

# city of yes

## for housing opportunity

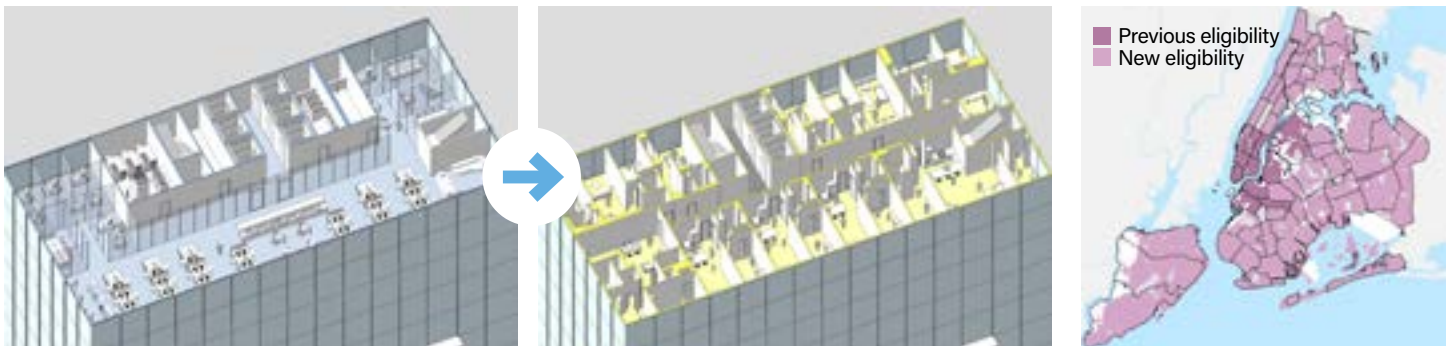
### Convert Offices and Other Buildings to Housing

***City of Yes for Housing Opportunity*** is a zoning text amendment that tackles our housing shortage by making it possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood. Together, we can make our city more affordable without dramatic changes in any one community. **An important change allows underused, non-residential space to turn into homes.**

#### How it works

Previously, **outdated rules prevented underused, non-residential buildings like offices from converting to housing.** For example, many buildings constructed after 1961, or outside the city's largest office centers, could not become housing.

***City of Yes for Housing Opportunity* allows conversions for buildings constructed before 1991 and expands eligibility to anywhere residential uses are allowed.** It also allows non-residential buildings to convert to more housing types, like supportive housing, dorms, or shared housing with common amenities.



**This change will breathe new life into office districts and help address our housing shortage!**

#### History

*City of Yes for Housing Opportunity* began public review in April 2024. Community boards and borough presidents provided input and the City Planning Commission voted to approve the proposal in September. The City Council adopted the text amendment, including modifications responsive to public feedback, in December 2024.

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