

From: [Mike Mittel](#)
To: [Murphy, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Comments on ALU proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:56:25 PM

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Planning Commission Members,

I just heard about the proposal to allow ALUs in our neighborhoods. I am curious as to when and how it was advertised.

I have some serious concerns with adding density to housing in Vienna. The record shows so far that higher density housing just adds more high-end, high cost rentals along with additional strain on our infrastructure. That includes school populations. Vienna schools are currently at or above current capacity. Additionally, it will add traffic to the neighborhoods.

If you propose going forward with ALUs, the commission, working with the town lawyer, should seek how to limit rental costs in the zoning change.

Also, the proposal should include that one additional off-street parking spot per bedroom be required in addition to the required parking for the remainder of the property as is currently in the code. This will limit the number of cars parked on our streets.

Again, I really would have liked to see this advertised more broadly well in advance.

Sincerely,
Michael Mittel
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From: [AG Dowdy](#)
To: [Murphy, Jennifer](#)
Subject: accessory housing
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I am in favor of accessory housing. We are losing so many of our one-level ranch style houses to huge condo mansions. It seems that it would make more sense to update these smaller homes and add a small unit, if the lot is large enough, to accommodate extended families or to provide an affordable option for a possible renter. It would also seem to make sense when knocking down an older house to build a smaller one with an accessory unit rather than a huge house. How many people really need 6 - 7 bedrooms? Vienna is no longer an affordable place to live unless you have a job with a huge salary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Murphy, Jennifer

From: Kathy Scheimer <kscheimer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Murphy, Jennifer
Subject: Accessory Living Units

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Dear Jennifer,

I apologize for sending my comments after the 11/12 due date but hope you will still consider this email. I've been out of town and didn't see the Patch article till today.

As a retired Arlington Public teacher and resident of Vienna since 1986, I do have some relevant thoughts.

I'm keenly aware of the struggle for affordable housing locally and nationwide for many Americans, especially teachers and firemen. It seems to me both reasonable and appropriate that Vienna could support Accessory Living Units as a possible strategy to address the issue of housing diversity as one of its 2024 priorities.

Vienna's support would uphold Senator Salim's successful legislation on this issue in the Virginia Senate in 2024 and may encourage the Virginia House to take action on this bill.

As a single parent/teacher with two children in 1986; I had to be creative to maintain our residency at 103 Cunningham Park Ct in Vienna. My solution (with the support of my helpful neighbors) was to have a roommate for a number of years.

I still love my neighborhood and proximity to Cunningham Park School and am interested in supporting other individuals or small

families who wish to live in the wonderful small town of Vienna. Accessory Living Units is one possible solution.

Best regards and thank you,
Kathy Scheimer

PS. I'm willing to discuss my comments at the Town Council Public Hearing on 11/18. Can I be listed as a possible speaker or do I just show up? Please advise.