Definition of Residential Character

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Eugene Code 9.0500:

A combination of qualities and features that gives identity to a particular area where the predominant use is housing and that distinguishes the area from other areas.

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Current Application & Use

- Applies to a small subset of land use applications
- In 2022, Council applied the definition to the Westside Neighborhood Plan

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Applicable Refinement Plans

- Fairmount/U of O Special Area Study (1982)
- Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan (1983)
- River Road-Santa Clara Urban Facilities Plan (1987)
- *Westside Neighborhood Plan (1987)*
- Willakenzie Area Plan (1992)

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Considerations

- Would apply to a broader set of land use applications
  - Land use code amendments, refinement plan amendments, conditional use permits, annexations, planned unit development and zone changes.

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Considerations

- Housing Production/Needs
- Outcomes: Design vs. Prevention
- Resources/Prioritization
- Refinement Plans

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Questions

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