



ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2025-02 Resolution of Support

Town Centers and Transit Supportive Development Corridors

WHEREAS, the Abbott Loop Community Council, as stated in Article III of the Municipal Charter, exists to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination, and Article IV to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in local affairs and to perform those functions and exercise those powers granted or permitted by the provisions of municipal code 2.40.050 and 2.40.060,

WHEREAS, Abbott Loop Community Council acknowledges Anchorage's ongoing housing crisis is linked to: a decline in population, an increase in homelessness and associated criminal activity, a lack of economic opportunities for young people and entrepreneurs, a lack of housing choices for seniors, a lack of well-paying jobs in the trades, increased traffic safety issues, a lack of resilience in the transportation system, and a lack of housing that is affordable for everyday hardworking Alaskans,

WHEREAS, Abbott Loop has long advocated for the proper development of its Town Center so that residents may enjoy the benefits that come with walkable, people-centered urban design,

WHEREAS, Abbott Loop Community Council desires to see housing and entrepreneurial opportunities developed in areas of the Anchorage Bowl that through a robust public process were determined to be acceptable for such development and additional density while simultaneously relieving pressure to increase density in areas that are predominantly single family in nature,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan employed such a robust public participation process in designating certain areas of the Anchorage Bowl as Town Centers and Transit Supportive Development Corridors which should be developed in a manner that is mixed-use in nature with densities sufficient to encourage walkability and support both active and public transit,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Anchorage Climate Action Plan also support Transit-Supportive Development,

WHEREAS, these areas align with Abbott Loop Community Council's vision for areas that are proper for additional development and density of housing and entrepreneurial opportunities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Abbott Loop Community Council supports the Anchorage Assembly taking action to implement Transit Oriented Development in the areas designated in the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan as Town Center and/or Transit Supportive Development Corridor. It is the position of the Abbott Loop Community Council that the Anchorage Assembly should consider the following items during implementation:

1) The Assembly should consider increasing Abbott Loop Town Center's boundaries to include industrial-zoned lands between Abbott Road and Lore Road between Lake Otis Parkway and the New Seward Highway.

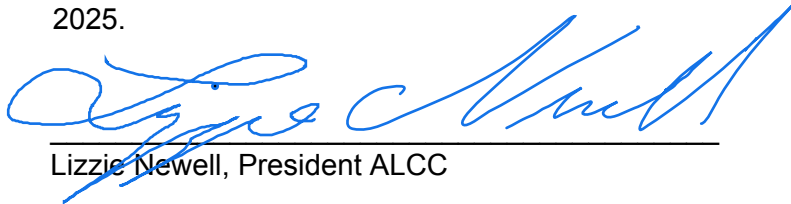
2) The resulting code should be flexible enough to allow for many different types of housing including, but not limited to:

- a. Small-Lot Single Family Homes
- b. Cottage Courts
- c. Mixed-use buildings of reasonable heights
- d. Apartment buildings of reasonable heights which can be configured in a way that support floor plans that can accommodate young families
- e. Single-Room Occupancy Developments

3) These areas should incentive mixed-use and active transportation for maximum benefit by:

- a. Centering the transportation system on people
- b. Studying ways to reduce the dependence on traffic signaling
- c. Encouraging safe, comfortable, and affordable active transportation and public transit options

PASSED and APPROVED by the Abbott Loop Community Council, this 27th day of February 2025.



Lizzie Newell, President ALCC

2-27-2025 .

Date



Kathleen Easley, Secretary ALCC

02/27/2025

Date