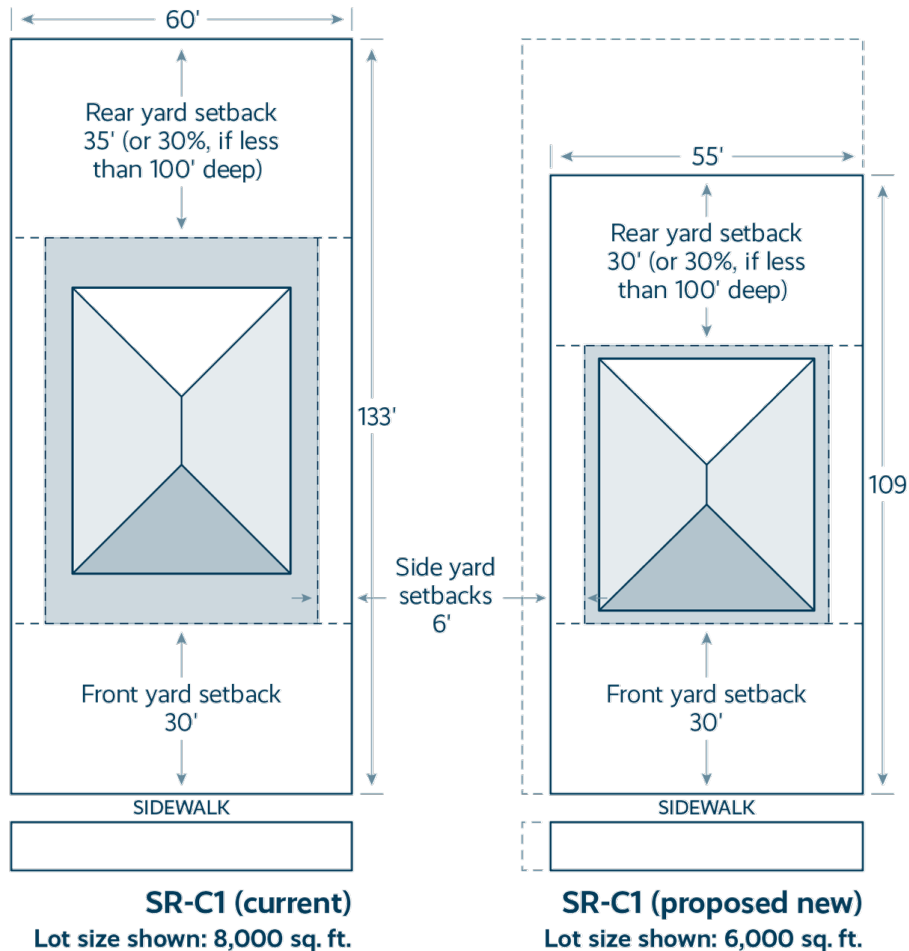
- Continue to simplify zoning standards for infill housing

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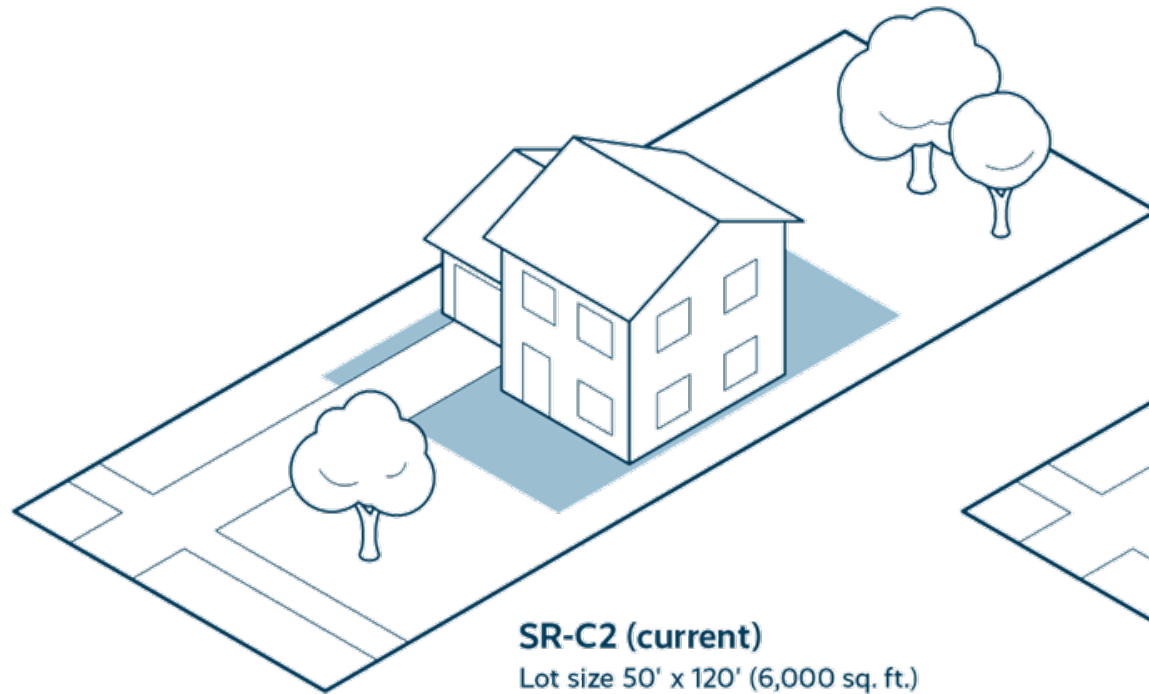
- Pursue more code and process changes to support small-scale “missing middle” housing,

