**Overview of the Advancing Housing Affordability (AHA) Petition**

Online AHA Information:[**https://bit.ly/AHAPetitionInfo**](https://bit.ly/AHAPetitionInfo)

To sign and support the online AHA petition:[**https://bit.ly/AHASupport**](https://bit.ly/AHASupport)

**What this Zoning Petition Asks the City to do**

1. *To provide more housing:* Modify zoning in Cambridge Districts A-1 (now exclusively single-family housing allowed) and A-2 (single- and two- family housing allowed) to allow more residential units within the shells of existing buildings, with modest modifications to the building rears or sides for essential changes like doors and dormers. This enables illegal apartments to become legal in these districts and provides a means to create new housing in our current sustainable housing.
2. *To create more affordable housing*: require that
3. If three or more residential units within an existing structure are added, one of these units must meet City affordability guidelines, pro-rated as the number of units increases.

b. Consistent with City inclusionary housing guidelines, a bonus of 30% FAR will be allowed on auxiliary dwelling units on this site when affordable units are added.

1. *To address climate change:* any new onsite parking must be on water-permeable materials that allow rain penetration.
2. *Require large Cambridge employers* (over 100 people): to provide an area wide plan for their employees housing, transportation, parking, and related infrastructure for 85% of employees and affiliates by the year 2040. Required annual review of how they are meeting these goals.

This AHA Petition offers

* an important avenue to change both the short term and long-term impacts of our growth.
* It helps maintain many of the City features that our residents we love and hope to preserve in an era of:
  + climate change
  + out of town property investments
  + large scale commercial development

We believe these zoning changes will not only provide an avenue for more affordable housing in Cambridge but also area solutions to the problems we are facing.