

## County Process for Considering Accessory Dwellings (prepared 2/5/2008)

The Housing Commission presented its Accessory Dwelling recommendations to the County Board in a work session on January 31st. While the Civic Federation was not officially a part of the discussion, County staff and some County Board members did have the DRAFT resolution we will consider on Tuesday, February 5th.

The Board identified the following process for next steps:

**February – March.** County staff will contact community groups, tentatively including, but not limited to, the following, to discuss the proposal. (If you would like a presentation to your group, please contact Fran Lunney at 703-228-3785 or flunney@arlingtonva.us. )

AHC, Inc., Alliance for Housing Solutions, Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF), Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance (AGLA), Arlington Interfaith Council (AIC), Arlington Home Ownership Made Easier (AHOME), Arlington New Directions Coalition (ANDC), Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), Arlington Teachers Union, BRAVO, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Nonprofits and Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Commission on Aging, Commission on the Status of Women, Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC), Community Role Models, Community Services Board, Disability Advisory Commission, Endependence Center of Northern Virginia, Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC), George Mason University – Arlington Campus, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Long Term Care Residence Commission, Marymount University, NAACP – Arlington Chapter, Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Commission (NCAC), Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) - Arlington Campus, Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), Nursing Homes, RPJ Housing Development Corporation, Tenant Landlord Commission, Transportation Commission, Virginia Hospital Center, Wesley Housing Development Corporation (WHDC).

**April.** Staff will publish a Staff Recommendation, which will include draft language for Zoning Ordinance amendments.

**April – May.** County Commissions will review the staff report. These will include the Housing Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Transportation Commission.

**June.** The County Manager will bring a County Manager Recommendation to the County Board, which will vote on whether to advertise it, or a modified version of it, after a public hearing. The June Board meetings are both on Tuesday: June 17 and June 24.)

**Not less than 14 days after the advertisement.** The County Board will vote on the County Manager's Recommendation. The public will be able to comment. Board members will be able to revise the recommendation, provided it is within the scope of what was advertised. Otherwise, it can re-advertise a revised version, and take a vote on that no less than 14 days subsequent.

**Given this schedule, our opportunities to have input into whether and how Arlington allows Accessory Dwellings will be:**

- (1) From now until April, when we can convey our views and questions to County Staff
- (2) In April and May, when we can express our views on the staff proposal to the Commissions.
- (3) In June, when we can express our views on the Manager's Recommendation to the County Board, including the proposed advertisements.
- (4) After June, when we can express our views on whether the Board should adopt the advertised version, modify it, or re-advertise it.

At the earlier stages, we will have more influence than at later stages, when the County and other stakeholders start to get "locked in" to particular policy choices.