Leg ID 89918

Adjust lot area, lot width, & alley attached garage rear setback minimums

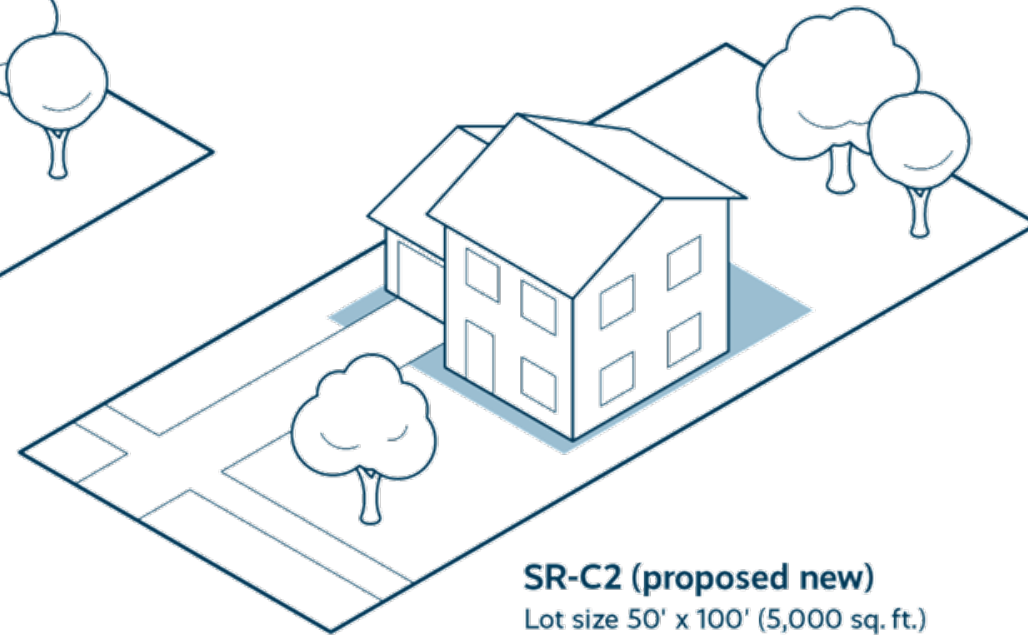


- Small adjustments across the city to decrease the amount of land area required for new homes
- Over time, can support gentle infill when owners decide to divide their properties



SR-C2 (current)

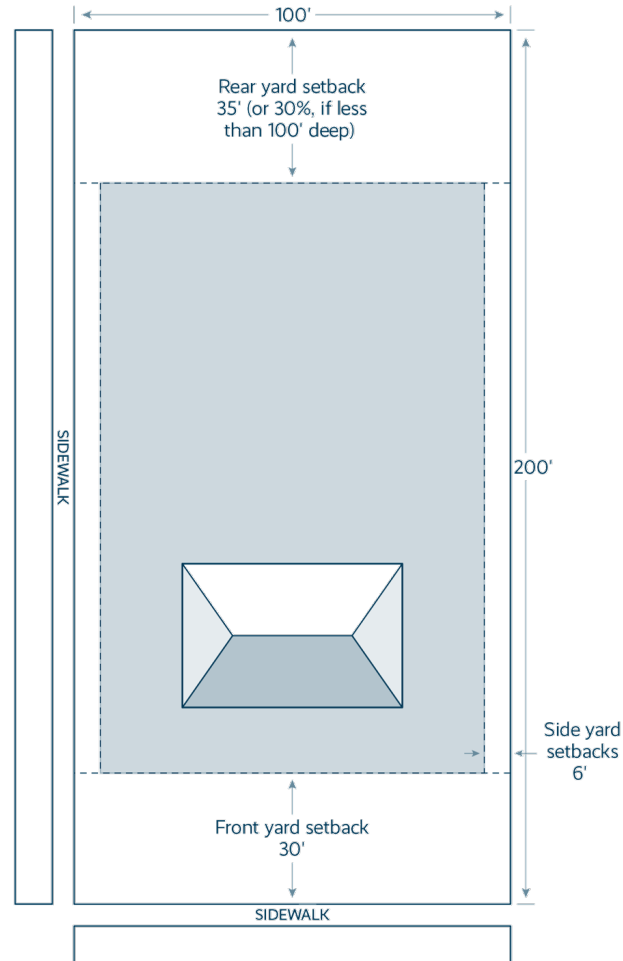
Lot size 50' x 120' (6,000 sq. ft.)
Front yard setback 30'
Rear yard setback 35'
Side yard setbacks 6'



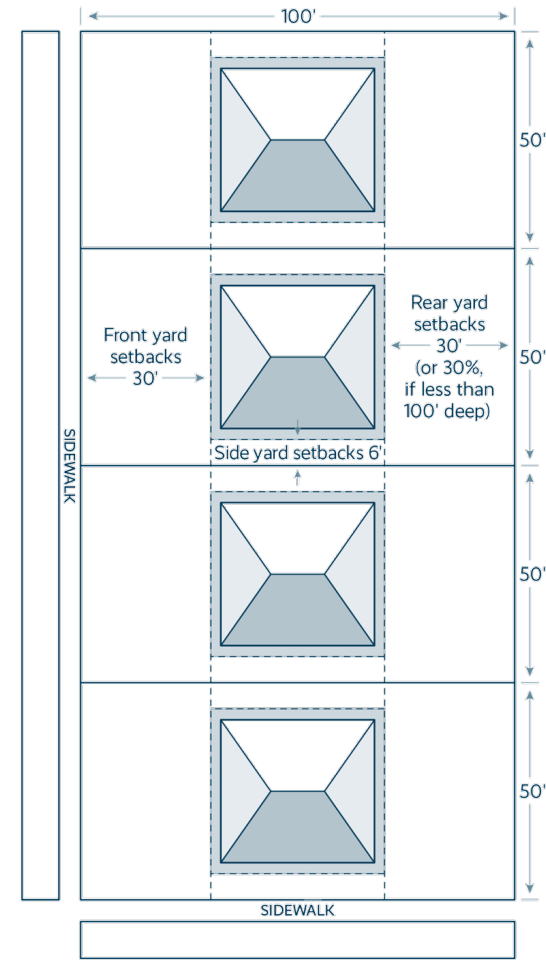
SR-C2 (proposed new)

