

## Tarra Jolly

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**Subject:** Please do NOT rezone property at 1700 W Academy St., Zoning Docket W-3586

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Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing about 1700 Academy St. at the corner of Brent St. : Zoning Docket W-3586

Many families, including my own, are concerned about the zoning request and disagree with it, hoping that the zoning committee will vote to not pass it. Our community is wonderful as it is in our historic neighborhood zoned for single family residences.

We understand that the city zoning has the interest of increasing density within neighborhoods. We are concerned considering our BUSY Academy St, the fire station, and congestion. Academy Street is already a high traffic conduit. Cars speed up and down the street at all hours, or traffic is at a standstill during rush hour. Trucks and emergency vehicles use it as a thoroughfare. In the 6 years that I have lived on Academy Street, I have seen multiple wrecks, several near the corner of Academy and Brent. It is already a dangerous street. Please don't add to the burden of congestion by increasing the density of our neighborhood.

Neighbors agree:

1. If someone wants to turn a house into 2, and especially 3, 4 dwellings under one roof, or multiple family dwelling, they should purchase a house already zoned for this. There are areas very nearby that already allow for multi-unit homes. Absolutely no multi-family dwellings.
2. To choose to allow rezoning in a RS9 zone would create an outlier in our RS9 zone and the adjacent RS7 zone which does not match up to the single family detached home zoning that we currently have .
3. Allowing this individual rezoning will set a precedent for future rezoning allowances, which will, over time, change the character and integrity of our single family residence neighborhood, which is nationally registered as a historic neighborhood.

Please do NOT rezone this property.

Best regards,

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