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I am at the understanding that you are proposing to change my lot (address listed above) from an R5 zone to an R2.5. I would like it if you did not do that to our lot or our surrounding neighbor's lots. This is a quiet street with limited off street parking. If you were to allow multiple dwellings on these lots it would increase the noise and the congestion. It would also erode the livability of this street and these lots.

We and our neighbors purchased these homes on this street because of the quietness and the size of the lots, allowing us to have a decent size home for families and to allow some personal outside space for gardening, safe environment for children to play, a backyard for a dog and for BBQs for friends and family.

By allowing multiple dwellings to be built on these lots, the new homes would lose the family size home and surrounding green space. Making the new homes less desirable by individuals who would want to purchase and live here for a period of time (more then 3 years). These new dwellings would become rentals and there would be no sense of ownership or pride to the lots and it would become a transient type of street - losing it's sense of neighborhood charm.

I don't understand why the city did not look harder at the housing that was lost when the new New Season's grocery was built or the new retail/office building that is going up on the corner of 52nd and Woodstock. Both of these locations had mixed use buildings on them before (housing on second floors), which is now lost.

If the city wants more density, they should concentrate more on the already zoned areas for that and make sure housing is provided in these new developments.

Making quiet streets in neighborhoods across Portland into denser areas will take away the livability and charm of these neighborhoods that is attracting individuals to come and live here in the first place.

Again please do not change the zone of our lot.

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