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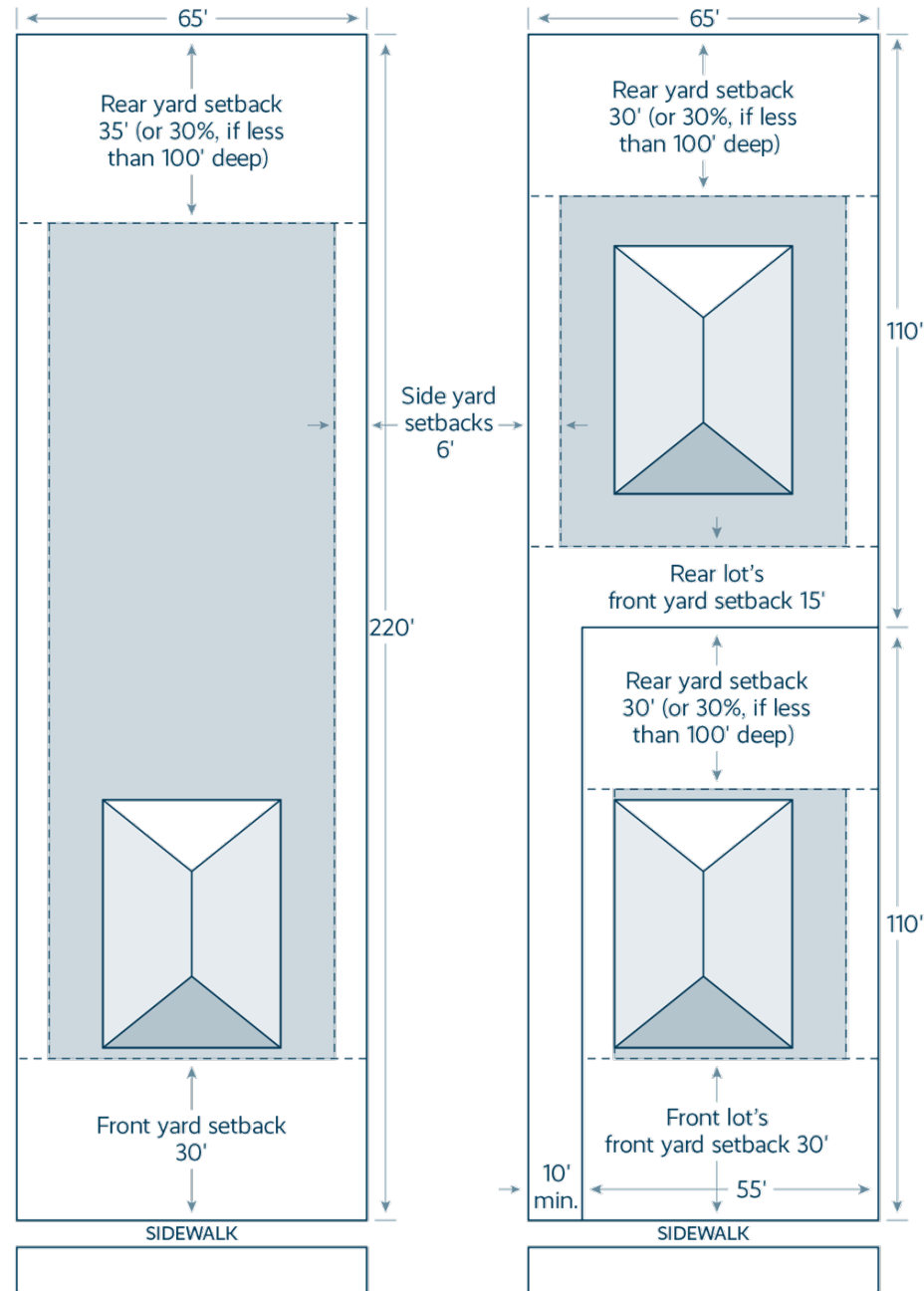
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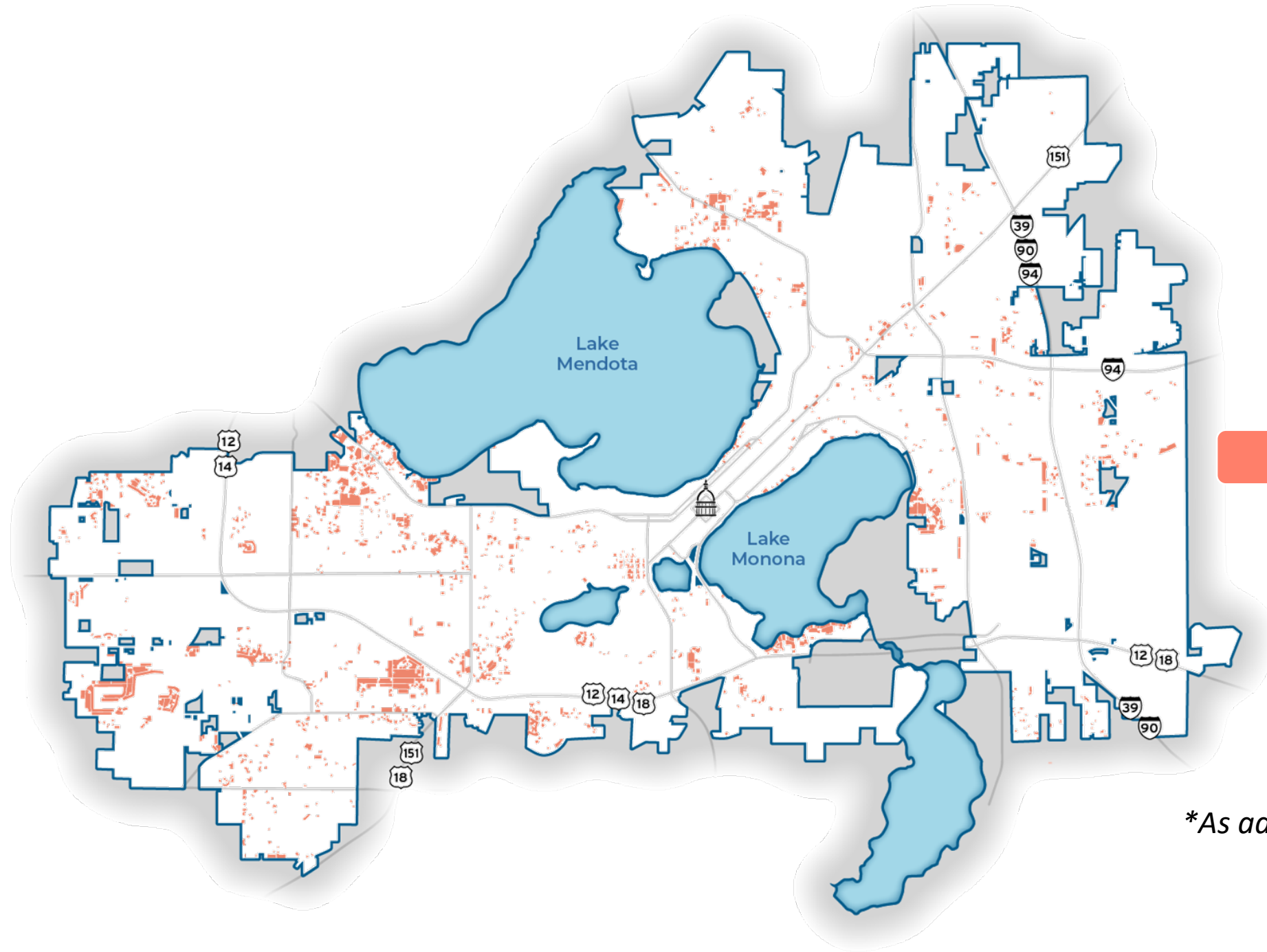
SR-C2 (20,000 sq. ft. corner lot)



