

Oregonians will continue to receive increased food benefits in August

The Oregon Department of Human Services has received approval by the federal Food and Nutrition Service to continue in August to provide increased food benefits and waive the interview requirement for new applicants – making it faster and easier for Oregonians to access benefits.

This will result in an additional \$30 million to eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in August 2020.

“As the pandemic continues, access to food has worsened greatly,” said Self-Sufficiency Programs Deputy Director Claire Seguin. “Providing another month of emergency assistance will help ease the threat of chronic hunger in Oregon.”

SNAP households will automatically receive the

additional allotment in the same way they receive their current benefits. For most customers this is an EBT card. The additional benefit amount will be disbursed on the schedule below to all eligible SNAP households.

- Aug. 11: Current SNAP households not receiving the SNAP maximum allotment

- Aug. 29: New SNAP customers who did not receive the August 11 allotment and are not receiving the maximum benefit

No additional action is needed from Oregonians already enrolled in SNAP. The increase brings all households to the maximum SNAP benefit. Households that already receive the maximum benefit will not receive any additional benefits.

The table below shows

the maximum SNAP benefits based on the number of eligible people in the household, with household size and max SNAP benefit:

- Family of 1, \$194
- Family of 2, \$355
- Family of 3, \$509
- Family of 4, \$646
- Family of 5, \$768
- Each additional person receives +\$146

This allotment will not permanently change a household’s monthly benefit amount. It is a temporary supplement to help during the current health crisis. The Department of Human Services will not be sending individual notices to households about the emergency allotments.

In addition, Oregon received approval to continue to waive the requirement to complete an interview for new SNAP applicants.

This change will allow us to process applications faster and better serve those Oregonians hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will still reach out to new applicants to offer additional resources, explain requirements and answer questions.

Learn how to apply for SNAP and other benefits online or by phone at www.oregon.gov/DHS/COVID-19/Pages/Home.aspx.

Find other food resources at oregonhunger.org/covid-19/.

SNAP customers can contact their local SSP or AAA office for more information. Find a local office at oregon.gov/DHS/Offices/Pages/index.aspx.

For other ways to connect with DHS, contact 211info:

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- Text your zip code to 898211

• By email at help@211info.org

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Land Conservation and Development Commission adopts duplex rules to boost housing choices

SALEM—On July 23, the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted a model housing code and administrative rules to guide the development of duplexes in medium-sized cities as part of House Bill 2001. The 2019 legislation allows for development of traditional housing types like duplexes and triplexes in historically exclusionary single-family zones.

The unanimous adoption of the model code and rules is a major milestone in the implementation of the work by House Speaker Tina Kotek and the Oregon Legislature to increase housing choice and supply in Oregon.

“The LCDC is honored to do its part to foster greater housing choice and supply in communities across Oregon; this work is a major step forward,” said Commission Chair Robin McArthur. “We are grateful for the work of many volunteer advisors on this effort.”

House Bill 2001 requires all cities between 10,000 and 25,000 population outside the Portland Metropolitan area (“medium cities”) to allow a duplex on all lots or parcels where single-family detached residences are currently allowed by city zoning. Cities must establish this in local code by June 30, 2021.

The law directed LCDC to develop a model housing code no later than Dec. 31, 2020. Fifty-five cities in Oregon will need to comply with these rules by adopting changes to their land use ordinances. Cities who choose not to update their codes can let the model code provisions apply to their cities on July 1, 2021.

The adopted model code, provides development and design standards that allow and facilitate the development of duplexes. The administrative rules (OAR Chapter 660, Division 46) apply to medium cities that choose to adopt their own land use regulations for duplexes to ensure they are allowed in compliance with House Bill 2001.

“I am proud to have been part of this historic vote to allow duplexes in formerly single-family zones,” said Commissioner Anyeley Hallova. “Before racial segregation through zoning, some neighborhoods had more diverse housing types with mixed incomes that are part of our beloved neighborhood fabric. As intentional as racially segregating housing policy was, we need to be as equally intentional about providing equitable housing outcomes for all.”

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) regional

representatives and housing team staff stand ready to help local governments implement these rules. House Bill 2001 provided funding for local jurisdictions for implementation. DLCD has awarded assistance to all 28 jurisdictions that have submitted requests.

DLCD staff are continuing to develop model code and administrative rules for large and Portland-Metropolitan area cities, which in addition to allowing duplexes, must allow triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses, and cottage clusters in areas that currently allow single-family detached dwellings. Staff are also developing administrative rules for Housing Production Strategies, a new planning requirement created by House Bill 2003 in 2019.

DLCD will present model code and administrative rules to the Commission for a first hearing in September 2020 with anticipated adoption in November.

“As significant as this step was, our immediate next step is the work on rules for

Housing Production Strategies across Oregon,” said Commissioner Hallova. “We will need all our state and local agency partners, public and private developers and philanthropic organizations to bring the resources needed to fund affordable housing projects and to create pathways for wealth creation through affordable homeownership.”

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed, and Gov. Brown signed into law, House Bill 2001. This bill was passed with the intent to increase housing choice and supply.

HB 2001 requires traditional housing types like duplexes and triplexes to be allowed in all areas zoned for single-family residential development for cities with population above 10,000 and, within the Portland Metro Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), all cities with population greater than 1,000 and urbanized portions of counties. Non-Metro cities (“medium cities”) between 10,000 and 25,000 population must al-

low a duplex on all lots or parcels where single-family detached residences are currently allowed by city zoning. Cities greater than 25,000 population and the affected Portland Metro Area jurisdictions (“large and metro communities”) must, in addition to the duplex requirement noted above, allow triplexes, quadplexes, townhomes, and cottage clusters in areas zoned for single-family residential development.

Additional information on House Bill 2001 is available on the DLCD website at www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx.

Information on House Bill 2003 also is available at www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Needs.aspx.



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