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## ***AARP WI supports zoning regulation that creates more housing options***

**MILWAUKEE, WI** – On behalf of AARP Wisconsin and our 50,000 members in the City of Milwaukee we are excited to support the zoning regulations for Accessible Dwelling Units (ADU's) and The Housing Element.

"With the number of Americans over the age of 65 expected to more than double from 40 million to 81 million by 2040, it is paramount that policymakers work to maintain and create housing options and communities that meet the needs of older adults and facilitate aging in place," said Amber Miller, Senior Associate State Director – Outreach for AARP Wisconsin.

Miller is encouraging all Common Council members to vote for the zoning change that was sponsored by Ald. Baumann, Ald. Perez, Ald. Zamarripa, and Ald. Burgelis.

ADUs offer many benefits for homeowners and communities including providing flexibility and options for residents as needs change throughout a lifetime.

[AARP's 2021 Community Preferences Survey](#) revealed that over 75 percent of adults 50+ would like to remain in their community as they age.

"Nearly one in three adults would consider building an ADU on their property with the top reason being so that a loved one who needs care would have a place to stay," Miller said.

One option is to use the ADU as living quarters for a caregiver or a relative in need of care. ADUs can also be purposefully designed to accommodate individuals with mobility challenges, making it easier for them to navigate their living space.

Unlike most traditional single-family homes, which often lack accessibility features, an ADU offers the opportunity to incorporate Universal Design principles from the start – creating a safer, more comfortable environment for all.

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