SR-C2 (corner lot subdivided)

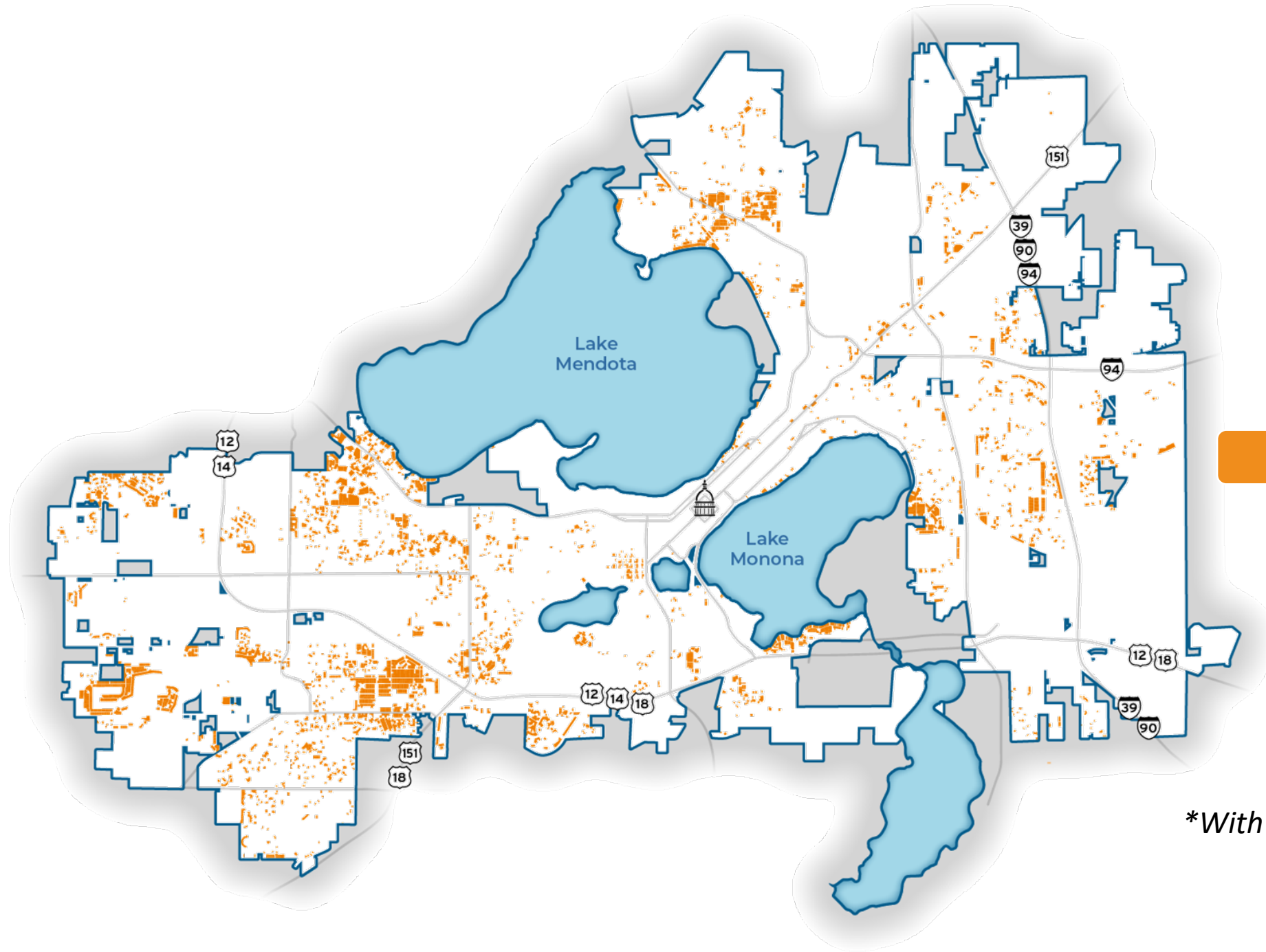


SR-C1 backyard lot



Lots meet basic size requirements* for “backyard lot” creation

**As adopted in July 2025*



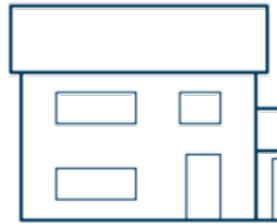
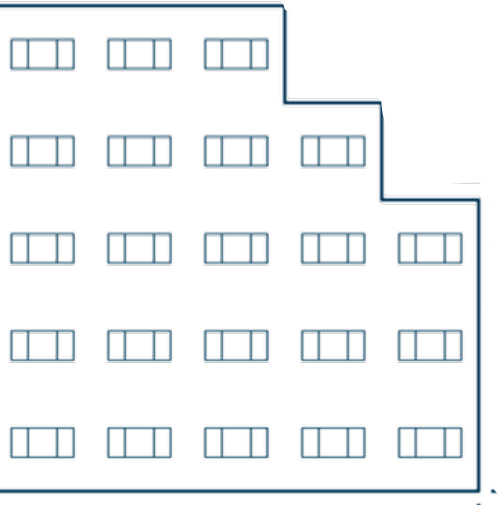
Lots meet basic size requirements under proposal* for “backyard lot” creation

