Definition
Housing structure with at least 4 stories of housing that results in a taller building that provides many housing units in a single structure.

Housing Units
The number of housing units will depend on the size and total number of floors of the apartment building.

Most Common Types
Mid-rise apartment - apartment building with 4 to 12 stories of housing. (Image A & B)
High-rise apartment - apartment building with 12+ stories of housing.

Additional Types
Mixed-use development - apartment building with ≥ 4 stories with ground floor commercial.
Shipping container apartment - apartment building constructed of shipping containers. (Image C)

DESCRIPTION

Density
Apartment buildings can encourage density that can be coupled with decisions related to walkability and access to public transportation.

Context specific
Building height is a characteristic that helps define the physical environment of many communities. The height of apartment building in a given place should be considered.
SAMPLE: APARTMENT BUILDING ON A PHYSICAL SITE

L shaped high-rise apartment with 14-floors of housing.

Citations