

JWN Motion

Adopted by the JWN General Membership
At the October 10, 2006 meeting

Motion A. Principles for City “Infill Compatibility Standards” Program (passed 25-1)

The **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** (JWN) believes the following principles are essential to the success of the “Infill Compatibility Standards” public process the City has initiated:

1. There be a clearly-stated goal, as follows:

The Infill Compatibility Standards program shall define standards and processes that will increase the stability and quality of older residential neighborhoods (as required by Metro Plan Policy A.25) and maintain the character and livability of individual neighborhoods (as required by Growth Management Policy 6).

2. All appropriate standards should be considered.

All appropriate standards that fulfill the stated goal, including standards that may reduce allowable density, should be considered without any limitation based on the projected outcome of “opportunity siting” or other programs intended to increase density.

3. There be a resident-driven process for developing infill compatibility standards and processes.

For the Jefferson Westside Neighbors area, the process should follow the successful model used to create both the **Westside Neighborhood Plan** and the **Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan**, specifically through an organization structure and process approved by the JWN and the City Council.

The JWN requests City staff and officials incorporate these principles into the Infill Compatibility Standards program.

The JWN Executive Board is directed to take such action as they deem necessary to assure these principles are observed in any Infill Compatibility Standards program plans, actions, or decisions that may affect JWN members.

Comment

1. Metro Plan Policy A.25, which is a legal requirement for Eugene land use code, and Eugene Growth Management Policy 6, state clear requirements for any standards or processes the City may adopt as a result of the Infill Compatibility Standards program. These policies are simple, unambiguous, and reflect the desires of a large majority of Eugene residents.
2. No Metro Plan, Growth Management, or other land use policy states that actions to increase the stability and quality of older residential neighborhoods and maintain the character and livability of individual neighborhoods should be *dependent on* the outcome of other actions or strategies to increase density. To the contrary, these policies establish the requirement that any land use code or process, including code or processes intended to increase density, *must* maintain the stability, quality, and livability of established neighborhoods.
3. Neighborhood residents, especially home-owners and long-term tenants, have the deepest understanding of our neighborhood character, dynamics, and the damaging impact of incompatible infill. Likewise, residents have by far the greatest stake in the future stability, quality, and livability of where we live. It will be most effective and garner greatest support for residents to lead the development of infill compatibility standards and processes that apply to their own neighborhoods.