
Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Hi,

As a recent college graduate who has just moved to the wonderful city that is DC, I understand how difficult it can be to find affordable housing. My roommate (who is the main reason I can afford an apartment here) and I spent months searching for apartments, and it felt like even longer sending and waiting on applications for the select few places we found we could afford. One of the best ways to alleviate this pressure, is to increase the supply of housing, and alley lots are a great way to accomplish that. They are also so uniquely DC, as a sustainability consultant interested in housing and urbanism, one of the first things I learned about regarding the city's planning and density.

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.

Thank you so much,
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