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Dear Planning Commission Members,

I would like to comment on the proposed zoning changes to be addressed at the February 17th, 2025 meeting regarding ADUs.

Together, Legistar ID 86650 and 86649 propose several changes to the zoning code for ADUs. In reading the proposed changes, I oppose them for several reasons and ask that the Planning Commission consider the negative impact this will have on our urban landscape. The increased size of each unit, the placement of the units, and the removal of requirements for Usable Open Space have the potential of loss of mature tree canopy, a reduction of permeable surfaces, and a loss of a healthy living environment for the sake of density.

We know from evidence and experience that a healthy and vibrant city values the urban forest and creates safe and attractive spaces for those living here. Madison will warm as the climate warms and this should mean that our city staff and leaders think very carefully about the potential loss of valuable green space.

Another perhaps unintended consequence of these changes is that property values for homeowners who decide to add ADU(s) is a loss in value. Permeable surfaces and green spaces add considerable value to private property.

Please reject these zoning changes.

Yours sincerely, Grace Hasler