Ashland Transit Triangle

Vertical Housing Development Zone (VHDZ)







Vertical Housing Tax Credits Encourage Housing Above Commercial

Residential units above

Commercial space below



What is a VHDZ?



An area designated by a city or county where eligible projects can apply for a partial property tax exemption.

VHTC Eligibility

- Project must be entirely located within a vertical housing development zone
- 2. Project must be a multi-story building used for residential and non-residential uses
- At least 50 percent of the project's ground floor that fronts the primary public street must be committed to non-residential use



Partial Property Tax Exemption



- 20% property tax exemption for each floor of residential units above a ground floor with commercial space
- Does not include land value
- •Fully taxed after 10 years when exemption expires

VHTC Incentives Differ Depending on the number of floors

- 2 Story building 20% property tax exemption
- 3 Story building 40% property tax exemption
- 4 Story building 60% property tax exemption
- 5 Story building 80% property tax exemption
- 6+ Story building 80% property tax exemption

Ashland St. looking east



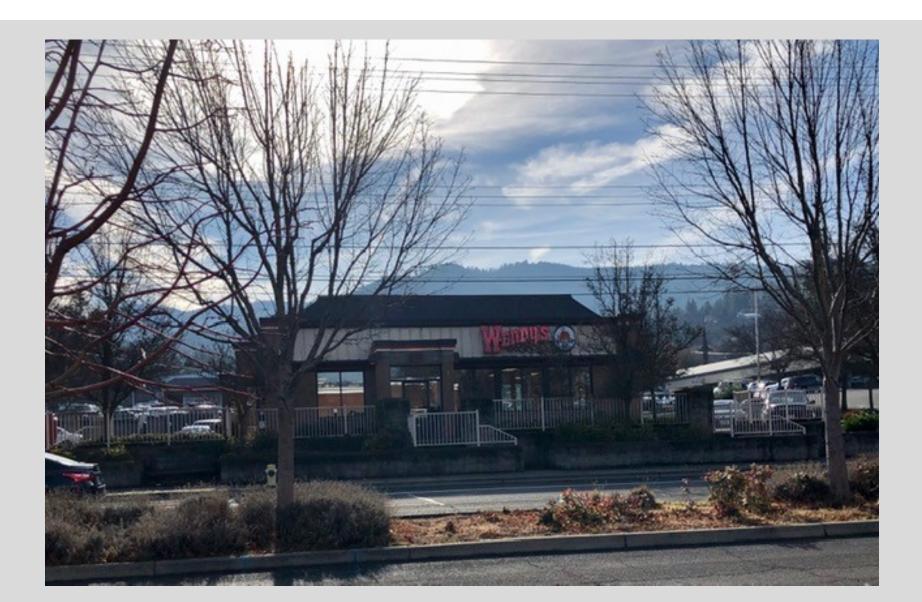
Ashland St. looking west



Sherwin Williams (2013) 2220 Ashland St.



Wendy's (1994) 1624 Ashland St.



Rogue Credit Union (2017) 1661 Ashland St.

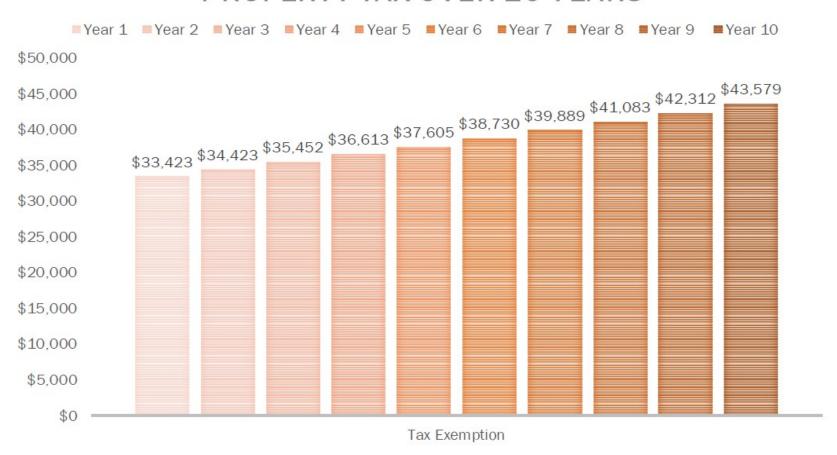


Comparing the 4 Examples

	1 Story Commercial	2 Story Mixed-Use	3 Story Mixed-Use	4 Story Mixed-Use
Project Value	\$1,900,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$5,200,000	\$6,230,000
Potential Total 10 Year Property Tax	\$382,000	\$646,200	\$753,000	\$903,000
Total Tax Exemption over 10 Years	\$0	\$104,700	\$245,000	\$457,000
Net Tax Revenue Collected over 10 Years of Exemption	\$382,000	\$541,500	\$508,000	\$446,000

1 Story Commercial Example

PROPERTY TAX OVER 10 YEARS



Total Tax Exemption over 10 Years = \$0 Potential Total 10 Year Property Tax = \$382,000

3 Story Mixed-Use Example (40%)

10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT



Total Tax Exemption over 10 Years = \$245,200 Potential Total 10 Year Property Tax = \$753,000

