

Oregon Prefabricated and Modular Housing Model Code

The “Prefabricated and Modular Housing Model Code and Audit Workbook” is a tool that local governments may use to update their development codes to facilitate prefabricated housing development.



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The document is formatted as an audit workbook, which is intended to help local government staff identify and address regulatory barriers to prefabricated housing in their codes. It also provides model code language that can be adopted into local development codes to better facilitate this construction type.

A prefabricated home is a building that has been in whole or in substantial part manufactured or assembled using closed construction at an off-site location to be wholly or partially assembled on-site. A prefabricated home is constructed to the same state, local, or regional building codes as site-built homes.

Key Recommendations for Local Governments

- 1) Adopt the latest state definitions for prefabricated and manufactured dwellings.
- 2) Protect the placement of manufactured and prefabricated homes on all land zoned to allow single-unit homes and in manufactured dwelling parks, as required by HB 4064.
- 3) Remove additional design and development standards that can create barriers to prefabricated and manufactured housing.
- 4) Permit accessory dwelling units and cottage clusters in residential zones.

This model code tool was developed by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and planning consulting firm MIG with federal support through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

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