



September 30, 2025

Kenton County Planning Commission
1840 Simon Kenton Way
Covington, KY 41011

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, I write in strong support of the City of Erlanger's pending **Map Amendment (PC-25-0014-MA)** and **Text Amendment (PC-25-0011-TX)**, which will be before you at your October 2, 2025 public hearing.

For the business community, the connection between housing and economic development is clear. Employers across our region consistently report that the **shortage of attainable housing** limits their ability to recruit and retain the workforce they need. According to the 2023 Northern Kentucky Housing Study, we will require an additional **6,650 housing units by 2028** beyond currently planned developments to keep pace with job growth.

The Map Amendment, which would rezone 45 acres along Dolwick Drive to allow for multi-family housing, is a direct response to this urgent need. The proposed development of 450 apartment units will expand housing options near one of our region's largest employment hubs — CirclePort and the CVG area. This type of investment strengthens our ability to grow our workforce and remain competitive for future business opportunities.

The Text Amendment, which removes the garage requirement in the R-MF Zone, is another important step forward. By eliminating outdated and costly barriers to development, Erlanger is helping create housing that is more attainable and better aligned with the needs of today's workforce.

The NKY Chamber's **Housing Blueprint** emphasizes the importance of adding a variety of housing types, supporting workforce-aligned development, and ensuring that Northern Kentucky has the housing supply required for economic growth. Both of these amendments advance those priorities.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Commission to support the staff's favorable recommendations and approve the Erlanger Map and Text Amendments. Doing so will strengthen our regional housing ecosystem, support our business community, and help ensure Northern Kentucky remains a region where people and companies choose to grow.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brent Cooper'.

Brent Cooper
President & CEO
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce