



Missing Middle Housing provides more housing of various types and prices, and can help our communities make incremental increases in housing to existing neighborhoods that we all know and love. This proposal will also create more opportunities for folks in Knoxville to live in neighborhoods that are walkable and bikeable, with access to parks, schools, local businesses and more without requiring the use of a car.

Walkability in a neighborhood is more than a pleasant surprise or a special benefit, it is a necessity for liveability. Walking has benefits to public health, safety, and so much more - by bolstering walkable communities, the City of Knoxville is empowering residents to build activity into their daily lives, providing opportunities to get to know neighbors, and making it easier to support the local economy. Furthermore, walkability is absolutely vital for the many members of our community who might not have driving as a viable alternative mode of transportation.

This proposal represents a key first step, and we look forward to future strides. Specifically, Bike Walk Knoxville encourages the City of Knoxville to look into comprehensive parking requirement reform in the future, which would constitute a critical commitment to encouraging communities designed for people, not just cars.

On behalf of Bike Walk Knoxville and community members across Knoxville who love to bike and walk, I am proud to support this proposal and encourage the Planning Commission to approve it.