

From: Ed Holden
Date: Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 1:33 PM
Subject: Re: 225 Broadway proposal
To: Claire Ricker
Cc: Andrea Orvis Holden

Dear Claire Ricker,

I'm writing to comment on the new development at 225 Broadway ([link to notice on town website](#)). I live near this development at 12 Wyman Street, a single family house my wife and I bought in 2008. I won't be available to attend the public hearing on the 14th, and do not know any of the parties involved in this development.

I support the development of this new 4-unit building, and I hope it can be approved with minimal delay for the developer. The Boston metro area, including Arlington, is experiencing a severe housing shortage, especially in areas with access to jobs, public transportation, and amenities. The scarcity of housing has increased the sale price of houses, nearly tripling the value of ours, and making it difficult for new buyers to find homes. My family has known friends who have left the area due to the steeply rising prices here. High housing prices also contribute to homelessness within the metro area, and urban sprawl outside it.

I hope the Redevelopment Board will consider that the lot at 225-225A Broadway is included in the Mass Ave Broadway Subdistrict of Arlington's zoning plan for compliance with the MBTA Communities Act. The owner of this site has “by-right construction up to four stories along the Massachusetts Avenue and Broadway corridors” (source: [report of the MBTA Communities Working Group, Fall 2023](#)).

I hope Arlington will step up and produce more housing, and even go beyond the requirements of the MBTA Communities Act. Ensuring this nice-looking and larger development proceeds unimpeded is a good start.

Regards,
Edward Holden
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