



Mayor Busse, Bloomington City Council
1800 W Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

March 15, 2023

Re: City Code Amendment - Single and Two-Family Residential Standards and Comprehensive Plan

Via Electronic Delivery

To Mayor Busse and the Bloomington City Council,

On behalf of our organization and its membership, Housing First Minnesota submits the following letter of support for the City Code Amendment - Single and Two-Family Residential Standards and Comprehensive Plan (the Proposal). Housing First Minnesota is a statewide organization representing a diverse array of construction and development firms from across the housing industry. Our members helped to build Bloomington and many other communities across the region and continue to work every day to seek ways to advance our mission of homeownership opportunities for all.

The Proposal seeks to advance housing affordability and access through modest densification. This type of zoning reform is at the forefront of the housing policy discussion in city halls and in state capitols across the nation. The implementation of this proposal will enable Bloomington to grow as it enters its next phase of its development cycle.

With its needed policy reforms, the Proposal includes several positive changes which will have a noticeable impact on increasing housing affordability, aside from its increase in density. These include the reduction of parking mandates, changes to setbacks, and the removal of minimum building floor requirements for one- and two-family dwellings.

Modest densification not only increases housing supply, it also increases affordability and access. Notably, these are the same issues housing First Minnesota has worked to elevate over the years.

We applaud Bloomington leading from the front on housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Erickson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nick Erickson
Senior Director of Housing Policy

