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**West Linn**

## Memorandum

Date: May 17, 2023

To: West Linn Planning Commission

From: Darren Wyss, Planning Manager

Subject: Public Comments Received for CDC-23-01

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Staff received two written comments in support of the proposed ADU Code Amendment Package (attached) after the publication of the staff report.

**Wyss, Darren**

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**From:** Lisa Becker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 12:47 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission (Public)  
**Subject:** Citizen feedback to Council re; ADU Codes

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May 17, 2023

Dear City Council Members,

Please consider the realities of many, many families such as ours who would greatly benefit from more attainable ADU codes. My husband and I purchased our West Linn home in 1990 and after raising our family sheltered within its walls, we are still enjoying it.

My daughter supports her son and herself working full time as a park ranger for the city of Portland and it is simply not economically feasible to purchase a home or even rent a two bedroom apartment. She and her son are currently living with us in a 1564 square foot home. We love having them and yet it is reasonable they would want more space and privacy, a *home* of their own.

Relaxing the ADU codes would mean she would be able to raise her son without the undue stress of economic burdens and the benefit of the assistance of grandparents. As we age, we would have support and care from her. Intergenerational living situations are beneficial for everyone, reduces urban sprawl and supports West Linn's tax base. I strongly urge our city council members to value supporting citizen's families by relaxing ADU codes.

Respectfully,

Lisa Becker

Warmly,  
Lisa Becker



## Wyss, Darren

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**From:** Erwin, Scott  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 1:09 PM  
**To:** Christina Harris  
**Cc:** Wyss, Darren; Schroder, Lynn  
**Subject:** Re: ADU Comment for Council Meeting

Thank you Christina for your thoughtful words and how the proposed code changes can impact your life.

Please consider providing your story at the Planning Commission hearing tonight as a public comment in person or writing.

[https://westlinnoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/meeting/55554/pc\\_agenda\\_05.17.2023.pdf](https://westlinnoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/meeting/55554/pc_agenda_05.17.2023.pdf)

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**From:** Christina Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 1:04 PM  
**To:** City Council <citycouncil@westlinnoregon.gov>  
**Subject:** ADU Comment for Council Meeting

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Hello,

I would like to express that I am in favor of making ADUs as flexible as possible.

I grew up in WL, attending the public schools, enjoying the parks, and everything else this beautiful city has to offer.

I have had the privilege of higher education and work full time for the City of Portland.

I owned my own four bedroom home in Milwaukie with my then husband, but he left us shortly after I gave birth. I couldn't manage the mortgage increase alone (buying him out would change the price to over 3k/month) and I had to move in with my parents who still live in WL.

A decent (safe, clean) two bedroom apartment is roughly 2k/month. If we could build an ADU, it would allow me to build equity for my and my son's future, give him access to a quality public education, and maintain family/community ties.

Alternatively, renting on my own would create a large barrier to upward mobility. Not only financially, but in terms of creating stability and continuity for my young son - given the variables that can occur from housing that is out of my hands directly.

Thank you for your time,

Christina

Scott Erwin

*West Linn City Councilor*

City Council

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