



June 6th, 2022

RE: Proposed Item 62 on the June 9th City Council Agenda

Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Alter, and Council Members:

The Austin Infill Coalition strives to unite urban infill development professionals and promote broad cooperation in order to affect positive change in Austin's built environment, with particular regard to housing.

We write in support of Item 62 on the June 9th Council Agenda. As infill builders, we know first hand the affordability benefits of ADUs. These proposed changes would decrease regulatory barriers to the construction of ADUs, allowing Austin Infill Coalition members and Austin homeowners to deliver more affordable and diverse housing options throughout Austin.

We urge you to join us in our firm belief that during a housing crisis, the construction of housing for people, and not cars, should be our highest priority. Removing parking requirements in and around Austin's various Imagine Austin and Transit corridors and centers will greatly improve our ability to construct ADUs.

Furthermore, there are a host of regulatory changes that may significantly decrease the number of tear down and rebuilds conducted throughout Austin. Specifically, we encourage you to instruct staff to consider code amendments that would:

1. Allow ADUs to be located anywhere on a site, including in front of the primary structure;
2. Allow an existing residence to be designated as an ADU if it meets regulatory criteria;
3. Allow ADUs to be attached or detached, in alignment with City Staff recommendations;
4. Allows ADUs to be a standardized maximum size of 1,100 square feet;
5. Allow ADUs on substandard lots; and,
6. Allow a single water meter to serve both the primary and accessory dwellings.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. We look forward to working with each of you, your staff, and the City of Austin staff to decrease barriers to the construction of ADUs across the City.

Sincerely,

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Nick Quijano
President

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Ki Gray
Board Member

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Brita Wallace
Vice President

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