

August 13, 2020

Mayor Selby and City Councilmembers
City of Olympia, Washington

RE: OPC Recommendation – Amendments to the Municipal Code related to Recreational Vehicles

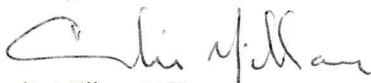
Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers;

The Olympia Planning Commission is pleased to recommend approval of the ordinance that amends the municipal code to permit recreational vehicles in manufactured/mobile home communities. The Commission determined that these changes align with the Olympia Comprehensive Plan and are consistent with Goal GL16: **“The range of housing types and densities are consistent with the community’s changing population needs and preferences.”**

During consideration of the code amendments, several Commissions acknowledged the value in increasing housing options, but felt the ordinance could have done more to consider opportunities for expanding access to recreational vehicles as a very low income housing option. As limited as the Commission is to substantially modify the item before it, and taking into account State law that mandated these changes, the consensus of the Commission is to recommend approval and reinforce the urgency to implement a long range housing plan that provides housing options to all residents.

The Planning Commission is honored to serve the Mayor, City Council and people of Olympia. We look forward to helping Olympia achieve the goals expressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,



Candis Millar, AICP
Chair, Olympia Planning Commission