

# Susan Harris

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## Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Recommended Draft**

Hello - I would like the council to do the following in support of Arbor Lodge neighborhood livability, residents, and visitors... Apply the entirety of the Centers Main Street (M) Overlay Zone (33.415) to the any site located within the D Overlay Zone. we create walkable communities when there are things to walk to in our neighborhoods. State more clearly and directly in the design goals that seamless incorporation of active uses on the ground floor such as commercial and outward-facing businesses are an essential element of good design. This emphasis would encourage livable, walkable corridors that serve new and existing residents. If the M-Overlay is extended throughout the D-Overlay as suggested above, this goal partially will be met by the M-Overlay requirement of at least 25 percent ground floor space to be active use, but that minimum is useful only if enforced by staff and the land use review process. If the M-Overlay is not extended, a similar requirement should be added to the D-Overlay. Expand the boundary of the D-Overlay to include the entire intersection of N Denver and N Rosa Parks Way. The present boundary stops midway on Rosa Parks to the east side of this vital intersection, which is the small commercial center of Arbor Lodge, our “downtown.” The intersection is a central gathering place in the community for living, working, and recreating. Therefore, it does not make sense to have only part of Rosa Parks leading into the intersection be part of the D-Overlay. Also extend the boundary of the D-Overlay to include the length of N Killingsworth Street to the west side of the N Greeley Avenue intersection. Thank you for your important work. I hope that I can count on your support. Susan Harris Arbor Lodge neighbor for 8 years

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