

Ordinance No. 4070

An Ordinance Amending the Regulations Contained in Anacortes Municipal Code Section 19.41.040 *Principal Uses Permitted in Residential Zones* and AMC 19.43.010 *Household Living* to Change Certain Housing Types from Conditional Uses to Permitted Outright Uses in the R2 and R3 Zones.

Whereas, on July 18, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2982 adopting a new Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the City's periodic Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan amendment and update process; and

Whereas, the Anacortes Comprehensive Plan provides guidance for amending the Anacortes Municipal Code (AMC) development regulations and official zoning map to implement its land use, housing, economic development, transportation, environment and conservation, and other goals and policies; and

Whereas, the Anacortes Comprehensive Plan directs the City to provide for a wide variety of housing types to meet the full range of housing needs for Anacortes' evolving population and to enhance regulatory predictability through streamlining regulations and permitting; and

Whereas, the purpose of the conditional use permit review process is to address the unusual characteristics of a specific use or area in which it is to be located;

Whereas, the Anacortes Municipal Code already contains development standards that adequately address the characteristics and impacts of duplexes, triplexes and other residential uses, thereby making conditional use permit review unnecessary;

Whereas, on January 17, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 3104 adopting a Housing Action Plan which recommends strategies to improve the availability and affordability of housing for the entire community; and

Whereas, the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and changes recommended by the Housing Action Plan;

Whereas, the proposed amendments are in the best interests of the City of Anacortes residents; and

Whereas, the proposed amendments as set forth herein have been processed, reviewed, considered, and adopted in material compliance with all applicable state and local procedural requirements, standards and requirements, standards, and criteria, including but not limited to the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW.

Darcy Swetnam, City Attorney

Whereas, a public comment opportunity was provided for the proposed amendments at the December 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting; and

Whereas, the City Council considered the Planning Commission recommendation at a meeting on January 22, 2024.

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Anacortes does ordain as follows:

- **Section 1.** Findings. The above recitals are hereby adopted by reference as legislative findings in support of this ordinance.
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Development Regulation Amendments Adopted.</u> The Anacortes Municipal Code at Sections 19.41.040 and 19.43.010 are hereby amended to read as shown in <u>Attachment A</u>.
- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Transmittal to State.</u> Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, a copy of this ordinance shall be submitted to the State Department of Commerce.
- Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance.
- <u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> Consistent with RCW 35A.12.130, this ordinance takes effect 5 days after publication.

Section 6.	PASSED and APPROVED this 22 nd day of January 2024.	
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AMC Table 19.41.040 is hereby amended to read:

19.41.040 Principal uses permitted in residential zones.

Table 19.41.040 below provides the list of permitted principal uses in residential zones.

NOTE: Accessory uses are not shown in these principal use charts. See AMC Chapter <u>19.47</u>, Accessory Uses and Structures, for applicable accessory use provisions.

Table 19.41.040

Principal uses permitted in residential zones.

Principal Use	R1	R2	R2A	R3	R3A	R4	R4A	ОТ	Reference
RESIDENTIAL									
Household Living, as listed below									AMC <u>19.43.010(A)</u>
Single-family	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	AMC <u>19.43.010(B)</u>
Single-family, small lot				Р	Р	Р	Р		AMC <u>19.43.010(C)</u>
Cottage housing		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		AMC <u>19.43.010(D)</u>
Duplex		C -P	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	AMC <u>19.43.010(E)</u>
Triplex				<u>C-P</u>	Р	Р	Р		AMC <u>19.43.010(F)</u>
Townhouse				<mark>€ P</mark> (X)	Р	Р	Р		AMC <u>19.43.010(G)</u> (X) AMC <u>19.43.010(G)(3)</u>
Multifamily, 4 units				<mark>C-P</mark>	Р	Р	Р		AMC <u>19.43.010(H)</u> and (I)

Principal Use	R1	R2	R2A	R3	R3A	R4	R4A	ОТ	Reference
Multifamily, 5 or more units						Р	Р		AMC <u>19.43.010(H)</u> and <u>(I)</u>
Live-work									AMC <u>19.43.010(J)</u>

AMC 19.43.010(G) Townhouses is hereby amended to read:

G. Townhouses.

1. *Definition.* A dwelling unit in a row of at least three such units in which each unit has its own front access to the outside, no unit is located over another unit, and each unit is separated from any other unit by one or more common walls.

2. Purpose.

- a. To enhance the character of the street.
- b. To maintain "eyes on the street" for safety to pedestrians and to create a more welcoming and interesting streetscape.
- c. To de-emphasize garages and driveways as major visual elements along the street.
- d. To provide usable open space for residents.
- e. To reduce the apparent bulk and scale of large townhouse buildings.
- f. To promote architectural variety that adds visual interest to the neighborhood.

3. Zone-Specific Standards.

- a. R3 and R3A Zone Standards. Townhouse structures-with up to four-4 attached units are permitted by right. in the R3A zone and conditionally permitted in the R3 zone. Townhouse structures with more than four 4 attached units are prohibited in the R3 and R3A zones.
- b. *R4 and R4A Zone Standards*. Townhouse developments have the following form and intensity adjustments from Table 19.42.020:
 - i. Maximum lot coverage: 60 percent.

- ii. Minimum landscaped area: 15 percent.
- c. In the MMU zone east of Q Avenue, townhouses and other permitted residential uses within single-purpose buildings may cover up to 60 percent of the site area (parcel or contiguous parcels held under common ownership), provided they meet access, site and building design standards in this title. Associated parking, landscaping, open space, and other facilities accessory to the residential uses are included within the site area limitation. The maximum percentage may be increased through a framework development plan (AMC 19.61.180).

d. C Zone Standards.

- i. Townhouses that do not meet the standards for live-work dwellings that front on Commercial Avenue within the C zone are prohibited.
- ii. Townhouses that do not meet the standards for live-work dwellings are prohibited within the C zone south of 41st Street.

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