



Southampton Town Board 12/20/2018
RE: Affordable Housing & Accessory Apartments

The Long Island Builders Institute would like to express its strong support for amending the town code to provide for additional affordable housing, in the form of accessory apartments, throughout the Town of Southampton.

Housing affordability is a concern for the entirety of Long Island. As the demand for units continues to outpace the supply of what is available, it is no surprise that we are seeing the price of rent increase. This is especially true in Southampton. The town needs to diversify and expand its housing options, mainly within the “affordable” rent standard, in order to maintain a healthy local economy and its community services. Teachers, health care professionals, mechanics, retail employees, and many others, including senior citizens within the town, are being priced out of market-rate housing.

By allowing for more accessory apartments to be created, the town is not only opening up for more affordable housing opportunities, but providing homeowners, who may be struggling to make ends meet, with the ability to derive extra income.

The Long Island Builders institute supports this initiative and urges you to approve the legislation.