

city of **yes** for housing opportunity

Guide for Faith-based Organizations

Faith-based organizations (FBOs) play a crucial role in providing for New Yorkers. It's time to update NYC's zoning regulations to help FBOs further their missions and deliver housing and critical services to all.

city of yes for housing opportunity is a set of zoning reforms to create a little more housing in every neighborhood, including by modernizing and streamlining the rules for how FBOs can use their properties.

What can *city of yes* do for faith-based organizations?

city of yes for housing opportunity would:

- Enable FBOs across the city to convert old convents, school buildings, and other properties into housing.
- Make it easier for FBOs to build housing on campuses that have available land.
- Allow 3- to 5-story buildings on FBO sites in low-density areas that are near transit or on "main streets" with commercial uses.
- Expand an existing city program that enables landmarks to transfer unused development rights to nearby sites, so that many more FBOs could participate.

These changes would help FBOs provide much-needed housing to their communities while also bringing income for repairs and new facilities.



An example of how an FBO could use its property, under current zoning (left) and under *city of yes* (right).

Contact us

FBOs are important partners in *city of yes*. For more information, please email NYC Planning at HousingOpportunity@planning.nyc.gov.