

city of yes for housing opportunity

gives seniors more housing options

Aging New Yorkers helped build the city that we love – but because of NYC’s housing crisis, they face challenges staying in their communities, near family, friends, and caretakers.

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is a zoning reform proposal to tackle this crisis, and includes a range of tools to create the safe, stable homes that seniors urgently need.

Seniors face a variety of housing challenges

- Seniors are more likely to be rent-burdened, and live on a fixed income than other New Yorkers.
- NYC’s housing shortage limits opportunities for loved ones & caregivers to live nearby.
- Aging housing stock poses difficulties for seniors requiring accessible housing to live independent, safe, and comfortable lives.
- These problems are growing: the number of NYC residents over 65 is steadily increasing, and now stands at approximately 1.3 million, or 15% of the total population.

City of Yes provides seniors with housing relief

- ✔ **Legalize accessory dwelling units (ADUs)** for one- and two-family homes, helping seniors downsize, age in place, bring in extra income, or provide living space for a loved one or caregiver.
- ✔ **Spark creation of income-restricted, affordable senior housing** by bringing the AIRS (Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors) program to every medium- and high-density district, vastly expanding the number of potential sites for nonprofit, senior housing, and other affordable developers.
- ✔ **Allow for more housing and more housing types across all neighborhoods**, including small and shared homes, so seniors have more opportunities to stay in their communities, and live in affordable, accessible homes.

AARP supports ADUs and City of Yes



“ADUs give older New Yorkers the freedom to downsize & have their families nearby. Without them, more people will enter institutional care. Let’s help them stay right here, they built the city and we owe it to them.”

Beth Finkel, State Director,
New York State Office, AARP

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