

October 13, 2021



Laramie City Council
c/o Derek Teini, City Planner
Via email: dteini@cityoflaramie.org

RE: Residential Parking Standard Changes Are a First Step

Dear Council Members,

I work with Laramie's Uniform Development Code every day and have had more than my fair share of battles with it over the years. I'll be the first one to admit it's not perfect. As part of the Zoning Advisory Committee assigned to review it, back in 2010, I recognized continual updates would need to be addressed in the coming years. In 2020, I was very encouraged to see the City Council had engaged Community Builders to conduct a code audit that provided straight forward and understandable measures to improve Laramie's housing market. These measures, in my opinion, are still valid and need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Derek Teini and his staff have done an admirable job of codifying a portion of these measures to help address the challenges that developers face related to parking in some residential areas. The proposed changes are tangible measures that will make future development more affordable. These are the kinds of improvements to the code that this Council hoped to be able to address when they engaged Community Builders in the first place.

Laramie's economic development efforts are intrinsically connected to the growth of the housing market. If it is still the vision of this Council to be a part of the efforts to help improve Laramie's housing market and economic outlook, the proposed code amendment is a good first step. I encourage an affirmative vote to approve amendments to LMC 15.14.040 for the purpose of updating Laramie Municipal Code related to parking requirements for residential uses.

Sincerely,

Coffey Engineering & Surveying, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David R. Coffey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

David R. Coffey, PE, LS
CEO