



## HOUSING TYPE

# CREATIVE HOUSING

Also called alternative methods to housing, unconventional types of housing

### DESCRIPTION

#### Definition

Unconventional housing options that utilize materials e.g. a shipping container and or locations e.g. waterfront area, in creative ways.

#### Housing Units

The creative housing types listed have one (1) housing unit. They can be grouped to offer more housing units.

#### Types

Floating house - a house structure placed on a surface, like a deck, that floats. (Image A)

Houseboat - a boat retrofitted such that it can be used as a house.

Recreational vehicle (RV) - a motorized vehicle or trailer equipped with features that make it usable as a home. (Image B)

Shipping container house - a single-unit home that uses a new or used shipping container as the main structure of the house. (Image C)

### NOTABLE FEATURES

#### Available Materials

Shipping and other industries make shipping containers a widely available material for use as smaller-scale housing.

#### Cluster Housing

Ability to be grouped in ways that could create a sense of community and include shared use of certain amenities e.g. community kitchen or garden and essential utilities.



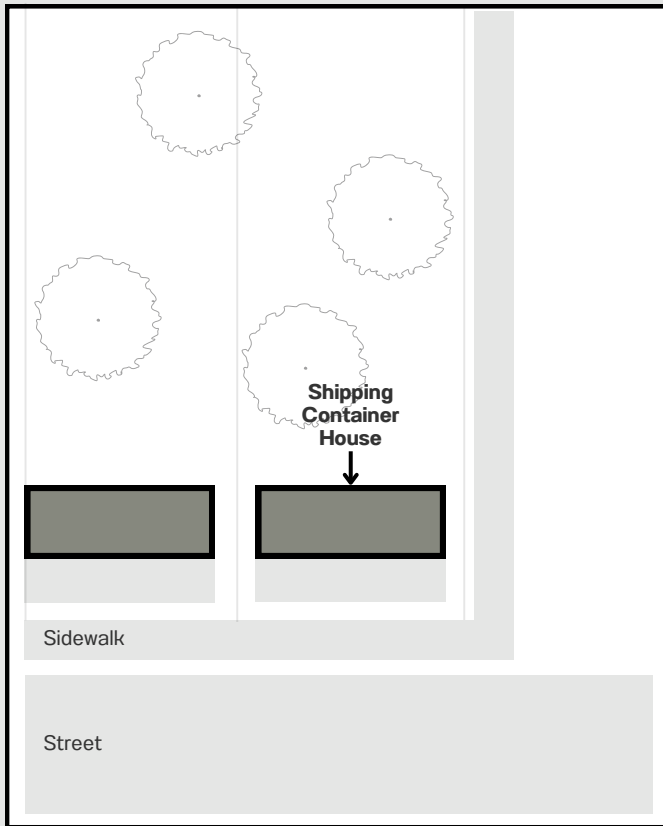
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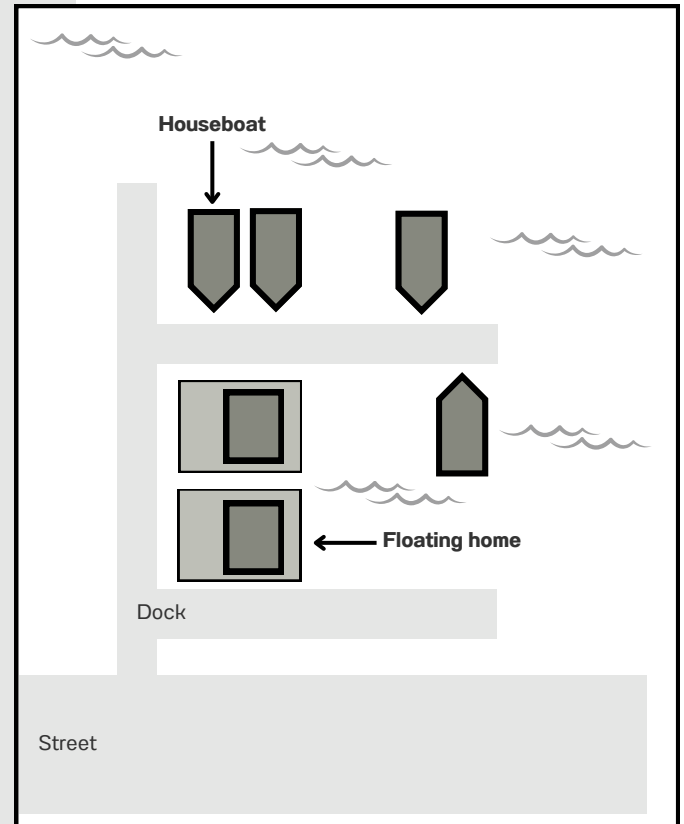
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Image C: Photo credit to Aarav Gandhi

# SAMPLE: CREATIVE HOUSING ON A PHYSICAL SITE



A pair of shipping container houses on thin lots.



A set of houseboats and floating homes along the length of a dock on the waterfront.

## Best Practices & General Resources

Not applicable for this housing type.

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