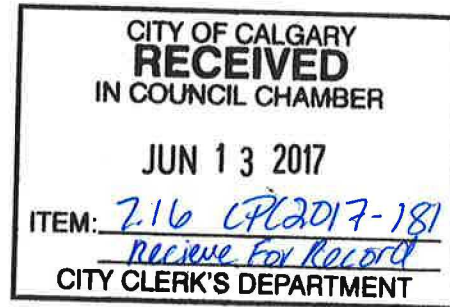


June 13 at 9:30am in councilor chambers main floor

- Person in favor
- Max 5 mins only
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- Administrator
- Person in favor – 5mins
- Person in opposition
- Administration back to podium



**ADDRESS MAYOR as YOUR WORSHIP / ADDRESS CHAIRMAN MR. CHAIRMAN OR MADAM CHAIR**

- Come to speak to podium
- Speak directly into microphone

Hello, Your Worship and Councilor Members, my name is Kari Burkinshaw – let me spell that : K- A -R- I B -U- R- K- I- N- S- H- A- W. I live at 720 Sherman Avenue SW in the community of Southwood.

1. Approving this request fits ~~perfectly~~ with one of Calgary's policies which includes shaping a more compact urban form with a goal to direct future growth of the city in a way that fosters a more compact efficient use of land, creates complete communities, allows for greater mobility choices and enhances vitality and character in local neighborhoods.
2. With Calgary's population expecting to have a huge shift where baby boomers are the majority of labor force and fewer young people. This will impact businesses' ability to attract and retain employees. This will also affect local housing needs which may result in rising costs incurred by the City.
3. Even when attracting people to Calgary overall housing affordability are considered as part of planning decisions, provide greater housing choices in locations close to job markets and in areas well served by the primary transit network. We all remember the housing crisis Calgary had prior to economy downturn.
4. My parcel is less than 500 meters from Southland LRT train station which encourages ~~our~~ residents residence in Southland including myself to take the C- train. My daily commute to downtown is 30 mins door to door. By leaving my vehicle at home, I do not impact additional commuters driving in our community nor on the streets of Calgary.
5. My parcel fits the land use bylaw rules on the requirements for size:
6. My building application design will include a designated garage parking spot, therefore not affecting our current residential zoned parking.
7. Since the alley way is effectively a T shape there are three entry points to access the alley ~~off of~~ Sherman Avenue, 101 Avenue SW and Sacramento Drive SW
8. My backyard suite would have access to a private yard and personal space. Tenant will not have to pay condo fees nor share walls with someone else.

9. My Backyard Suites will help to maintain Southwood's population by providing another type of living option and will not significantly change the character of our neighborhood.

10. Two other redesignations in Southwood were recently approved with a third that has a scheduled hearing next month. (~~LOC2016-0342 & LOC2017-0034~~). (~~LOC2017-0083~~)

11. A recent notice board was on my front yard for an ~~extended~~ <sup>allowing</sup> period, ~~allowed~~ <sup>allowing</sup> fellow residents to comment and write in. I noticed ~~two nights ago~~ <sup>two nights ago</sup> on City of Calgary's website that two more of my neighbors emailed in support of my application.

12. Backyard garage suites are currently very popular and successful in McKenzie Town, Garrison Woods, Garrison Green and Currie Barracks

13. My house is a 4 level split home built in 1964 – it is California style with a long sloping ceiling and does not currently have a garage. My idea for this garage is to continue the same style with its clean lines that fits the current appearance and character of Southwood. I would purpose to build on the lower NE corner of my parcel, opposite side from the Enmax 13kV power line.

14. By including a suite in my building plans, it will allow me to save more for my children's future and pay down my mortgage. With a longer term idea, that in my own retirement I could downsize and move myself into the backyard suite which would allow me to continue to stay in my community.

15. Not to mention this backyard suite is a win for a potential tenant to live in an exceptional neighborhood, with numerous amenities and incredibly close to transit.

Since Calgary is working on the critical issue of creating a more compact urban form and reducing the rate of outward growth, allowing for secondary and backyard suites in low density communities like Southwood, create a range of housing opportunities and choices close to Southland LRT station. And reflect the Cities mission to "build a more sustainable city".

I thank you for your time and consideration.