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## **Madison Should Not Put Global Warming Over Personal Freedoms**

### *Sensenbrenner: Zoning Rules Could Impact Liberty of City*

**(Washington, D.C.)** – Menomonee Falls Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner, ranking Republican on the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, said today that Madison should not enact environmental regulations that would limit the personal freedoms of its citizens.

Responding to recent press reports that Madison was considering zoning rules that would emphasize environmental sustainability at the expense of personal liberty, Sensenbrenner said these new rules would inconvenience residents, and in some cases, could impact them economically.

“This is an example of global warming alarmism gone haywire,” Sensenbrenner said. “Rules like these are misguided and will do nothing to seriously address the global warming issue. But they will seriously undercut liberty and personal freedom for the people of Madison.”

“By limiting development, parking, fast food restaurants and a host of other economic activities, the city of Madison will become a maze of rules and regulations, all in the name of global warming,” Sensenbrenner concluded.

Sensenbrenner urged the Madison zoning board not to enact environmental rules that will negatively impact its residents.

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# City of Madison, Wis. Eyes Draconian Zoning Ordinances to 'Adapt to Climate Change'

## Liberal Wisconsin capital would limit development, tree removal, fast food restaurants and parking to promote 'sustainability.'

By Jeff Poor  
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In one of the most politically left-of-center cities east of Berkeley, Calif., ideas put forth at city hall in Madison, Wis. would dramatically limit free enterprise and personal liberty, all in the name of environmental sustainability.

According to the "Broad Strategies" section of a meeting agenda recently posted on the City of Madison Web site, an ordinance being considered would force city zoning to account for and mitigate climate change:

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10. Zoning should adapt to meet the demands of climate change; use zoning to address or mitigate effects, or adapt to climate change; remove any barriers to mitigating the effects, adapting to climate change (trees, green space, mobility, renewable energy, land use).

Another item in the "Broad Strategies" section has a grim outlook for the future. It includes a proposal that spells out a doomsday scenario – allowing for the city to function should shortages in energy and food occur:

11. Write the code to allow the city to function when automobile travel will be severely limited and oil-related products, including food and heating fuel, become prohibitively expensive because of the scarcity and high-cost of fuel.

Other proposals throughout the document would push for use of alternative energies (solar, geothermal and wind), conservation, electric cars and urban agriculture. Other more Draconian regulations throughout the document would:

- Limit waterfront development in the name of water sustainability,
- Require two trees to be planted if one is removed from your property
- Limit the "number/density of fast food outlets and drive-through windows" in the name of public health
- Discourage individual parking options to promote public transportation usage

Madison is the state of Wisconsin's capital and home of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. With a very low industrial base and few blue-collar workers, it has a reputation for being politically liberal, based on a high concentration of government employees, academics and students within its city limits.

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