13.06.160 Cottage Housing.

A. Intent. Cottage housing developments are intended to:

1. Add affordable units to the existing housing supply.
2. Provide an increased choice of housing that responds to changing needs and lifestyles (e.g., young families, retired people).
3. Protect neighborhood stability, property values, and the single-family residential appearance by ensuring that cottage housing developments are designed in a compatible manner.
4. Increase density in order to better utilize existing infrastructure and community resources and to support public transit and neighborhood retail and commercial services.

B. Applicability. Cottage housing developments may be proposed in all residential districts.

C. Procedures. Cottage housing developments require the following applications:

1. A complete Conditional Use Permit application, pursuant to TMC 13.06.640.
2. Submittal requirements under the provisions of the Residential Infill Pilot Program, pursuant to TMC 13.05.115.
3. A completed Preliminary Plat application, if applicable.
4. A completed environmental checklist, if applicable.
5. A completed application for a site plan approval.
6. Documentation of the proposed ownership and property management approach, such as condominium or homeowners association.

D. Application. Proponents shall submit all required complete applications, including applicable fees. However, project proponents may choose to stage their applications by initially applying for the Conditional Use Permit and for approval under the Residential Infill Pilot Program.

E. Development standards.

1. Residential Infill Pilot Program. Cottage housing developments shall comply with the sustainability and connectivity requirements, as well as any other design requirements identified through review under the Residential Infill Pilot Program as described in TMC 13.05.115.
2. Minimum site size. Cottage housing developments require a minimum net site size of 10,000 square feet.
3. Number of units. Cottage housing developments may contain from four to twenty-four cottage dwellings, with a maximum of twelve cottages per cluster.
4. Cottage housing types:
   a. Cottage – A detached, single-family dwelling unit containing no more than 1,200 square feet of gross floor area with no more than 800 ground floor square feet.
   b. Carriage – A single-family dwelling unit, not to exceed 800 square feet in gross floor area, located above a garage structure in a cottage housing development.
   c. Two/Three-dwelling Buildings – A structure containing two or three dwelling units, not to exceed 1,000 square feet per unit on average, designed to look like a detached single-family house. Two/three-dwelling cottage buildings are not permitted in the R-1 or R-2 Districts.
5. Maximum density. Cottage housing developments are permitted 1.5 times the maximum number of dwelling units in the applicable zoning district. For example, in the R-2 District a 20,000 square foot site is permitted four 5,000 square foot lots, or six cottage housing units.
6. Parking. Each cottage unit is required to have one off-street parking space. Parking may be contained in detached garages adjacent to dwelling units no larger than 250 square feet in floor area; in shared garages no larger than 1,200 square feet maximum floor area; or, in clustered parking areas with no more than four spaces per cluster.
7. Vehicular access. Vehicular access shall be from the rear of the site whenever suitable access is available or feasibly can be developed. If such access is not feasible, then driveway or private roads shall be minimized to the maximum extent feasible. Driveways to individual units shall consist of paved runner strips or pervious surfacing.

8. Setbacks. The external setbacks of the underlying zoning district shall apply.

9. Separation between units. A minimum of 8 feet shall be provided between structures containing dwelling units.

10. Common open space. A minimum of 400 square feet of common open space shall be required per unit. Each area of common open space shall be in one contiguous and central location with no dimension less than 20 feet. Common open space shall be located in a central area, that is easily accessible and visible to all dwellings within the cottage cluster. No sight-obscuring fences are permitted within common open spaces. The common open space shall be surrounded by cottage or common buildings on at least three sides, unless topography precludes this. Common open space shall be attractively landscaped and improved with gathering space, gardening, walkways or recreational features.

11. Private open space/yard. A minimum of 300 square feet of private open space shall be required per unit.

12. Maximum height for dwellings: Dwellings maximum height is 18 feet, or up to 25 feet with a minimum of 6:12 sloped roof.

   a. Each cottage building is required to have an attached covered porch a minimum of 50 square feet in size with no dimension less than 5 feet.
   b. Each carriage unit shall have a deck or balcony, oriented toward the common open space.
   c. Buildings adjacent to the public right-of-way must orient entrances toward the public right-of-way, provide a minimum of 15 percent façade transparency, and provide an inviting façade through façade modulation, roofline variation or other design features.
   d. Cottage projects shall establish building and site design that is attractive and promotes visual interest. All structures shall be designed according to a coherent design concept that allows for variation in style, features, materials and colors.
   e. Cottage developments shall provide for variation in unit sizes, building and site design. A variety of building styles, features, colors and site design elements are required within a cottage housing development.
   f. Cottage developments shall be stick-built.

14. Community buildings. Community buildings in common ownership are permitted within cottage housing developments, and shall be incidental in use and size to the cottage dwellings.

15. Connectivity. All dwelling units shall be directly connected to the public sidewalk.

16. Landscaping. Street trees are required per the provisions of 13.06.502. Parking areas shall be softened or screened with landscaping. Internal landscaping shall be determined through the Residential Infill Pilot Program review process.

17. Accessory Dwelling Units. Not permitted.

18. Floor Area Ratio. A maximum of 0.5 FAR is required for the overall site.