

Dear City Clerk,

Please read my PUBLIC COMMENT into the record at the January 7, 2025 City Council meeting, with reference to File # 13-25

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brian DeLacey
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Malden, MA 02148

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Dear City Council,

When you discuss Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), please keep in mind the spirit of the underlying Affordable Homes Act which makes these innovative new housing options available.

The AHA is intended "to counter rising housing costs caused by high demand and limited supply".

The AHA was signed into law by Governor Maura Healey on August 6, 2024 and allows ADUs (<900 SF) to be built by-right in single-family zoning districts in all communities, while prohibiting owner occupancy requirements as well as parking mandates within ½ mile of transit.

The positive impacts this can have on Malden are easily imagined. This includes improved health, lifestyle, flexibility and affordability of housing for Malden residents. The opportunities for the City of Malden are many in embracing this forward progress for housing.

It is critical for City leaders to embrace the benefits ADUs can bring to the City of Malden and its residents. Moreover, it is crucial that City leaders avoid unnecessary complications and costs in implementation of this new law. I look forward to your clear communication on the affordable pathways ahead to help Malden understand and implement this statewide legislation.

Balancing reasonable local controls with forward-thinking state goals is in the public interest. Thank you for working to streamline this process and make it available, accessible and inclusive for all Malden residents who would like to participate.

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