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

As a community member who is directly impacted by this decision I am asking you to please extend the (m)-overlay to Arbor Lodge, to include the intersection of N Rosa Parks Way and N Denver Ave. This is our only non-transit corridor commercial district with public gathering space. Arbor Lodge is experiencing significant increased residential development intended for car-less community members (e.g. apartments with no parking, decreased on-street parking) yet lacking commensurate increase in places to walk to. I stand behind the previous testimony presented by the Arbor Lodge and Overlook Neighborhood Associations. I live on N Denver Ave directly across the street from the proposed “Arbor Lodge Apartments” at 6545 N Denver. Additional options for eating, shopping, and gathering with friends and neighbors as opposed to more tiny, insanely overpriced housing will only benefit the neighborhood. The number of units being allowed without parking is also ridiculous. There won't be a free inch of street parking for multiple blocks in every direction, and there will be a high likelihood of vehicles blocking driveways, taking up space needed for curbside pickup of trash and recycling, and impairing visibility needed for entering/exiting driveways.

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