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Dear members of the Plan Commission:

I'm sending public comments regarding the proposed storage facility on 6901-6903 Manufacturers Drive. I don't have strong feelings about the facility and it seems to be in line with the comp plan. Staff analysis points out that personal storage facilities have additional regulations, specifically, "The use shall take place in a building that is a minimum of two stories." The zoning administrator concludes that this is met by "the two-story tower elements on each of the three buildings." I'm sure there is some technical definition of what counts as a "story," but if you showed this rendering to 100 Madison residents and asked them how many stories the building had, I doubt very many would say "two."



PROPOSED BUILDING FOR:  
**24-3964**  
CITY, WISCONSIN; COUNTY OF:  
**SCALE VERIFICATION**  
JOB NUMBER: 24-1064  
PROJECT  
SUBJECTIVE: WESTON, Z  
DRAWN BY: CMI  
DATE: 06/10/2025  
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Furthermore, the two-story requirement was introduced in 2018. The [staff analysis](#) back then states, "Also, [the proposed ordinance change] would ensure that where allowed in Industrial Districts, any newly established personal storage building(s) will necessitate a more efficient use of land by requiring that the use be part of a multi-story building." Adding a purely decorative "tower" element to a building does nothing for more efficient use of land. So if a building like this passes the requirement, the ordinance language doesn't achieve its intended goal.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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