

Dear Councillors,

As a long-time resident of Guelph, I am writing to express my strong support of the proposed updates to by-law Section 4.15 regarding Home Occupations that allows additional dwelling units and accessory buildings to be used for Home Occupations.

My neighbour, Jess Imrie, designed and built an accessory building on her property in 2021 with the intention of using it as a multi-purpose space, including a home office for her photography business. It wasn't until September of 2022 that she was made aware that the privileges as a homeowner are different for an accessory building. This is a woman-led small business and I've witnessed how disruptive and damaging city policy has been.

**I ask that the City of Guelph support the updates to the by-law and extend the same privileges of a municipal address to include additional buildings on property.** This amendment will have significant impacts on small business owners in Guelph.

Best regards,  
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