

**From:** [Adam Fairbanks](#)  
**To:** [Silveira, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Removal of Restriction on Renting ADUs  
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Hello Michael,

Gosh, thank you for clearing that up! I must have misunderstood something that was said about that then!

I'm greatly relieved to hear that situation for my mother and my family is fine then, but nonetheless, I still feel that it would be best to go forward with removing the restrictions on ADUs. I'm sure the Study Committee did a good job in assessing the benefits and potential drawbacks, so I'm confident with their proposal anyway.

Thanks again though for the clarification on the zoning by-law and thanks for getting back to me so quickly!

Have a great day,  
Adam

On Wed, Feb 1, 2023 at 11:20 AM Silveira, Michael <[silveiram@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:silveiram@hingham-ma.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Fairbanks,

Thanks so much for submitting your comments. Regarding your comment about caregivers living in an ADU, the Zoning By-Law (under Section V-K, 2) actually does currently allow this. Caregivers are included within the definition of "family member," so this provision would remain unchanged whether or not the proposed zoning amendment is adopted. We just want to make sure you have the most accurate information possible!

Thank you again!

Best,

Michael Silveira

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**From:** Adam Fairbanks <[fangandao@gmail.com](mailto:fangandao@gmail.com)>  
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Hello,

My name is Adam Fairbanks and I'm a Hingham resident. My family moved to Hingham in 2000 and my mother, two sisters, my husband and I live on Lincoln St.

I'm emailing to say that I support the current proposal made by the ADU Study Committee to remove the restriction on renting ADUs solely to family members. I hope the Planning Board will advance the Committee's proposal to a Town Meeting vote with this recommendation intact. Hingham needs more housing options and this is one small step in the right direction. There is no valid reason to restrict the use of these units to family members only, particularly given the owner occupancy requirement. My mother is turning 70 this year, and unfortunately, her health isn't the best. I was shocked to discover that if she is ever to require around the clock care, we wouldn't be able to have a carer live on our property. This would be devastating to my mother, who absolutely loves living in Hingham and says that our property here is heaven to her. She would like nothing more than to be able to stay living in the place she loves most, and God willing, the time will never come when such a decision to leave would need to be made, but with this restriction in place it's a definite possibility.

I really hope you take action that will allow for greater flexibility for Hingham residents to rent to individuals who are not family members.

Thank you,

Adam Fairbanks