

June 12, 2024 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # E.1 Case No. TXT24-00001 (Title 18- Affordable Housing Initiatives)											
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I very begrudgingly support this ordinance. This ordinance started out as something that truly could have helped with housing affordability at a time when our community is facing record housing cost inflation. Unfortunately, the council appears to have caved to almost every demand that NIMBYs have made, watering this ordinance down to something that will barely move the needle. However, as disappointing as this ordinance is, it at least moves us in the right direction, even if it is nowhere near far enough. I implore the council to revisit this topic as soon as possible to implement the changes that will make a difference in affordability (and arguably improve quality of life in the process), such as allowing by-right approval of affordable housing projects, allowing for duplex, triplex, and fourplex units in SF zoning, removing parking mandates, and easing setback requirements. Especially those last two, the removal of parking mandates and easing setback requirements will contribute to more pleasant and walkable neighborhoods being built in our city. It is common sense that there are a lot of people who desire that type of neighborhood, the fact that the few neighborhoods in our city that are pleasant and walkable have the hottest real estate market (which is saying something given how hot

the real estate market is all over the city). There is obviously unmet demand for that type of neighborhood and we should be building to meet that demand. As an added bonus, these types of neighborhoods will help the city meet its environmental goals as people living in those neighborhoods tend to drive less (related bonus, people driving less will make the city's massive backlog of road maintenance more manageable over the long run). There was no reason to backtrack the recommendations of the Planning Commission except for "protecting" the property value of NIMBYS at the expense of everything and everyone else. It's not too late to correct these mistakes going forward.

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