

Dear Committee members,

Thank you for your work on improving the city. This last decade has been an exciting time to be in La Crosse and the policy changes enacted in that time have brightened the future of our city. The proposed ordinance to amend the zoning code and allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) will continue this positive trend.

The city is limited in the amount of land we have, and so allowing a greater number of people to live here is important so that the city does not lose more residents to Holmen or Onalaska. ADUs are an important piece of the housing puzzle, particularly by allowing elderly family members to stay close to family and within their neighborhoods.

I fully support the proposed ordinance and would ask for you to continue to be amenable to housing needs of the community by removing costly parking mandates for all uses citywide, reducing lot size and setback requirements, and allowing duplexes, triplexes and “gentle density” on any residential lot.

Thank you,  
Samuel Deetz