

CITY OF KENNEWICK  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-6106

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS  
AND AMENDING SECTIONS 18.75.010, 18.75.020 and 18.75.030 OF THE  
KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Section 18.75.010 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is,  
amended to read as follows:

**18.75.010: Purpose.**

- (1) Design Standards for single-family, middle housing and multi-family residential developments, which are on file in the Planning Department, implement the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan by promoting quality development using the best management practice in design, project review, and construction. This Chapter is to provide clear guidelines for single-family, middle housing and multi-family residential developments in any applicable district. The standards are intended to offer flexibility and creativity and promote quality development.
- (2) The underlying principles of the Design Standards are to ensure compatibility with the residential character of a neighborhood, promote sustainability, offer choices of living and movement, encourage variety and creativity in design, and provide a safe and pedestrian friendly streetscape for Kennewick.

(Ord. 25-6106 Sec. 1, 2025; Ord. 5180 Sec. 1, 2007)

**Section 2.** Section 18.75.020 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is,  
amended to read as follows:

**18.75.020: Definitions.**

- (1) *Development Standards—Residential Multi-Family* means standards for multi-family development in accord with the Design Standards.
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(Ord. 25-6106 Sec. 2, 2025; Ord. 5309 Sec. 21, 2010; Ord. 5180 Sec. 1, 2007)

**Section 3.** Section 18.75.030 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**18.75.030: General Requirements.**

- (1) Standards in this Chapter are applicable to all new single-family, middle housing and multi-family residential developments within the City except for the Urban Mixed-Use District which shall comply with KMC 18.80. The mandatory standards will be made available in the Kennewick Municipal Code. These standards shall take precedence in case there is a conflict in the KMC. The Planning Director shall have authority to resolve any conflicts in the standards in order to promote the City's objectives and goals.
- (2) All mandatory standards are to be followed throughout subdivision design and platting and multi-family design and construction. Although a developer is not bound to follow the recommended standards, these allow more flexibility than the existing code, promote better aesthetics and design solutions and are often implemented through the site plan review process (18.42.110).
- (3) Single-family, middle housing and multi-family development must be in conformance with the contents of this Chapter and the Design Standards on file in the Community Planning Department. If a provision of the Kennewick Municipal Code is contrary or conflicts with this Chapter, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail.

(Ord. 25-6106 Sec. 3, 2025; Ord. 5717 Sec. 1, 2017; Ord. 5309 Sec. 22, 2010; Ord. 5180 Sec. 1, 2007)

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect July 1, 2025.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Attest:

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GRETL J. CRAWFORD, Mayor

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KRYSTAL JOHNSTON,  
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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LAURENCIO SANGUINO,  
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