**With changes as introduced*



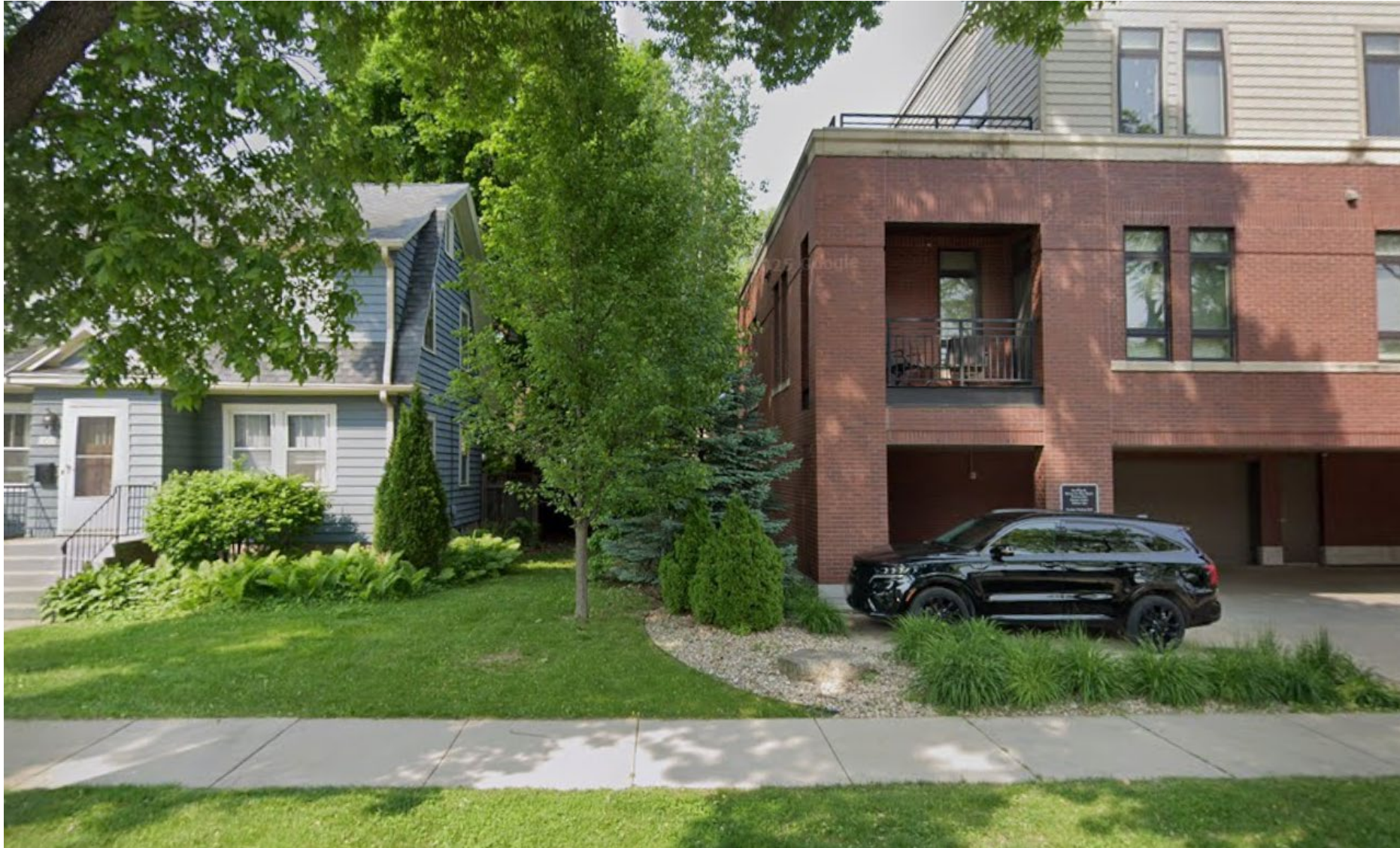


Increase maximum allowed heights in height transition areas



- Commercial corridors across the city support infill redevelopment at all scales
- “Step-down” requirements for buildings next to residential zoning districts are important, but also limiting
- The proposed change would allow height to equal the *maximum height* in the adjacent residential district

