
Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

In addition to the form letter below, though my neighborhood of Park View is affordable enough that my spouse and I were able to buy our home here last year, there are still a lot of our friends we'd love to be able to live here or buy a house here that are priced out by high prices resulting from constrained supply. And our home backs up on an alley, which does have some homes on it (that I would guess are ADUs?) and they seem like a great way to add density on land that would otherwise be used for very low value uses (car storage or just trash pickup like we use ours).

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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