

Testimony of Steve Seelig, 3922 Ingomar Street, NW

Dear Commissioners;

It is time for the Zoning Commission to move our 1958 toward that of a modern, dynamic city like DC. In particular, I am dismayed to have seen OP back down on certain elements of the zoning code that would have helped in this effort. Since I cannot testify in person once again on this issue, this brief piece summarized my concerns. In sum, I support the proposed zoning update items -- specifically the elimination of most parking minimum requirements, easing restrictions on accessory apartments and corner stores, and simplifying the overall code -- for the following reasons:

- I support the "alternative language" that matches the September version of zoning update on parking around bus corridors and accessory apartments in carriage houses. This is of particular concern to me living within 3 blocks of a Metro stop and a bus corridor in Ward 3, where we need fewer cars and more people using these transit options.
- ADUs will help create a way for a more diverse population to live in this area, and will provide a great way for many of us to retire in our own homes while monetizing existing garages and carriage houses for rental properties. We don't need a long and burdensome process where the most cranky of neighbors can prevent me from doing that. This will mean more affordable housing options throughout our city giving more people the opportunity to live where they want.
- Easing parking requirements along busy transit corridors will help to create and preserve walkable, vibrant neighborhoods by increasing the use of transit and not mandating more parking than is actually needed by new residents. It will also provide accessible housing options for more people by making buildings less expensive to build.

Thank you for considering my testimony.



Steven Seelig