## **URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING REPORT**

January 10, 2024



Agenda Item #: 2

Project Title: Amending Section 33.24(15)(e)12.b. related to Upper-Level Development Standards of the Madison

General Ordinances to clarify how stories are measured in Urban Design District 8. (Alder District 6)

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Members Present: Cliff Goodhart, Chair; Wendy von Below, Marsha Rummel, Shane Bernau, Rafeeq Asad, Jessica

Klehr, and Christian Harper

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## Summary

At its meeting of January 10, 2024, the Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDED ADOPTION** of an amendment to Section 33.24(15)(e)12.b. Staff gave an overview of the amendment, specific to Block 2b within Urban Design District (UDD) 8, applicable to a project later in the agenda to determine how stories are calculated. The maximum height limit is fourteen stories; currently the project is 15-stories. There is nothing that specifically outlines how to determine stories except for the Zoning Code. This allows for a design exception to hide the parking behind a two to two and a half story mass. It is limited to this block, for a very project specific application and limited in future applications.

The Commission discussed the following:

• This is a good resolution, the street view on E Washington shows that first floor is tall enough that it tucks back with the parking levels. It's not a change in height, it still meets those standards, more a quirk in the Zoning Code versus UDD 8 in how stories are calculated.

## **Action**

On a motion by Rummel, seconded by von Below, the Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDED ADOPTION**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (7-0).