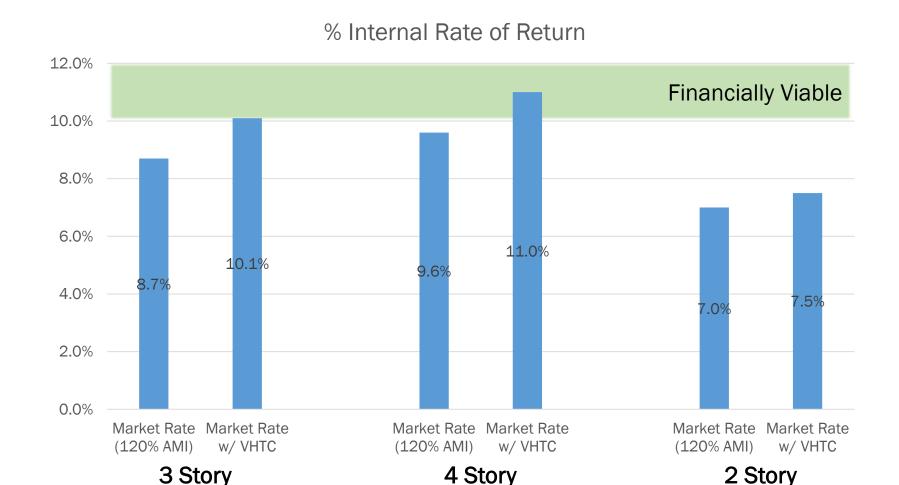
4 Story Mixed-Use Example (60%)

10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT



Total Tax Exemption over 10 Years = \$457,000 Potential Total 10 Year Property Tax = \$903,000

2, 3 & 4 Story Mixed-Use Examples Internal Rate of Return (IRR)



Testing Requiring Low-Income Housing in the Transit Triangle

- Average Median Income Assumptions
 - We are using \$60,000
 - In 2017 AMI in Ashland was \$50,517
- Average Rent Assumptions
 - As of April 2019, average rent for an apartment in Ashland is \$1300

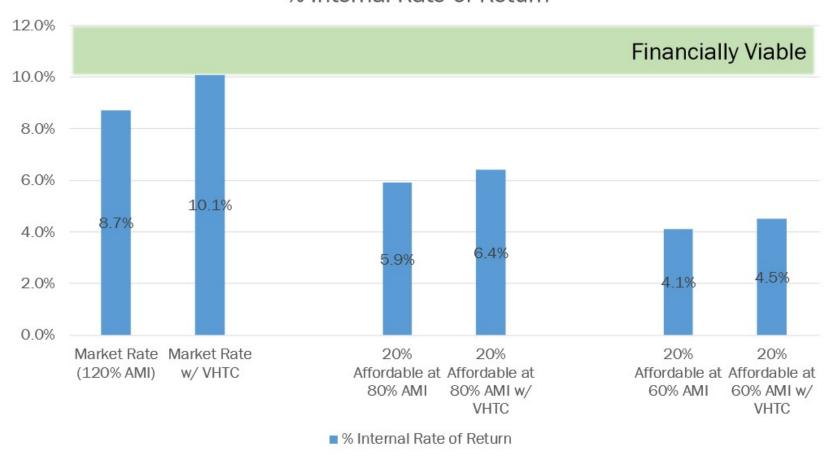
Percent of AMI	Rent	
130%	\$1,300	
120%	\$1,200	1
80%	\$950	
60%	\$650	

Target Rent

3 Story Mixed-Use Example Internal Rate of Return (IRR)



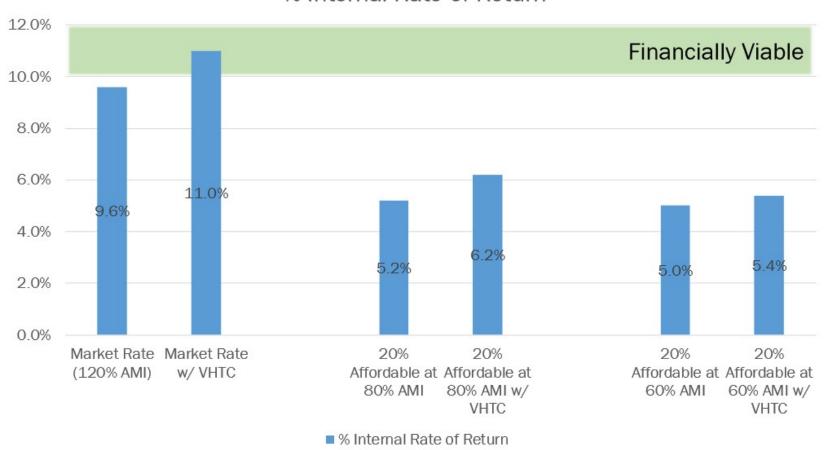
% Internal Rate of Return



4 Story Mixed-Use Example Internal Rate of Return (IRR)



% Internal Rate of Return



Comparing the 2 Examples – Requiring Affordable Housing

	3 Story Mixed-Use	4 Story Mixed-Use	
Total Project Cost	\$5.20 Million	\$6.23 Million	
VHTC - Total Tax Exemption over 10 Years	\$245,000	\$457,000	
Additional Subsidy Needed (20% affordable units at 80% AMI)	\$578,000	\$834,000	
Additional Subsidy Needed as a % of the total Project Cost (20% affordable units at 80% AMI)	11.1%	13.4%	
Additional Subsidy Needed (20% affordable units at 60% AMI)	\$1,178,000	\$1,117,000	
Additional Subsidy Needed as a % of the total Project Cost (20% affordable units at 60% AMI)	22.7%	21.5%	



- Requiring affordable housing as part of the VHTZ would create the need for substantial subsidies or alternative methods for filling a sizeable financial gap.
- Placing requirements for affordable housing on an incentive program like VHTC essentially removes the incentive for developers to utilize the program in the first place.

Taxing Districts



- State law requires notification of taxing districts
- Taxing districts can choose to participate or opt out
- Nine districts in addition to City of Ashland
- Unanimous support among taxing districts

Local Criteria



- State law allows local approval criteria
- Recommend require projects to develop under the Transit Triangle (TT) overlay option
 - Flexible number of units
 - Increased building height
 - Decreased parking requirements
 - Rental units