

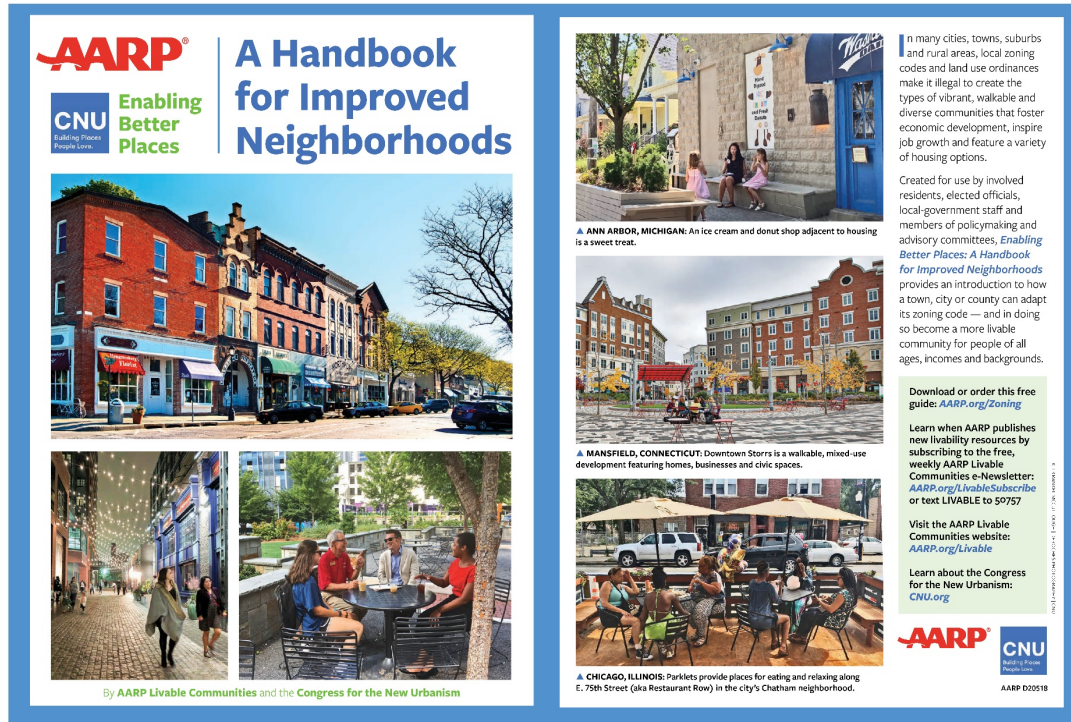
MAGIC Meeting: Age-Friendly Housing and Transportation

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Enabling Better Places: A Handbook for Improved Neighborhoods

by **AARP Livable Communities** and the **Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)**



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ADU Model State Act and Local Ordinance

by **AARP State Advocacy & Strategy Integration, Government Affairs**



- AARP worked with the American Planning Association to develop model legislation — specifically, a state statute and a local ordinance — as a resource to assist planners and government officials in evaluating potential changes in state laws and local zoning codes.
- This publication is an update of that model legislation, which was released in the year 2000. This section provides an overview of what ADUs are and why they are so needed.
- **Model Local ADU Ordinance**
This model ordinance is designed for communities in places where state law allows for local ordinances authorizing and governing ADUs but does not impose any constraints on local governments.

