



18.2.2 Reduction of fees

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Land Use Code or Chapter 6 to the contrary, development fees shall be reduced by the City for an eligible project in the manner described in Table 18-A.
- B. Development fees shall include:
 - 1. Site plan review and inspection fees.
 - 2. Subdivision review and inspection fees.
 - 3. Impact fees.
 - 4. Administrative fees.
 - 5. Construction and permit fees as described in Chapter 6 of the City of Portland Code of Ordinances.

Development fees do not include any fees charged for review conducted by any party other than the City.

- C. Eligible project shall mean a development project:
 - 1. That is permissible under the provisions of this Land Use Code in the zone in which it is proposed.
 - 2. That will be a single-family or multi-family dwelling, or subdivision consisting of a group of dwellings, and will not be located in an R-1 or R-2 zone.
 - 3. That creates new dwelling units, among which is at least one low-income or workforce housing unit for rent or sale, through new construction, substantial rehabilitation of existing structures, adaptive reuse or conversion of a nonresidential use to residential use, or any combination of these elements. Affordable housing units for sale or rent may not differ in exterior design from other units within an eligible project.

- 4. Projects shall not be considered “eligible projects” solely because they are subject to Subsection 18.2.3.
- D. The Planning Authority shall perform its review of an eligible project in as expedited a manner as is practical, without impairing the scope or thoroughness of the review. The Planning Authority may adopt administrative procedures to prioritize review of eligible projects and facilitate this expedited review.
- E. The Planning Board shall make its best efforts to give priority in scheduling workshops and public hearings related to any plans or applications required for an eligible project that are within the Planning Board’s jurisdiction, without impairing the scope or thoroughness of its review. At the conclusion of these public meetings, the Planning Board shall promptly issue a decision on all such plans and applications before it for consideration.

18.2.3 Ensuring workforce housing

- A. **Purpose.** Based on the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the City’s 2015 housing study, it is in the public interest to promote an adequate supply of housing that is affordable to a range of households at different income levels. The purpose of this subsection is to ensure that housing developments over a certain size provide a portion of workforce housing units and, by doing so, promote the health, safety, and welfare of Portland citizens.
- B. **Applicability.** This subsection shall apply to development projects that create ten or more net new dwelling units for rent or for sale through new construction, substantial rehabilitation of existing structures, adaptive reuse or conversion of a nonresidential use to

residential use, or any combination of these elements, with the exception that projects using public financing requiring affordability restrictions, as defined by tax increment financing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds such as HOME or CDBG, other federal, state, or local housing program, or the Low-income Housing Tax Credit program, shall be considered exempt.

C. Standards. Development projects subject to this subsection shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in this Land Use Code, all developments of ten units or more are conditional uses subject to Planning Board review on the condition that they comply with the requirements of this subsection, unless they are within the India Street Form-Based Code Zone, in which case the review will be conducted administratively or by the Planning Board in accordance with the thresholds of site plan review for the district.
2. At least 25% of the units in the project shall meet the definition of workforce housing unit for sale or for rent as defined in Article 3. The project shall have the option of paying a partial fee-in-lieu as per (6) below or providing an additional unit on-site for any fractional value.
3. Projects shall not be segmented or phased to avoid compliance with these provisions. In cases where projects are completed in phases, affordable units shall be provided in proportion to the development of market rate units unless otherwise permitted through regulations.
4. Workforce units must be integrated with the rest of the development, must use a common entrance, and must provide no indications from common areas that these units are workforce housing units.
5. Workforce units need not be the same size as other units in the development but the number of bedrooms in such units, either on- or off-site, shall be no less than 10 percent of the total number of bedrooms in the development. For the purposes of calculating the number of bedrooms in a development, every 400 square feet in each market rate unit will count as a bedroom if the Planning Authority determines this method is appropriate in lieu of counting actual bedrooms.
6. As an alternative to providing workforce housing units, projects may pay a fee-in-lieu of some or all of the units. In-lieu fees shall be paid into the Housing Trust Fund. The fee for affordable units not provided shall be \$150,000 per unit, adjusted annually in the same way as the fee under Subsection 18.1.8.
7. Workforce housing units for sale, if converted to workforce housing units for rent, shall become subject to the income limits and other requirements of such units.
8. If at least 33% of the units in a development are workforce units, the development is eligible for subsidy through an Affordable Housing TIF, subject to City Council approval.
9. The term of affordability for the required 25% workforce units provided shall be defined as shown in Table 18-B.



D. Implementing regulations. Regulations to further specify the details of this subsection shall be developed, including, but not limited to:

1. Specific methodology for income verification.
2. Situations where less than permanent affordability might be considered.
3. Guidelines for meeting the requirement that off-site units be “in the same neighborhood.”

