

# city of yes for Housing Opportunity



## Transit-Oriented Development

**City of Yes for Housing Opportunity** is a plan to tackle our housing shortage by making it possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood. Together, we can make our city more affordable without dramatic changes in any one community.

**An important part of this plan is allowing modest apartment buildings near public transit.**

### How it works

Modest apartment buildings exist in lower-density areas of the five boroughs, most built between the 1920s and 1950s. However, current zoning bans new ones despite the severe housing shortage.

**City of Yes would re-legalize modest, transit-oriented apartment buildings in low-density areas.**

Sites must be within half-a-mile of train or subway stations, over 5,000 square feet, and on a corner or facing a street 75+ feet wide. Buildings would be 3, 4 or 5 stories, depending on zoning district.

**These modest “missing middle” apartment buildings would help relieve our housing shortage while matching the scale and character of existing buildings that can no longer be built.**

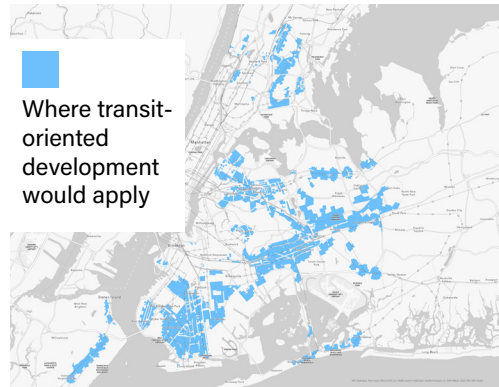
Bay Ridge, Brooklyn



Woodhaven, Queens



Saint George, Staten Island



### What comes next

*City of Yes for Housing Opportunity* began public review in April 2024. Community boards and borough presidents provided input and the City Planning Commission (CPC) held a public hearing. In September, the CPC voted to approve the proposal. Now, it goes to the City Council for a final vote before the end of the year.

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