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Market rate housing replaces vacant land once owned by the North Portland Bible College at North Vancouver and Alberta Street.

Sticker Shock

Bible College land turns to market rate housing

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

While it may not be unusual to have sticker shock for the price of

new housing in the heart of Portland's historic African American community where gentrification is rampant, a property sold by the North Portland Bible College and turned into apartments by private developers, is making eyes roll.

The new 16 unit housing complex at North Vancouver and Alberta Street has a relatively low profile with its side to side units and standing at just two stories. You might

even think they were affordable to low and moderate income families.

But when the Portland Observer checked on the rental prices, it found the housing was designed for market rates, advertised for people wanting sophisticated living in the heart of the city with condo-grade finishes.

The price tag of \$1,895 a month for a 2 bedroom, 1,000 square foot townhouse was a big surprise to officials at the bible college, school officials said Monday. The

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Clamp Down on E-Cigarettes

Multnomah County Commissioners have voted to restrict e-cigarettes and so called "vaping" devices to protect children and public health.

The board passed an ordinance Thursday that prohibits minors from buying and using the nicotine inhalant delivery systems, such as e-cigs and vape pens. When the law takes effect on April 5, businesses will be prohibited from selling the devices to people under age 18. And vaping won't be allowed in workplaces where smoking is prohibited.

"My primary concern is protecting kids from exposure to these products," Chair Deborah Kafoury said. "And I want to ensure that people who choose not to vape are protected at work."

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The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners ban the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors and to prohibit the so-called vaping devices indoors