

Dear Planning Commission,

City Officials,

City Council,

and La Conner Citizens,



My hope is to help create many quality affordable homes, in holistic walking communities. La Conner is a wonderful walkable town needing a variety of affordable homes now, and in the future. Unfortunately, since COVID and inflation, the building costs have more than doubled in the last couple of years. Recently interest rates have *more* than doubled and are still rising. These recent factors have increased new home building and financing costs a total of 300 to 400 percent, or more in some cases. In most communities nowadays more than 50 percent of people cannot afford to buy any type of available residence, and may never enjoy the pride of ownership of their own home.

There is only one way, that I know of, where pride of home ownership is possible for most people now! Portable tiny homes, which can provide many benefits to the community:

1. Creates housing flexibility and many more affordable units quickly.
2. Creates effective temporary use of land being held for future development.
3. Allows owner to move unit to higher ground in the event of imminent flooding.
4. Gives the communities' young an opportunity to stay and live in the town where they were raised and have roots.
5. Gives our workforce and community support personnel an affordable option to stay and live in our community.

Please support pride of ownership for all! And support portable tiny homes!

Thank you,

R. Greg E. Ellis