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Whereas, an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a rental unit with a separate kitchen, sleeping and bathroom facilities, attached or detached from the primary residential unit, on a single-family home;

Whereas, rezoning to allow for ADUs will be a helpful tool in providing additional affordable housing units, ensuring more opportunities for young families to purchase homes, helping elderly individuals to stay in their homes, and adding new opportunities for our building industry;

Whereas, rezoning to allow for ADUs would allow for the currently illegal ADUs to be brought up to safety code.

Whereas, the vacancy rate in Missoula is approximately 3%, compared to a national average of almost 10%;

Whereas, more than 10,000 students live off-campus in non-University owned rental units;

Whereas, ADUs will be owner occupied, so residents and neighbors of ADUs will not have to deal with the adverse effects of having an absent landlord.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM supports drafting amendments to Missoula Zoning Ordinance 20.45.060, entitled ‘Accessory Dwelling Units.’

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Katherine Brady, Director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, for entrance into the public record at the next appropriate public meeting regarding ADUs.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2013

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Damara Simpson,                     Bryn Hagfors,
Relations and Affairs Chair          Chair of the Senate