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## **Beloit City Council Approves Flexible Housing Ordinance**

**September 22, 2022** - Developers and property owners will now have more flexibility to develop homes in Beloit. The housing flexibility ordinance, which was passed unanimously Monday night, creates an opportunity for property owners to build homes that are narrower than 25 feet and less than 1,000 square feet.

Any proposed homes that are narrower than 25 feet and less than 1,000 square feet can now be considered through the Planned Unit Development process, which ultimately requires City Council approval on an individual basis. This change opens up the potential for development on some of the smaller, vacant lots in the city or for property owners to create an "in-law house" on their land, for example.

"Housing availability is crucial to the success of our community," said Drew Pennington, interim economic development director. "This will increase opportunities for development while still providing City Council oversight to ensure quality homes meet expectations of a planned unit development."

Applications for development through this process will be available in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall starting September 28, 2022.

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