

HOUSING ELEMENT

City of Milwaukee Comprehensive Plan

An internal ADU needs to be a special use so it has neighborhood input.

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 Decision Maker: Mayor Cavalier Johnson

The Issue

The City of Milwaukee's Draft Housing Element, if approved by the City Council, will allow internal Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) throughout Milwaukee without neighborhood input.

Please sign this petition so the City revises the Draft Housing Element to require internal ADU's to be a SPECIAL USE that would require neighborhood input.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): A residential dwelling unit, but not a mobile home, located on the same lot as a single-family house, either within the same building as the single-family house or in a detached building. ADUs are also called rear cottages, carriage houses, and in-law suites. Source: A Planner's Dictionary.

Milwaukee covers 96 square miles, each neighborhood with its own unique character and charm. A blanket policy that allows internal Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) across the entire city disregards the present single-family zoning and will allow up-zoning without community input.

On page 36 of recent planning documents, it is indicated that internal ADU's will be permitted citywide. This proposal has significant implications for our community. Internal ADUs could lead to increased density, parking challenges, and a strain on infrastructure. Without the requirement for public hearings, residents' voices are silenced in decisions that directly impact their living conditions and neighborhood character.

Signing this petition is a step towards safeguarding our neighborhoods from policies that fail to consider their unique needs and characteristics. Urge the city to reconsider and revise the draft Housing Element, dated May 1, 2025, to require internal ADU's to be a SPECIAL USE that would require neighborhood input. Let's champion transparency and community voice in Milwaukee's urban planning.

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