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Issues related to Accessory Dwelling Units within the City of Gainesville (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss issues related to Accessory dwelling units within the City of Gainesville.*Estimated presentation time is 15 minutes*

Accessory dwelling units have benefits and challenges but they are vital to the housing supply and provide housing options for individuals, professionals and small starting families. They are well suited to low density single-family neighborhoods which are close to core urban areas and high density activity centers. This report examines the provision of accessory dwelling units within the City of Gainesville and the possibility of expanding the accessory dwelling unit program and making the process much easier while minimizing any negative impacts.

Adopting the recommendations will require appropriate short and long term budget allocations to implement proposed programs.

The following recommendations are submitted for consideration by the committee.

1. The City should direct staff to begin work on identifying quick administrative and process changes that can be implemented to facilitate the use of accessory dwelling units within the City.
2. The City should take action to adopt policies that are recommended in the report with appropriate funding.
3. The City should also direct staff to prepare a proposal outlining a process for guiding the review, permitting and construction of accessory dwelling units.