

Residents and Property Owners in the R-5 Zoning District

The Portland Planning Office invites the public to participate in a series of public meetings to gather input into proposed zoning changes in the R-5 District to allow for residential infill development in accordance with Action 3.c.1 of the City's Housing Plan (see web site reference below). Portland's R-5 zone is located entirely off the peninsula, encompassing significant portions of East Deering, Libbytown, Oakdale, Deering Center, and Rosemont. The proposed provisions will allow for new single family homes on vacant lots between 4,000-6,000 square feet, increase density for multiplexes of new construction, institute design review for single family and multiplex development, and allow accessory units in existing homes and carriage houses. These amendments have been requested by the City Council Housing Committee, and will be reviewed by the Planning Board who will forward a recommendation to the City Council following a public hearing. Public input is welcome at the following meetings:

Neighborhood meetings

Monday, March 31, 7:00-9:00PM at Deering High School Cafeteria, 370 Stevens Avenue

Wednesday April 2, 7:00-9:00PM at the Presumpscot School Gym, 69 Presumpscot St.

Planning Board Workshop

Tuesday, April 22, 3:30 PM in Room 209, Second Floor, City Hall, 389 Congress St.

Public Hearing

Tuesday May 27, 7:00 PM in Room 209, Second Floor, City Hall, 389 Congress St.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Text amendments and other background information can be found on www.portlandmaine.gov/planning/complan.asp as well as at the Portland Planning Division, 4th Floor, City Hall. For questions, please contact Caroline Paras, Planner, Greater Portland Council of Governments, at 774-9891, cparas@gpcog.org, or GPCOG, 68 Marginal Way, 4th Floor, Portland, Maine 04102 or Alex Jaegerman, Portland Planning Division Director at aqj@portlandmaine.gov.