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From: Kevin G <germino.kevin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 11:50 AM
To: Bauman, Robert
Cc: Brower, Alex; Lee, Chris
Subject: Re: Support 240999

Thanks, Given the updates in committee this week I think I should specify my preference for substitute C (or the one which allows internal ADUs as a limited use in all residential districts) over the amendment to classify them as a Special Use in RS districts. **Internal ADUs are the cheapest to “construct” and have the lowest impact on neighbors** so it doesn’t make sense to make them harder to build and push owners to things like garage conversions which have a bigger - though still small - impact on the neighborhood.

On Jun 19, 2025, at 11:44 AM, Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Will add your comments to the file.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2025, at 9:53 AM, Kevin G <germino.kevin@gmail.com> wrote:

I’m writing to STRONGLY SUPPORT file 240999 and allow ADUs citywide. No ordinance, or process, is perfect, but i firmly believe this ordinance represents a much needed legal and cultural change to help Milwaukee adapt to the future while maintaining housing affordability.

ADU’s are the lowest impact way of increasing density in our neighborhoods. In many cases neighbors have no idea the ADU exists at all.

I have a number of friends who own or are looking to own a house in the City of Milwaukee. Many have been pushed out do to housing costs, while most of the ones who have managed to stay in the city have turned to small multifamily properties which allow them to “share” their housing expense with a tenant. Beyond the benefits of homeownership, to a person every one of them is trying to be a model landlord - giving their tenants as much flexibility as possible while charging below-market rents. Their goal is not to maximize profits, it's to afford a home and get along with their neighbors.

This is an ideal model, and mirrors how many of our neighborhoods were built in the first place. Granting homeowners the right to create a secondary unit on their property is an easy win for everyone.

Thanks
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