As a resident of Eastmoreland, I support the R-7 zoning change for this neighborhood and urge that it be extended to to the eastern boundary at SE Cesar Chavez Avenue.

The zoning code has been changing over the years so that the existing R-5 designation no longer fits with the design, characteristics and original plan of the neighborhood. I feel that Eastmoreland lots should be a minimum of 5,000 sq ft. I understand that R-7 lots can still be subdivided down to 4,200 sq. ft. The R-7 zoning designation will prevent lots from being subdivided down to 3,000 sq. ft., which the R-5 designation currently allows and which is creating an incentive for developers to tear down perfectly livable homes to build two over-sized houses on the same lot. This is not environmentally friendly nor sustainable in terms of building material use.

This R-7 zoning helps preserve the existing character of the Eastmoreland neighborhood and should be extended to the eastern boarder of the neighborhood which is SE Cesar Chavez Avenue.

Thank you,

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