

PT City Council recently approved sweeping historic changes to residential zoning in the Comprehensive Plan update – without adequate public input.

Zoning changes failed to address stated goals of affordability for all concerned residents: unhoused, unemployed, working, and fixed-income.

The changes will downgrade our quality of life. They will invite gentrification and luxury condominium development, overinflate property values and increase property taxes, displace lower-income residents and permanently alter the livability and character of Port Townsend.

Perhaps unintended by City Council, these are predictable consequences.



Extreme upzoning is a downgrade!

UPZONING FACTS

- Changes were not mandated by state law
- 35 ft flat roofs, 45 ft peaked roofs allowed
- Property line setbacks minimized
- New construction shadow limits eliminated
- Behemoth 6-plex on a standard residential lot allowed in the majority of neighborhoods

UPZONING CONCERNS

- No incentive to support affordable workforce, rental and family housing
- Incentive for expensive housing that satisfies developer return on investment
- Speculative building triggers teardowns and displacement of residents

Time is running out!

Zoning impacts can't be fixed once a developer files a permit. Join us in urging the City to re-engage the community, and activate an authentic review and amendment process.

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