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Dear Alders,

I am writing out of concern about a proposed 'ADU' for 1722 Regent Street which apparently meets the revised zoning passed by Council. It seems to be a 10 unit rental, or a two story 'apartment building' that has minimal set-back from the lot line, fills the back yard and seems to be as large as the main house. However, as an ADU this 10 bedroom rental does NOT need to meet any of the requirements an apartment building would need to meet (eg: set-back, green space, parking, sprinkler systems, inspections, etc) This is exactly what many neighbors worried might happen when the city changed the zoning requirements!

This is decidedly NOT an ADU where older residents might house care takers, or younger family members, or a renter to ease the pressure to sell their house because of property tax increases. Or where residents might want to provide a small rental apartment for a couple of teachers, nurses, etc who work in Madison but cannot find affordable housing.

I implore the Council to review the wording of the zoning revision and to revise that wording to prevent large rental structures in backyards of single residential dwellings that build right up to the lot line and are definitely NOT 'accessory', meaning not subsidiary to the main house. There are many ADUs in my neighborhood. In all cases they are subsidiary buildings to the main house and are designed to fit into the lot and neighborhood. None of them look like apartments. I completely support this kind of ADU. I do not support 'apartment buildings' disguised as ADUs.

Thank you for your kind attention,
Barbara