Parke, Andi, and Arlington EATS,

Thank you for your comments on the proposed zoning amendments.

Best, Jenny

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Subject: Comment from Arlington EATS on Zoning Proposal

Dear ARB members:

Arlington EATS is the town's food pantry and food distribution organization ("Food for all Arlington residents in need") and sponsor of the annual <u>Beats for Eats</u> event (upcoming March 23 in Arlington Town Hall).

The board has been following the town's zoning proposal with interest. Arlington EATS is submitting this public comment.

**Housing Affordability is Critical for Food Security.** Arlington EATS has long recognized that housing affordability is a critical issue that affects the risk of food insecurity and hunger for people in our community. We have noted with interest the <u>proposal</u> from Arlington's Department of Planning and Community Development for several zoning changes, with a goal of improving housing affordability. We support the principle of zoning for diverse unit sizes for a healthy and economically diverse community. We encourage community members to thoughtfully consider the town's zoning proposals, remembering the needs of low-income and working people as a priority.

Thank you for your work on this issue!

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