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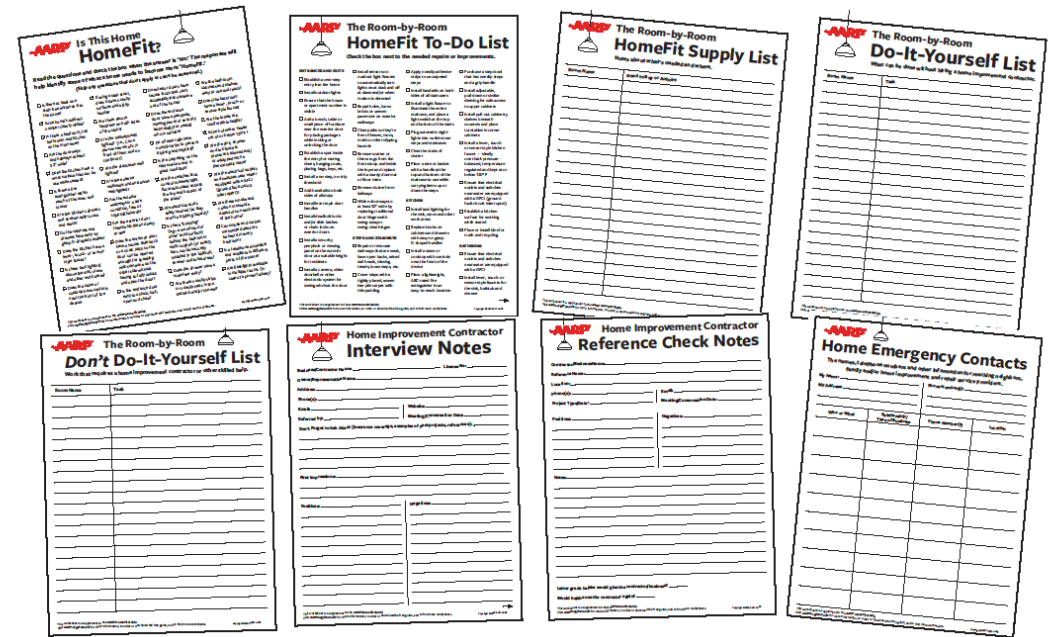
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<p>Social Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start a daily, community-wide "appreciation clap" for health care workers and first responders • Create a drive-in theater by projecting a movie onto a wall near a parking lot • Host a "dragging Main" event so residents can get out and see other people by driving slowly along their community's main roadway • Ask local entertainers to perform online or outside of their homes 	<p>Respect and Social Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create online programming for schools and senior care facilities on topics of shared interest to students and older adults • Ask children to make and deliver greeting cards to Meals on Wheels recipients and people in senior care facilities 	<p>Health Services and Community Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with municipal offices, houses of worship and first responders to coordinate deliveries and visits to people who can't go out • Provide vouchers for groceries and household goods to residents in need • Expand where SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) benefits can be used • Conduct wellness checks and implement quarantine measures in senior care facilities • Prioritize assistance to people with underlying medical conditions • Stock book-swap boxes (such as Little Free Libraries) with needed items • Improve access to fresh foods from farm stands, farmers' markets or community supported agriculture (CSA) harvests by enabling pre-orders and providing free or low-cost grab-and-go and home delivery options
<p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify transit schedules, stations and seating to enable social distancing • Provide specialized services for essential workers • Suspend transit fares • Increase paratransit services • Enlist volunteers to deliver needed items to people who can't leave their homes or use their usual modes of transportation 	<p>Communication and Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with businesses and internet service providers to expand access to affordable high-speed internet • Create a "friendly voice" call program for checking on people who live alone • Establish information hotlines and distribute "necessity bags" that contain needed supplies 	
<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 24/7 services and shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness • Work with local leaders and legislators to enact and enforce a moratorium on evictions • Capitalize on relationships with funding sources to provide financial assistance to older adults and others struggling with housing costs • Create a housing grant program for people with low-incomes and/or a job loss due to COVID-19 	<p>Outdoor Spaces and Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close streets to motor vehicle traffic so people can safely walk and bicycle while social distancing • Automate crossing signals so pedestrians won't need to touch the crosswalk buttons 	<p>Emergency Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add safety resources and tips to utility bills and local government mailings • Create tool kits that can help older adults manage in the event of a power outage, food shortages or other disruptions • Use or adapt existing emergency plans and resources
	<p>Civic Participation and Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect people with educational and social opportunities through online "virtual" academies • Promote online volunteerism for advocacy or service campaigns • Foster local economic assets, such as maker spaces or by adapting commercial properties for needed but temporary uses 	

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- **Overcome policy barriers** with data and feedback



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