

ADVOCACY ALERT

Update

We have arrived! After a year of deliberation, Tuesday, October 11, 2022, City Council will hold a public hearing and likely vote on an ordinance that would grant Bethany Lutheran Church an increased density bonus to build affordable housing on its land.

Highlights:

- The ordinance describes two tiers of bonus density for residential zones: a higher bonus for residential projects within the Winslow Subarea or within one quarter mile and a lower one for projects in outlying residential zones.
- The new code works as a 5-year pilot project during which time it will be limited to Bethany Lutheran Church. Beginning January 1, 2028, it will apply to all requests for bonus density for affordable housing on land owned or controlled by a religious organization.
- Units are capped at 1,400 sf.
- ADUs are prohibited.
- The ordinance will allow a maximum of 23 units on the Bethany Lutheran Church property.

Action

This meeting is a public hearing, when community members are invited to share their position on the issue. **It is our last chance to show support for this project. Please attend the meeting, offer public comment, and/or write to Council and urge it to pass the ordinance in its current form.**

We expect a lively meeting, as there will be people in favor of and opposed to the ordinance in attendance. It is critical that we show confident and informed support for affordable housing on Bainbridge Island and embolden council members to pass this ordinance.

Key points to include in your email to Council

- I care about my community, and I want to see more affordable housing on Bainbridge Island. (Feel free to personalize this with information about your connection to the community and why affordable housing matters to you.)
- I support changes to the municipal code to allow greater density so that Bethany Lutheran Church can develop an economically viable project that is 100% affordable.
- The 23-unit maximum is necessary and appropriate.
- The affordable housing shortage on Bainbridge is severe and demands a community-wide response. Bethany Lutheran Church has the land and resources, skill and commitment to help meet this need.

Meeting details

City Council

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:00 pm

You can find the meeting link [here](#).

For more information, see the meeting agenda packet [here](#).

LETTER-WRITING HELP



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