

Housing changes

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Dear Councilmember Thao:

We urge you to oppose inclusion of the Student Rental Overlay District in the proposed changes to the definitions of family and the occupancy limits in relation to dwelling type that would allow up to 6 (rather than 4) residents per unit. Neighborhoods in the Student Rental Overlay District are struggling already with overcrowding (parking, traffic, noise, trash) and transient, sometimes inconsiderate residents; this was reason for establishing these districts. A 50% increase in the occupancy of student rental properties in those neighborhoods would seriously degrade the neighborhoods livability and appeal for most permanent residents, without serving the needs of many actual families; the main beneficiaries would be landlords.

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