

vis·it·a·bil·i·ty

/,vɪzɪdə'bilədē/
noun

Changing the way in which homes are designed and constructed, so that it can be sold to any person who wants to live there or it can be accessed by any person who visits.

The **GOAL** of this Action Plan is to enhance Portland, Oregon's age friendliness. As defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), an "age friendly" city:

- has structures and services that are accessible and inclusive of older people with varying needs and capacities;
- emphasizes enablement rather than disablement; and
- is friendly for people of all ages and abilities

The action steps that comprise this plan are intended to move Portland toward future development and activities that foster not only physical environments but also social and service environments that meet these criteria, making Portland a community for all ages.

Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland

Action Item 1.1 - Provide Education to Consumers, Planners and Developers:

Age-friendly housing must be better understood on both the supply and demand sides.

- Educate residents who are looking for housing and those who desire to stay in their existing homes about options and costs so that they can find the best fit with their current and, ideally, their future needs.
- Offer streamlined guidance to planners and developers regarding best practices for age-friendly housing and technical assistance for completing age- and ability-appropriate housing.
- Offer suggestions for home modifications to increase accessibility.

Action Item 1.2 - Improve Accessibility: Policy efforts that lead to inclusive and accessible housing are critical for our city as we all continue to age.

- Adopt policies, offer incentives and implement programs to enhance aspects of age-friendly policies and programs in the City's Comprehensive and Consolidated Plans.
- Review and strengthen policies that pertain to tax abatements, local and statewide structural code, fair housing, green building, urban renewal, visitability (minimally, having at least one no-step entrance, interior doors providing 31.75 inches or more of unobstructed passage space, and a toilet on the main floor), and affordability to increase the availability of accessible housing for older adults.

- one no-step entrance
- interior doors providing 31.75 inches or more of unobstructed passage space
- toilet on the main floor



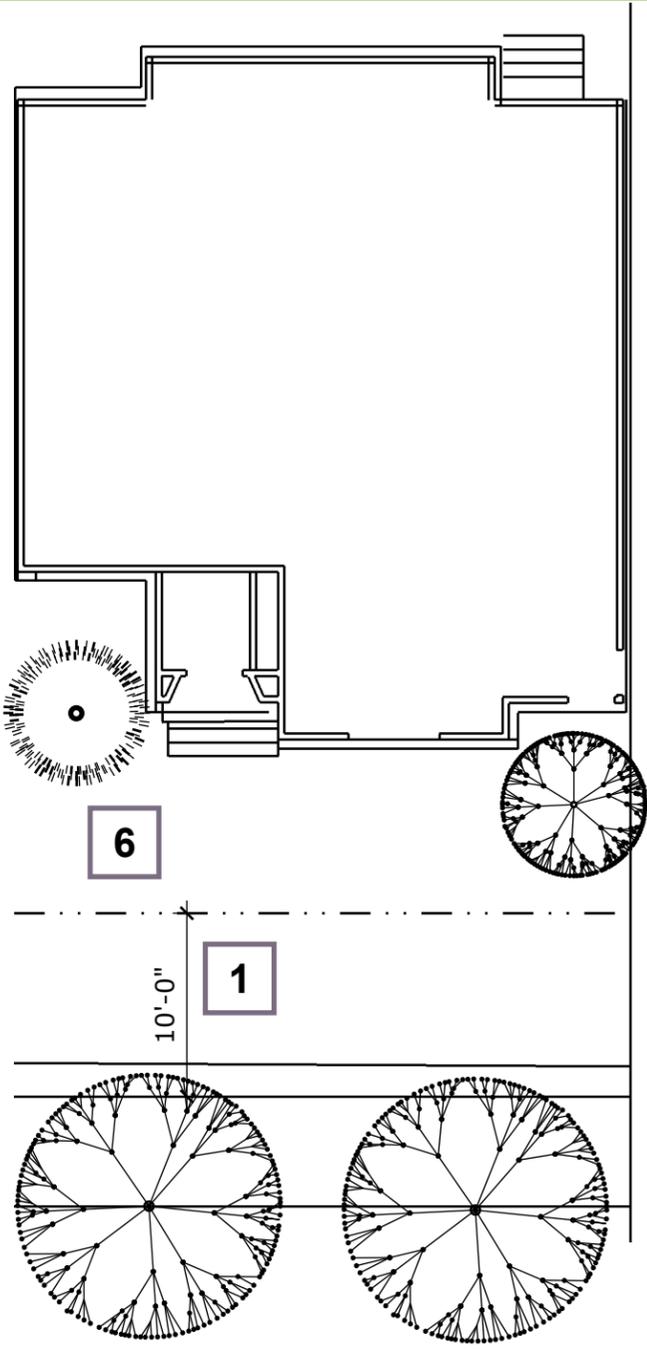
3 STEPS UP LIMITS WHO CAN VISIT AND WHO CAN PURCHASE THE HOUSE



design

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verb

Design with a sensitivity to and knowledge about people of all ages and abilities.



4110 NE FAILING STREET
REIMAGINED FOR ALL AGES

- 1 preserve the 10-foot setback and frame the front entrance per the intent of the Zoning Code.
- 2 add additional gathering space at the main entrance to connect the interior and exterior.
- 3 provide gardening opportunities at a level for all abilities and ages --use draught resistant plantings, culinary herbs, color and fragrance to touch all the senses.
- 4 provide code compliant 1:12 ramp with handrail and no-step entrance per Age-Friendly Portland Action Plan.
- 5 use existing architecture and site features to create curb appeal --use concrete for a sense of permanence.
- 6 add drywells for storm water maintenance and perimeter drains during renovation to protect property.