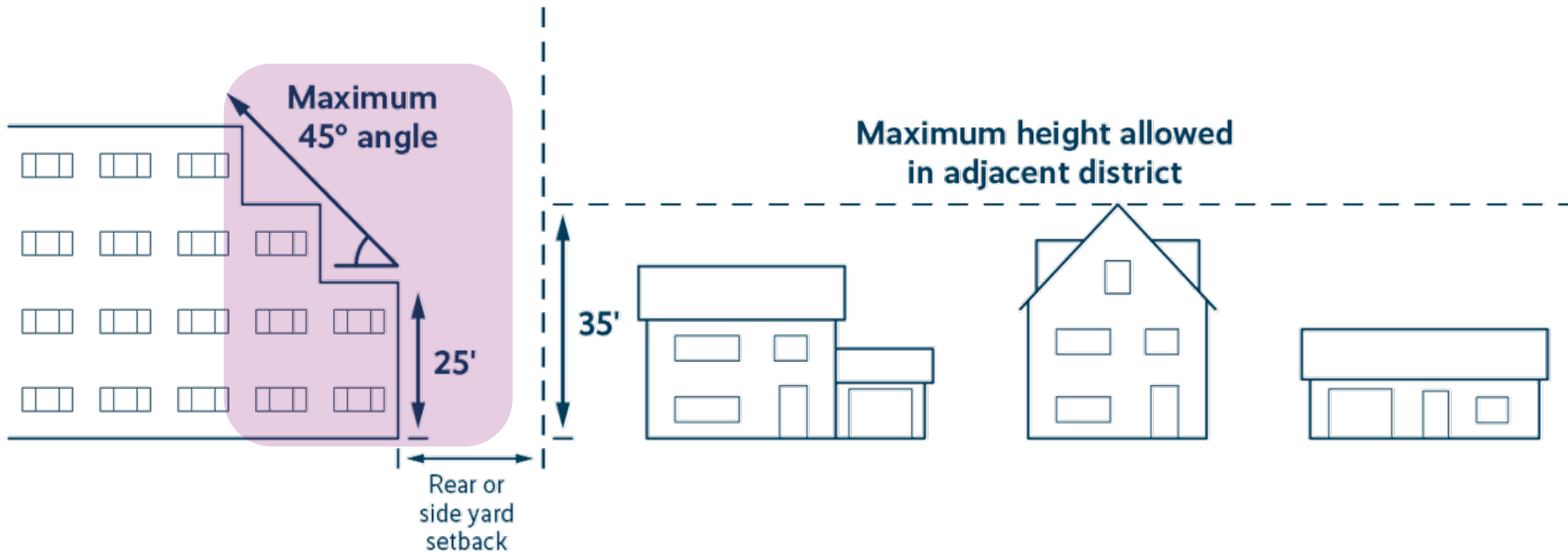






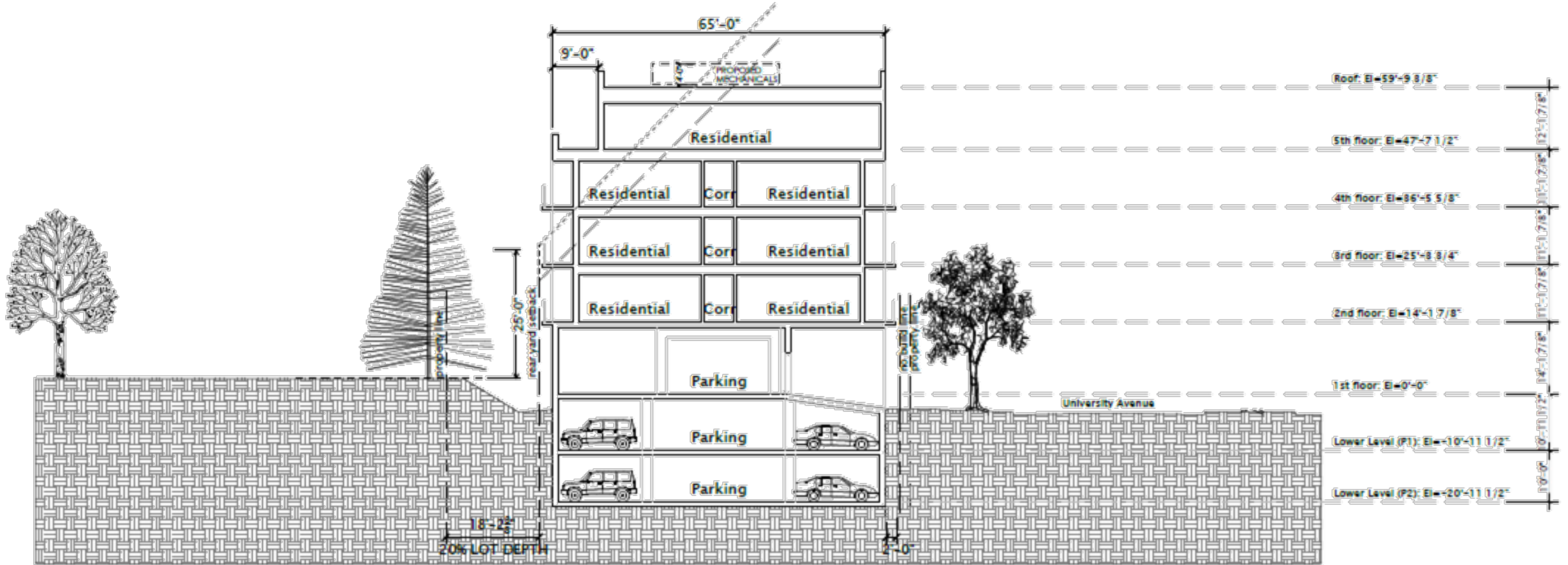
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Current Requirement





Current Requirement can be modified through conditional use approval





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Proposed Change





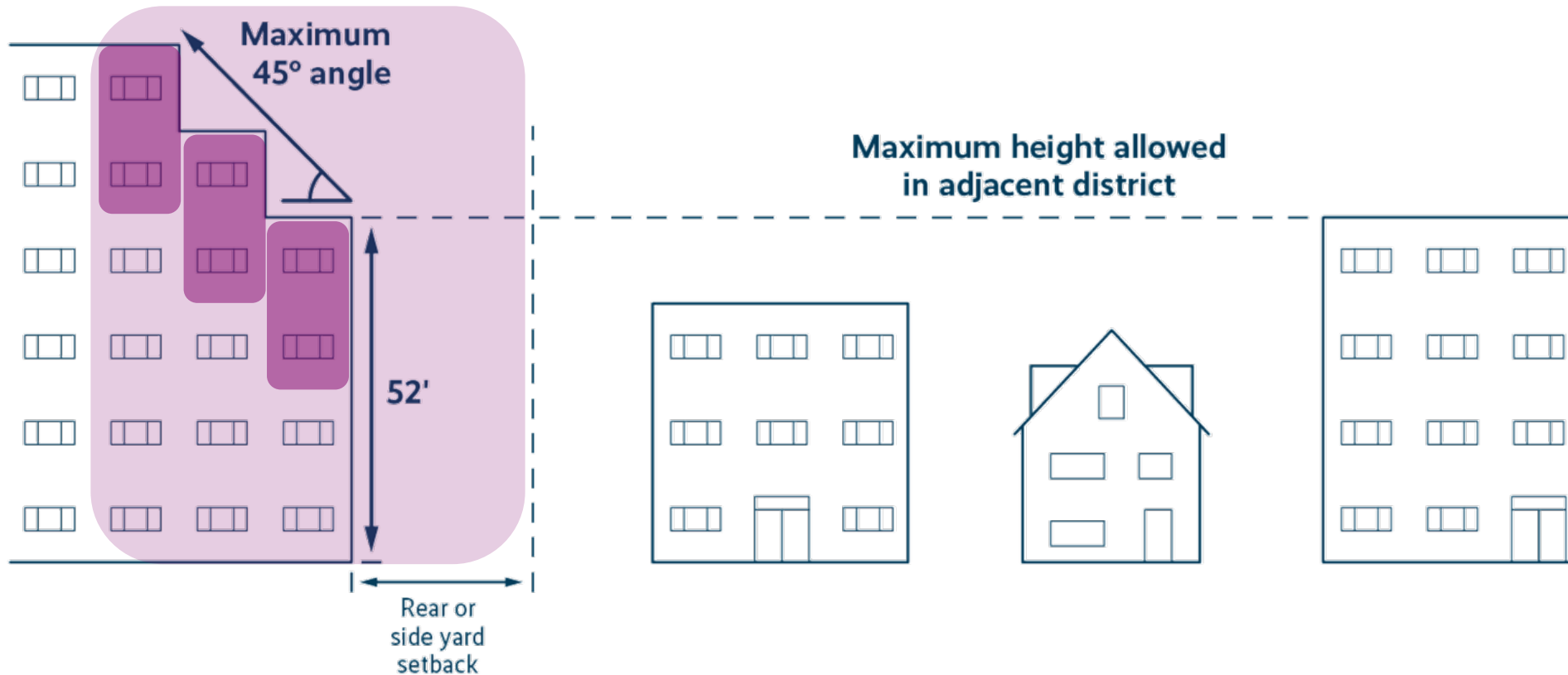
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Proposed Change – when adjacent to residential district with 35' max height

