

Salem City Council
93 Washington Street
Salem, MA 01970

Dear Councillors,

This letter is being submitted to you for informational purposes to request the Council convene a meeting of the Committee of the Whole in early May for the purposes of hearing a presentation from the Department of Planning and Community Development regarding Smart Growth Zoning Overlay Districts (M.G.L. Chapter 40R) and the Housing Development Incentive Program.

Both of these tools exist to help create additional housing and we anticipate one or more projects in Salem intend to pursue them in this calendar year. Therefore, we are requesting the opportunity to provide briefing to Councillors and the public, and answer questions that you may have regarding these programs. The purpose of this meeting is to educate Councillors and the public about these programs generally and will not touch on specific projects.

Additional information about both programs can be found online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/chapter-40r> and <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/housing-development-incentive-program-hdip>.

We look forward to the opportunity to speak with Councillors about these two programs and how we might be able to leverage them to help us meet our community's housing needs.

Sincerely,
Dominick Pangallo
Mayor, City of Salem