



How Are Regulations Hurting the Housing Market?



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Building regulations started with the intent of ensuring safe building practices, but their scope and scale now restricts our ability to build affordable housing units.

One of the biggest barriers to affordable housing in Washington is the 1971 State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). SEPA requires extensive environmental review of building projects and allows for costly and time-wasting appeals from any member of the community.
Housing delayed is housing denied.

Zoning and building regulations were used to more than double the size of micro-housing units to over 300 square feet.
Mandating an increase of space is mandating an increase in price.

Mother-in-Law apartments are another great way to increase affordable housing, but land use requirements for street parking for each apartment have made this nearly impossible.

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