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**Accessory Dwelling Advisory Working Group
Scope**

Introduction: Adjustments to the existing accessory dwelling (AD) unit ordinance was one of the County Board directives to undertake over the next two years in order to advance the goals of the Affordable Housing Master Plan. Accessory dwellings was identified as an existing tool in the Affordable Housing Master Plan to help meet the stated goal of having an adequate supply of housing to meet community needs as well as provide support so that older adults can age in place. The Plan recommended review of the ordinance to encourage greater use and therefore produce AD units to meet community needs (i.e. age in place, etc).

Purpose: The Working Group will be an advisory group to staff and will help staff determine what changes need to be made to the accessory dwelling ordinance in order to encourage greater usage while preserving Arlington's single-family neighborhoods. The proposed changes will then go through a public review process before going to the Planning Commission and the County Board.

Functions and Scope:

1. Review current ordinance and its effectiveness
2. Review best practices from other jurisdictions
3. Examine issues with the ordinance that limit accessory dwelling usage
4. Provide guidance on draft recommended changes to the ordinance
5. Provide input on ways to educate and solicit community input on draft recommendations

Working Group Membership: The Working Group will be made up of members of the Housing Commission, two members from the Commission on Aging, a member from the Civic Federation and a member from the Alliance for Housing Solutions. The Working Group will be chaired by a member of the Housing Commission.

Meetings: The Working Group will meet as frequently as every other week starting in February 2017. It is anticipated that meetings will occur through May and it is possible not all the meetings will be necessary.