

From: Laurel Jeanine
To: [Public Hearing](#)
Subject: Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law - Laneway Home Regulations
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Hello Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the staff recommendations on Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law - Laneway Home Regulations.

However, I would like to see Laneway Homes better meet the needs of families as they grow, including:

- Allowing for the stratification of laneway homes. My best friend and her husband have built a laneway home in the backyard of his parents single detached house in South Vancouver. If anything were to happen to his parents' health and need to sell and move away, my friends would lose their home as well.
- Allowing for more square feet than you already allow. My friends were able to build a comfortable sized living space and one bedroom for their baby girl, but when they have another child, it will become pretty tight. They would have liked an additional 300 square feet on top of the allowed 900 square feet.
- Allowing two full storeys and flat roofs.
- Reduce permitting time (my friends' laneway permits took 7 months) and requirements (e.g. landscape review).
- However, in general I would like to see far more allowed outright, without timely and costly permits and delays and encourage to keep moving forward with Making Room to find a way for 6-plexes, no parking, to be allowed outright on every lot in Vancouver.

Thanks and Kind Regards,

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From: Stuart Smith
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Hi, not sure if this is too late for the hearing that's underway but a short note to express my support for the laneway amendments.

Laneways are not a form of housing that will solve all our problems or work for everyone, but they work for some and should be legal, outright, everywhere.

Increasing the maximum height, allowing wider dormers, and introducing outright processes, will allow more people to share Vancouver's least affordable neighbourhoods and do so more quickly than they otherwise could.

My only criticism would be the focus on regulating interior space to address "livability concerns" If people are choosing to live in less than livable situations, this is a sign our city has failed to build enough housing. While it may be appropriate to regulate interior space in the short term, it will do nothing to actually create more housing so that people no longer need to choose less than livable situations.

I urge you to go ahead with these amendments.

Thank you

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