
Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

I have struggled to find affordable housing in the DC area since I moved here 3 years ago. Despite being considered "middle-income," the cost of housing continues to outpace my salary in the public and nonprofit sector. Other countries with dense cities use the alley spaces much more efficiently than anywhere I've seen in the US.

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. Alley lots can help create naturally affordable housing.

But DC is in a housing crisis, and we urgently need to build more homes. To help support housing creation, the Zoning Commission should consider:

1. Eliminating expensive parking mandates for alley homes.
2. Aligning unit limits with the limits of their zones.
3. Aligning the height limits of alley homes with their zones.

These changes will help us build a more inclusive, vibrant, and affordable DC.

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