

September 18, 2019

Robert McCoy
Mayor

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 68 (TING) ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS-REQUEST FOR VETO

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Thousand Oaks urges your veto on AB 68 (Ting), which would significantly overhaul Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law, even though the law was thoroughly revised in the 2016 Legislative Session. These revisions were a product of two carefully negotiated bills that only became effective in January 2017. Our city has worked in good faith to implement those laws. If this bill becomes law, our city would have to reopen our ordinances to comply with the provisions of AB 68.

AB 68 circumvents local ordinances that may exclude ADUs for criteria based on health and safety. This measure would allow for up to two new-construction ADUs on a parcel with a multifamily dwelling, unlimited ADUs converted from existing space with a multifamily building, a new-construction ADU on a parcel with a single family home, and conversions of existing space to create an ADU and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) within a single family home or associated accessory structure would have to be allowed on any residential or mixed use parcel.

This measure would also further restrict the parking requirements for an ADU. When a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished or converted into an ADU, AB 68 would prohibit a city from requiring replacement parking. This would only exacerbate existing parking conflicts because we are currently prohibited from imposing parking requirements on new ADUs if they are within one-half mile of transit.

For these reasons, the City of Thousand Oaks urges your veto on AB 68 (Ting).

Sincerely,


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