

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**EMAILS REGARDING LEGISTAR #61587**

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WHERE THE EDC CONSIDERED THIS ITEM.**

**From:** [Dorothy Krause](#)  
**To:** [Tierney, Michael](#); [EDC](#)  
**Subject:** Comment/request for EDC meeting today  
**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:50:42 AM

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Re: today's **Economic Development Committee meeting**

I'm not seeing the ability to comment officially in the list at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/meeting-schedule/virtual-meetings/open> but I'll send this anyway

1. **61587** Requesting WI State Legislature to pass a bill to create a refundable tax credit for home improvements to residences near Truax Field due to the placement of F-35 fighter wing aircrafts

This should include the potential for replacement of housing units that can not be appropriately upgraded, especially mobile homes.

I'd like to suggest that this be amended to include such language.

I've commented often, although not officially, that the federal government replace mobile home housing that does not qualify for mitigation (because they are not considered permanent structures?!?) with barracks style family housing, without displacing current residents. That won't happen, but let's do the best we can for folks living there, whether as owners or renters.

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**From:** [B.E. Smith](#)  
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**Subject:** Comment on 61587 Resolution by Ald.Tierney on requesting state tax credits to sound proof homes in Truax surroundings  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 10:53:50 AM

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Greetings:

Here are some reasons to oppose Ald. Tierney's resolution file # 61587 to request state tax credits for sound proofing homes around Truax Field in Madison:

1. This resolution proposes actions that will not substantially solve the problem.
2. It raises false hope that we can easily mitigate the effects of the F-35s.
3. It exacerbates inequality in housing.
4. Renters would get no direct benefit from tax credits proposed.
5. Mobile homes would probably not be eligible since they can't be sound proofed effectively.
6. Asking for state funds for homeowners ONLY is insensitive to the dire emergency renters face now with the covid economic crisis. Homeowners can get a many-month delay on paying mortgage now - but renters are facing mass eviction right now.
7. Schools, clinics, community centers, small business and other commercial facilities will not be helped.
8. Outdoor activities will be harmed by the F-35 noise and this proposal won't sound proof those spaces.
9. The Air Force EIS said over 1,000 homes will be exposed to average daily noise of 65 decibels or more, a level deemed "incompatible" with residential use (1,000 does not include mobile homes). We know many more will be harmed.
10. Several new housing developments are slated to be built nearby, including on CV and north Sherman (Rifkin group?), so somehow the city is giving the green light to building new housing in this zone while also struggling to sound proof what's there. We don't have a coherent strategy on housing in this area.

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