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Re: Proposed Amendment to O. Reg 299/19: Additional Residential Units ERO Number 019-6197

Dear Minister Clark,

The City of Cambridge is providing this submission in response to the proposed amendments O. Reg 299/19: Additional Residential Units, posted for comment on the Environmental Registry of Ontario by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Please see below comments:

The City of Cambridge has recently updated zoning regulations to increase the number of Accessory Residential Units (ARUs) permitted on a property as well as reducing restrictions to make it easier to establish ARUs in the City of Cambridge.

The changes to the Regulation governing ARUs should help make it easier to add residential units to existing underutilized properties. Some clarification on other zoning standards that can be applied (such as frontage or minimum lot area) would assist municipalities in setting appropriate regulations for ARUs, as well as an indication of whether the Planning Act will distinguish between a three unit multiple dwelling (triplex)



and a primary dwelling containing two ARUs in terms of parking and general zoning standards.

Staff are supportive of efforts to make the addition of ARUs easier for property owners and look forward to clarification as noted above to ensure that current and future regulations can be set to further support the creation of ARUs. The proposed changes in regulation are in line with the direction staff is intending to take with the new comprehensive zoning by-law to permit singles through to triplexes in urban residential zones.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

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