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**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 81952 - ADUs (Support)  
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Dear Alders,

I fully SUPPORT updating our ordinances to remove restrictions that would allow for more places where ADUs could be built and reduce the burden of ADU builders for future considerations.

ADUs are not going to solve our housing crisis, but they are one of many items in our toolkit that we should be utilizing. Especially since this type of incremental infill will keep more of the current character of our neighborhoods while allowing some small increases in density.

Density is key in having our cities combat emissions and climate change. Accessory Dwelling Units promote sustainable consumption in several ways: Smaller-sized units require fewer materials to build and lower consumption of utilities like water, gas, and electricity than traditional single-family homes, and promotes density that can bring more transit and walkable business to our neighborhoods.

<https://www.nar.realtor/magazine/real-estate-news/commentary/the-eco-friendly-adu-housing-s-game-changer>

Please vote in favor of these changes.

Thanks,  
Rachel Robillard - Homeowner, far west side of Madison

**From:** [Eileen Hornberger Thompson](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** vote no changes on ADU requirements # 81952  
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Hi Alders -

Please DO NOT remove owner occupancy for ADU's – Please mandate owner occupation in order to maintain their responsibility to neighbors.

Before voting tonight on ADU's - please walk or drive through the alley to inspect the 3 story ADU behind 1908 Jefferson St in Vilas .. .enter the alley between Jefferson St and Madison St. between Harrison and VanBuren St. (1900 block is behind Monroe St Framing, and Empire photo) Ask yourself if you would want to live next door! This imposing ADU limits both 1910 and 1902 neighbors back yard functionality - no garden would grow, and blocks balconys and many windows.

These ADU's will impact the value of neighboring homes.

Vilas neighborhood submitted a survey which is in opposition to expanding ADU's to include 8 units and removing owner occupancy. Vilas neighborhood is a historic district, near the UW campus, where realtors , builders, and some homeowners will continue to buy up houses to exploit - the neighborhood will feel the impact.

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Vilas neighborhood