Proposed Municipal Code Amendments
City of Langley

This survey is intended to understand housing issues for residents and workers in Langley. And to gather opinions\(^1\) about proposed changes to the Municipal Code for Accessory Dwelling Units and other types of housing. The changes are intended to reduce barriers to enable more housing units to be built particularly long-term rentals for workers. You can find details on designlangley.org. As additional Code changes are proposed in the future, we will ask for your input at that time.

Please return this questionnaire to the City by July 27, 2018. Email a copy to planning@langleywa.org or drop it off at City Hall.

1. Do you own or rent a home within Langley city limits?
   - Yes ☐
   - No ☐
   - If not, where do you live? _______________________________

2. What percentage of your household income do you spend on shelter (mortgage or rent) including other housing related costs such as utilities and insurance\(^2\)?
   - More than 30% ☐
   - 30% ☐
   - Less than 30% ☐
   - Don’t know ☐

3. Are there enough housing options for working people in Langley?
   For homeowners   Yes ☐
   - No ☐
   - Don’t know ☐
   - Please explain__________________________

   For renters   Yes ☐
   - No ☐
   - Don’t know ☐
   - Please explain__________________________

4. Do you have family members or friends with housing related issues in Langley or South Whidbey? Issues could include affordability, crowding, can’t find a unit, living in sub-standard housing, evicted for short term rentals. Yes ☐
   - No ☐
   - Don’t know ☐
   - Please explain________________________________________________________________________

5. Are you an employer in Langley City limits? Yes ☐
   - No ☐

6. Do any of your employees have issues related to housing? See number 4 above.
   - Yes ☐
   - No ☐
   - Please explain________________________________________________________________________

\(^1\) This information will assist the City to gauge opinion on proposed code changes. It is not a scientifically valid questionnaire.

\(^2\) U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers households paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing as “cost burdened”.
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

An ADU is a small self-contained dwelling unit. ADU’s can be attached, for example a basement unit or detached, for example a small backyard cottage on a foundation. ADU’s currently range in size from 300 to 1,000 square feet.

1. Do you have an ADU?       Yes ☐   No ☐
2. Do any of your neighbors have ADU?   Yes ☐   No ☐
3. Are you aware of issues in your neighborhood related to ADUs?   Yes ☐   No ☐
   Explain _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
4. Should the City allow more than one ADU on a property where there is an existing single-family
dwelling unit (SFR), for example one attached and one detached?   Yes ☐   No ☐
   Explain _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
5. Should the City allow multiple small dwelling units on one lot? This is similar to the cottage
   neighborhood but units are smaller, for example detached units ranging from 150 - 300 square feet.
   Yes ☐   No ☐
   Explain _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

Boarding Houses  (Shared single-family residences, permitted in all residential zones but must be
approved by hearing examiner.)

6. Should we make the approval process easier for boarding houses?   Yes ☐   No ☐
   Explain _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

Short Term Rentals  (Rentals of less than 30 days, e.g. as may be advertised through Airbnb or VRBO.)

7. Should the City place more restrictions on short term rentals?   Yes ☐   No ☐
   Explain _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

8. Do you have a short-term rental?   Yes ☐   No ☐
9. Do you have a long-term rental?   Yes ☐   No ☐

Please use another sheet of paper if you have more comments.
Thank you for your time and input.

Please return this survey to the City of Langley Planning Department no later than July 27, 2018 via email
planning@langleywa.org or drop it off at City Hall or mail to 112 2nd Street, PO Box 366, Langley, 98260