

# UNIVERSAL DESIGN ORDINANCE

The City's Universal Design Ordinance promotes homes that are visitable, usable, and safe for people of all ages and abilities. It gives homebuyers the option to look for accessibility-focused features in qualifying new residential developments.

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## What is Universal Design?

Universal Design means creating homes that are easier for everyone to use - whether you're a parent with a stroller, recovering from an injury, aging in place, hosting a guest with mobility needs, or planning for long-term accessibility.

## EXAMPLES OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES TO BE OFFERED



### Primary Entry

- Step-free or low threshold entry
- Wider doors
- Lowered doorbells and peepholes



### Interior Routes

- Wider Hallways
- No sunken or raised floor areas
- Handrail options and reinforcement



### Bathroom

- Accessible Bathrooms or powder rooms
- Grab bar reinforcement or installation options
- Accessible sinks, toilets, showers, and fixtures



### Kitchen

- Accessible pathway to stove and work areas
- Easy-to-reach controls and faucets
- Adjustable or adaptable counters and cabinets



### Living & Bedroom

- Accessible common living spaces
- Main-floor bedroom option
- Adjustable or adaptable closets and shelving



### General Features

- Rocker light switches, outlets, and thermostats
- Accessible door hardware and flooring
- Accessible laundry, storage, and patios

***Look for these options in new developments! Ask your builder or sales representative about universal design options.***





## WHERE THE ORDINANCE APPLIES

- New single unit and duplex for sale residential developments of 15 units or more.
- If multiple home models are offered, only one model/type must meet these requirements.
- In phased developments, at least one model must be provided in each phase.



## DEVELOPER OBLIGATIONS

- Sellers must provide buyers with information on available universal design features.
- Model homes or marketing materials must display the available universal design features.
- Feedback cards must be made available.
- Features are provided at buyers request and expense.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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