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Subject: Concern About Variance on 1900 Block of Fairmount

Dear Councilman Tolbert and Mr. Diatta,

I am a resident of the Mac Groveland neighborhood and I am writing to express my concern for the recent approval of a variance to allow a property owner at 1916 Fairmount to violate city code by a subdividing the lot they currently own so that one of the lots will not comply with city code.

To me it seems obvious that property lines should remain straight and that the existing code is quite logically there to prevent exactly the type of variance requested. I feel that this sets a dangerous precedent and could lead to any number of increasingly unfavorable situations in the future.

I urge you to support the appeal that a number of my neighbors have filed. If we all agree that city codes have a purpose, then all property owners should have to follow them. Otherwise I think we can expect other property owners to feel it is acceptable to create noncomplying lots using this situation as a precedent.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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