

October 1, 2023

To: Planning Commission Members

From: Craig and Mary Lou English

Re: Request to Rent Out a Portion of Our House as an Accessory Dwelling Unit

We have lived at 301 Maple Avenue in Washington Grove, MD for 48 years, having moved here in September of 1975. We love this Town and want to “age in place” here. To be able to afford to stay here, we need an additional source of income.

34 years ago, when our two daughters were 9 and 12 years old, we added an addition onto the living room side of our house that we call the “Girls’ Wing.” This wing consists of two bedrooms, one bathroom, and a den/ tv room. It will be easy to block this off from the rest of our house. Replacing a large window with an exterior door and adding a small kitchenette will turn it into a nice apartment. A small stackable washer/dryer will fit in one of the bedroom closets.

Sharing our existing kitchen with renters is not an option, since our house has an open floor plan that puts our kitchen right in the middle of our personal living and dining areas.

Four vehicles can comfortably fit in our driveway.

We want to encourage the Town to approve the type of ADU that we would like to have. Please see the attached floor plan and pictures for details.

We will be at your October 4th Zoom meeting, and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Craig & Mary Lou English
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Washington Grove, MD 20880



Additional info from Craig and Mary Lou English: This is how the front of our house will look with the new apartment door on the left.