TABLE 18-B: MINIMUM TERM OF AFFORDABILITY FOR REQUIRED WORKFORCE UNITS

% of Workforce		Minimum Term of Affordability
Units Provided		
25%		30 years
50%		20 years
100%		10 years

TABLE 18-C: BONUSES FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

% Low-income Units	% Workforce Units	% Additional		
		Density Permitted ¹	Height Permitted ²	Setback Reductions ³
10%	20%	1.1 x base	N/A	N/A
20%	40%	1.2 x base	10 ft.	N/A
30%	60%	1.3 x base	10 ft.	5 ft.
50%	100%	2.0 x base	15 ft.	5 ft.
75%	N/A	2.5 x base	25 ft.	10 ft.

¹ “Base” is the number of units allowed under the zoning without this bonus but with any other bonuses applied. In R-P zones, multifamily is permitted with a “base” no less than 1 unit per 1,500 SF. of land area. If an eligible project is providing both workforce and affordable housing units, the applicant shall have the option of utilizing applicable incentives, but not cumulatively.

² The maximum additional height permitted in the B-1/B-1b zones and the R-P zone shall be 15 feet. In addition, the maximum structure height is 50 feet within 750 feet of the Portland Observatory.

³ Setback reductions are absolute reductions in front, side, and/or rear setback requirements. The maximum setback reductions in the B-1/B-1b and R-P zones shall be 5 ft.

E. Reporting to City Council. In conjunction with the annual report on the Housing Trust Fund, the Planning Authority shall annually report on developments subject to this subsection, the number of units produced, the amount of fee-in-lieu collected, and the overall effectiveness of this subsection in achieving its stated purpose.

18.2.4 Density and dimensional bonuses and reductions

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Land Use Code to the contrary, in order to encourage low-income and workforce units in designated growth areas, eligible projects as defined under Subsection 18.2.2 may avail themselves of the following options:

A. Density bonuses. The maximum number of units that would otherwise be allowed under this Land Use Code shall be increased for an eligible project in the manner described in Table 18-C, applicable in the B-1/B-1b, B-2/B-2b/B-2c, B-3/B-3b/B-3c, B-5, R-7, and R-P zones.

B. Planned Residential Unit Developments (PRUDs). In order to promote orderly development of low- and moderate-income development as PRUDs, any project in which more than 50% of the units are low-income or workforce units for rent or for sale may utilize the following dimensional bonuses and changes:

1. Minimum lot area per dwelling unit is reduced by 50%.
2. Maximum number of units and maximum length of buildings do not apply but may be set through site plan review.
3. Minimum building setbacks may be reduced to 10 feet.



4. The PRUD may cross public rights of way provided that the right of way does not count towards minimum lot size nor towards any open space requirements.
 5. Minimum recreation open space area is reduced to 200 square feet per dwelling unit of common area designated for recreational purposes by the residents. Minimum contiguous size and setbacks do not apply and shall be set through site plan review.
 6. The Planning Board's *Design Manual*, design standards, and guidelines with respect to PRUDs shall apply in full to PRUDs utilizing this subsection.
- C. Unit size and term of affordability.** In order to be eligible for this subsection, the low-income and workforce housing units must meet Subsections 18.2.3(C)(3), (4), and (5) and be affordable for the longest term permitted under federal, state, and local laws.
- D. Required public process.** The developer of the project must also commit to a good faith effort to communicate openly with affected properties as their process moves forward. At a minimum, no less than 30 days prior to application for site plan review, any project that wishes to take advantage of this subsection must hold a public meeting noticed to all properties within 500 feet of their site and post a sign on the property in question describing the proposed project, intent to submit an application to the City in 30 days (cite anticipated submission date), and contact information for the developer and the Planning Authority. The Planning Board may adopt regulations regarding the content and

processes for noticing as part of the *Technical Manual*.

- E. Projects under 18.2.3.** Projects that are subject to Subsection 18.2.3 that choose to provide the required workforce housing units on site are eligible for a 25% increase in total permitted units. If an eligible project as defined under Subsection 18.2.2 is also subject to Subsection 18.2.3, the applicant shall have the option of utilizing either this bonus or any bonuses they are eligible for under Subsections 18.2.4(A) and (B) but not both.

18.2.5 Inclusionary zoning for hotel projects

- A. Purpose.** This subsection is based on City analysis, most specifically the analysis documented in the Greater Portland Council of Government study *Proposed Hotel Linkage Fee: Supportable Range* dated August 29, 2018, that finds that new hospitality developments create a need for new affordable housing. This need is the result of the fact that hospitality developments necessarily create a number of jobs that do not pay employees at a rate sufficient to allow those employees to afford market-rate housing in the City of Portland.
- B. Hotel projects.** For the purposes of this subsection, hotel projects shall include any hotel as defined in Article 3 consisting of 10 or more guest rooms for rent. Any expansion of an existing hotel by 10 or more rooms within any five-year period will also be considered a hotel project.
- C. Hotel projects conditional uses.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Land Use Code, all hotel projects are conditional uses subject to Planning Board