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Comments for 11/19/24 Meeting of City Planning Commission

From: Nathan Mair**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 12:30 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Comments for 11/19/24 Meeting of City Planning Commission

Dear Ann Arbor City Planning Commission,

I am a business owner that lives and works in Ann Arbor. Our business, Popo's Real Chinese Food, serves Chinese Food at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market in Kerrytown. For tonight's meeting we are requesting the City Planning Commission to consider relaxing the building requirements for Accessory Commercial Units (ACU).

In Ann Arbor the cost of rent and design for a new restaurant can be substantial. However, the cost of a brick and mortar location could be justified if there was an established reputation for the organization. The adoption of ACU's can help potential restaurant owners lead to a smoother landing when transitioning into a retail location. With an ACU they can try their idea, gain a reputation and assess if a retail location makes sense.

Currently, the ACU requirements may be cost restrictive and lead to another barrier for potential business owners to establish a smooth transition into a retail location. We hope the council will consider allowing more cost effective options for these units.

Thanks for your consideration!

Nathan Mair