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Movable Tiny Houses for Pacifica

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Dear Mayor Beckmeyer, Mayor Pro Term Bier, Council Member Vaterlaus, Council Member O'Neill and Council Member Bigstyk

For the upcoming study session on March 6th, I would like to propose that the City of Pacifica crafts and adopts an ordinance that will allow Movable Tiny Houses (MTH) to be used as ADUs in Pacifica. Currently, most Movable Tiny Houses are classified as RVs and they can not be inhabited or rented out, but they are a great and popular alternative to a permanent ADU structure and require less of a homeowner to acquire!

I think that allowing Movable Tiny Houses in the backyards of Pacifica's home owners would have several advantages for the residents of Pacifica.

1. MTHs will help alleviate the housing crisis and create affordable housing in Pacifica if allowed as ADUs. Care givers, family, and renters alike would benefit from being able to rent an affordable small space in Pacifica and it would help homeowners and their families stay in Pacifica. For example, adult children would be able to stay in Pacifica close to their families in an MTH in the backyard instead of being pushed out. Elderly family members could stay in an MTH and help out. Or it can be rented to offset the cost of staying in Pacifica
2. Movable Tiny Houses look very much like actual houses and are much more affordable to build than a permanent structure. They can be built in Pacifica, or built elsewhere and transported in. This would cut down on-site construction which can be a nuisance to the neighbors.
3. It would make it much more accessible for homeowners to acquire an MTH in terms of negotiating the permit process, if an ordinance would be made specifically for Movable Tiny Houses. Many cities across California have already adopted Movable Tiny House Ordinances to amend the ADU Laws, such as San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, San Diego, and LA just to name a few.
4. MTHs could be a great and affordable housing alternative to the RV residents that occupy our streets, bringing these residents off the street out of the RVs and into MTHs and giving them a more permanent housing situation.

I have been a resident and home owner in Pacifica since 2012. I am also a single mother of an 8 year old boy and a 9 year old girl, struggling to stay in Pacifica. My kids go to Oceanshore and we are part of an awesome community network that we do not want to leave. Since it is getting more expensive to stay in Pacifica, I would like to use a more affordable MTH as an ADU in my fenced backyard to rent out to supplement my income which will afford me to stay in Pacifica.

Please consider adopting a Movable Tiny House ordinance in Pacifica!

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Beckmeyer, Mayor Pro Term Bier, Council Member Vaterlaus, Council Member O'Neill and Council Member Bigstyk

My name is Josh, the owner of Pacifica Tiny Homes. I would like to address two reasons why adopting a tiny home ordinance is important and beneficial to the city of Pacifica.

The first reason is because as builders, those reaching out to us are middle class homeowners such as teachers, nurses, city officials, lawyers, police officers, fire fighters, and other professionals. What they all have in common is that they all need this home for their children or an elderly family member. Although they own a home in Pacifica, they are concerned about their children being able to afford a million dollar home in the area. A lot of them are struggling and feel that they are going to be pushed out and forced to relocate very soon. As I express myself, many of the people here listening to me can identify with this scenario, because many of you have growing children or elderly parents.

The second reason is because we need to find a solution to the growing need for housing here in Pacifica, and the simplest, affordable, and best solution is to adopt a tiny home ordinance. We have all seen that apartment buildings and condos are not the solution. The solution is literally in our backyards.

Why should we adopt a tiny home ordinance? Because it will keep Pacifica families together as they will be able to afford a space for their children to live in while they go to college, and for their parents to stay in as they get older and need more care, and for young families to start off and save money. For these two reasons, adopting ordinances for tiny homes is important and beneficial to the city of Pacifica.

Thank you,
Josue Serrano

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Dear Mayor Beckmeyer, Mayor Pro Term Bier, Council Member Vaterlaus, Council Member O'Neill and Council Member Bigstyckt

I'm Crystal from Pacifica Tiny Homes and have been a Pacifica resident for 5 years. I am here to discuss the benefits of adopting a tiny home ordinance.

At the moment, Planning Departments struggle to understand what a tiny home is, and it's understandable because their main job is to enforce codes. Although the majority of tiny homes are RV certified, tiny homes are not RV's, because they are not as fragile, and the quality is much better. Teachers, nurses, artists, students, elderly, families and so many others are not using this for recreational purposes, they are living in them full-time. Tiny homes are built just like a regular home with wood framing, headers, and insulation, but are even stronger and better than an actual house. They also fit in better in residential areas, they are safe, and are more pleasant to look at and live in, as opposed to a standard RV. A tiny home ordinance will help make it easier for Planning Department's to oversee that an established checklist is being followed which meets their concerns around safety, quality, and code enforcement.

To our advantage, we don't have to start from zero as many cities have already jumped on board and have changed ordinances to allow Movable Tiny Homes, such as Los Angeles, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, and San Jose. The benefit is that we can review their ordinances and take the best parts to create our own and which would be beneficial to Pacifica's residents.

Adopting a tiny home ordinance will make it easier for Pacifica residents and the Planning Department to work together and facilitate a faster permit process. It will provide safer and more quality housing at an affordable cost and help strengthen our community.

Thank you,
Crystal Serrano

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