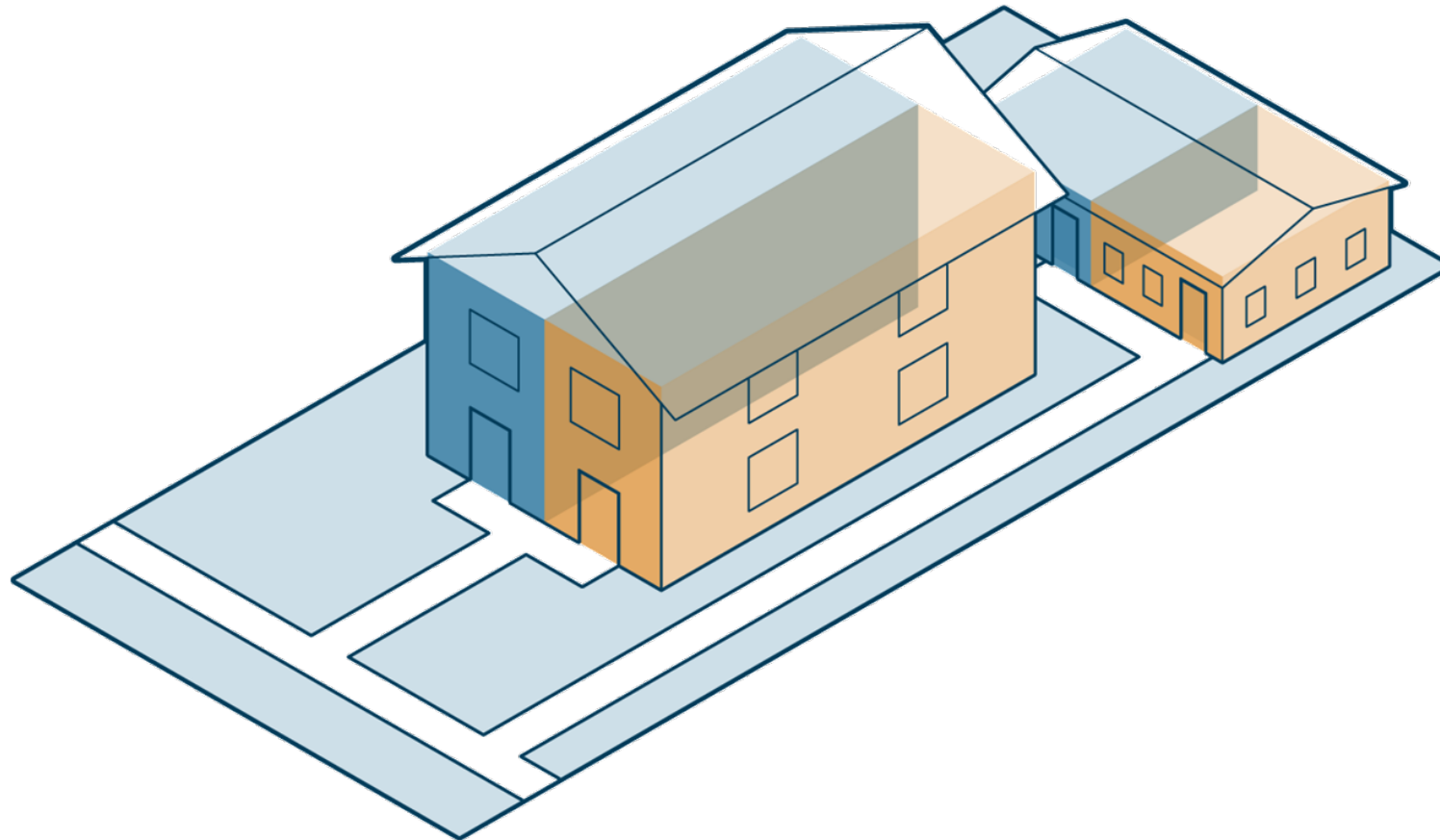


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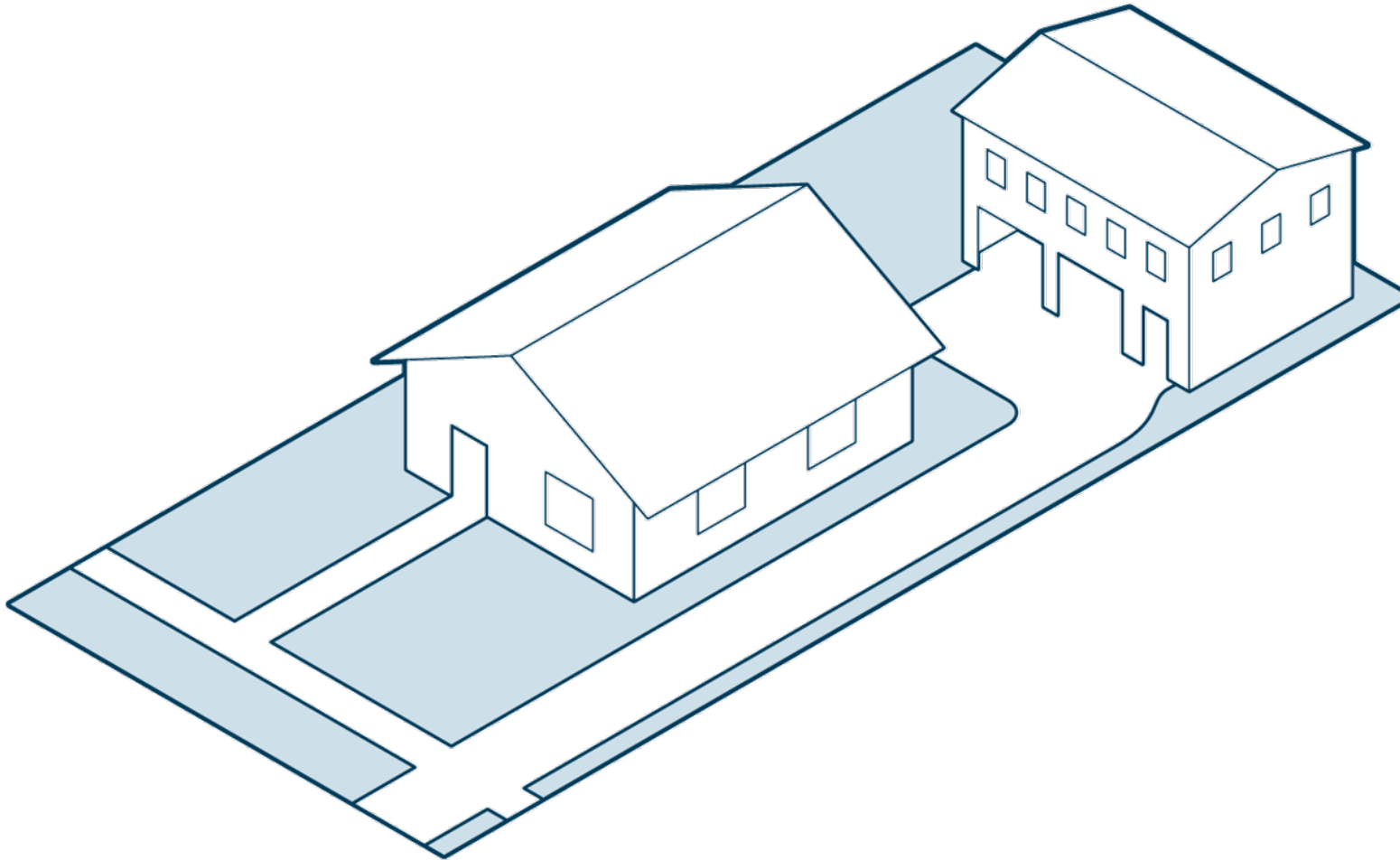
Proposed Change – when adjacent to residential district with 52' max height



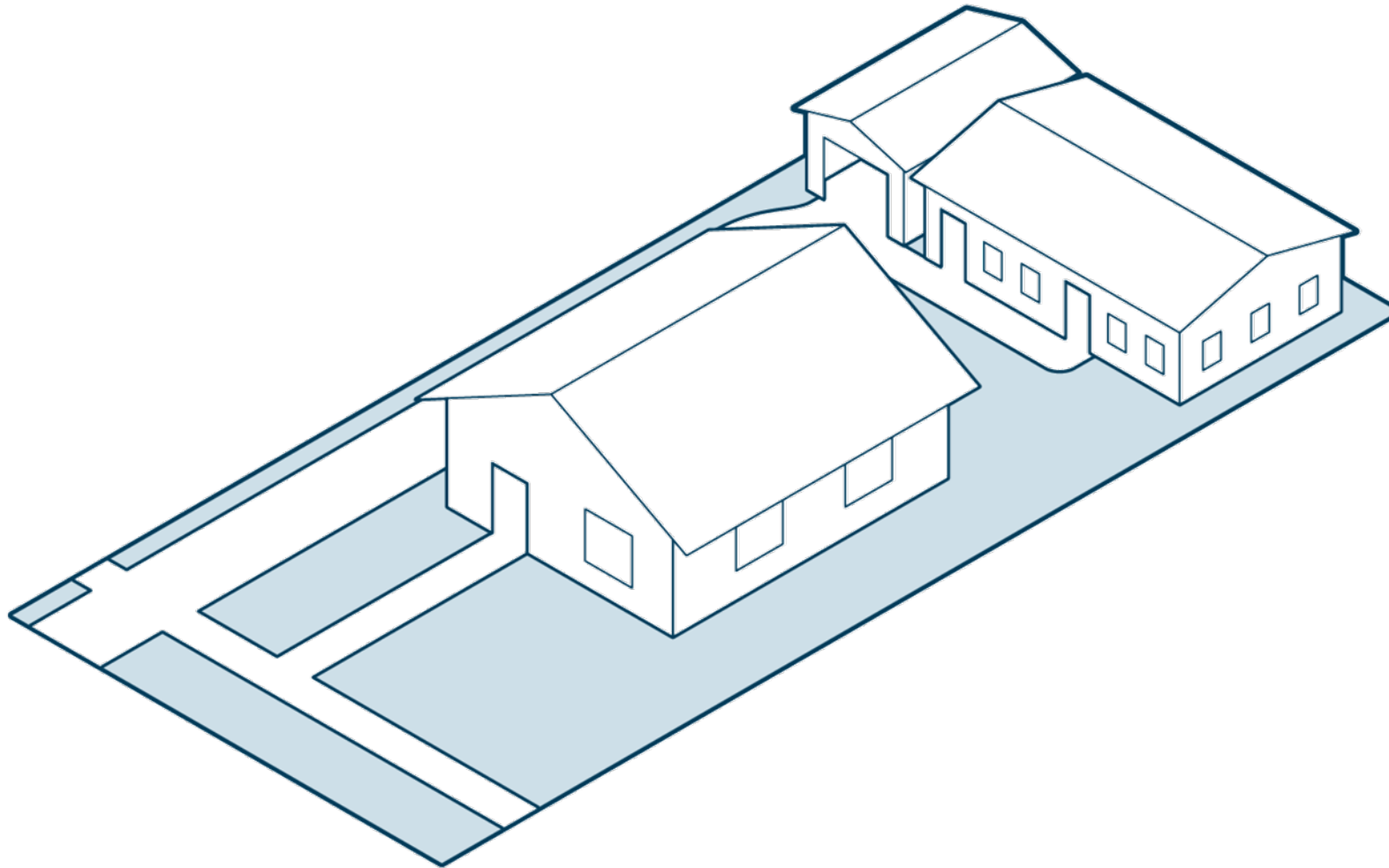
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Next Steps



Housing Policy Committee

Thursday, September 25, 4:30 pm
(Virtual - Zoom)

Community Information Meeting

Tuesday, September 30, 5:00 pm
(Virtual – Zoom)

Plan Commission

Monday, October 6, 5:30 pm
(Virtual – Zoom)

Common Council

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 pm
(Hybrid – City County Building Rm 201 or Zoom)

Questions & Discussion

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