
Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Hi there,

My name is Ishfar Ahmed. I live in the Aventine apartments next to the Fort Totten station. I moved to DC about 4 months ago and I have absolutely enjoyed my time here! I see the utmost potential of this city and believe that in order for this city to truly thrive as the nation's capital, it would be amazing if we had more people to be a part of our community without pushing any locals out so that we can be a thriving and prosperous community with a strong tax base since we need the stability for all the services, especially in this time when we have a hostile federal government and this can help us thrive for the future! I also would love to see this city evolve to aspire for big ambitions. I also want this city to be easier for most people to afford since if we build more housing and allow for more third spaces throughout the whole city with strong public transportation foundations, that would do wonders for us, especially how we all can do so much more with having better financial security and build strong communities that are well interconnected and build up strong character for the city! And I believe that alley homes would be a great way to build up strong density to bring all of this together as a cohesive unit while helping to build upon the identity that we all can be proud of!

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. Alley housing can help address affordability, increase neighborhood safety through active usage, and enhance community character.

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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