Tillamook County Housing Commission

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To: Tillamook County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners

The mission of the Tillamook County Housing Commission is to: To collaboratively advocate for attainable and equitable solutions that impact Tillamook County's greatest housing needs. The proposed changes to the Rural Residential zone are in line with this mission.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are an important tool in addressing Tillamook County's greatest housing needs. The benefits of ADUs are numerous. ADUs help foster multi-generational living, are space efficient, benefit both homeowner and renter, are generally more affordable than other housing options, strengthen our community and ease the extreme demand for housing in Tillamook County.

As advocates for the greatest housing needs, it is our duty to support the lowest barrier options available. The Housing Commission appreciates the challenges and complexities of proposed text amendment language to allow the siting of a recreational vehicle (RV) to serve as a housing option on Rural Residential (RR) zoned property. While the Housing Commission supports the inclusion of the RV provisions, we understand that it may not be an attainable low-barrier solution at this time. The Housing Commission urges further consideration of these proposed amendments to achieve a viable low-barrier housing solution for RR areas.

The Housing Commission appreciates and supports the proposed changes to the Rural Residential zoned areas and thanks the Planning Committee for the hard work that has gone into crafting them.

- The Tillamook County Housing Commission