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

Portland City Council, As a resident of the Arbor Lodge Neighborhood, I'm contacting you in support of the Design Overlay Zone Amendments. The requirement for 25% Active Use space on the ground floor of future developments is critical to the viability of our neighborhood. For example, the Interstate Lanes Bowling Alley was a privately owned public amenity. While in operation, it provided a family oriented recreation space with a variety of activities. Family oriented activity options are sorely lacking in this area. Due to the apartment development which occurred without any requirement to protect active use space this entire corner is now privatized and inaccessible. Without the Active Use space Sale of the Nite Hawk will put another public gathering space in jeopardy. Again, without the 25% requirement, the corner will likely become just another apartment building with no community value. Throughout the last year with the COVID 19 pandemic, everyone of us has learned the value of community and accessible open space. We have supported out local restaurants, visited our local parks, walked and cycled throughout the neighborhood. A walkable neighborhood which includes the privately owned amenities such as restaurants, entertainment venues, shops, support services, etc. is necessary for a vital neighborhood. Please support the Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA) which updates the rules and processes for the design overlay zone and ensures that new development builds on social, natural, and architectural context; contributes positively to the public realm; and promotes quality and resilience in the built environment. Thank you for your time and consideration. Regards, Laura G. Turnbull, PLA (KS)

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