

**Tarra Jolly**

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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 of us in my neighborhood are concerned about the zoning request and disagree with it. We do **not** want the zoning committee to pass it.

Academy St is very busy, it has a fire station on it, and we live in a historic neighborhood that is currently zoned for single family residences.

Acknowledging the fact that the city wants to increase density within neighborhoods, we all agree:

1. If someone wants to turn a house into 2, and especially 3, 4 dwellings under one roof, or multiple family dwelling, they can purchase a house already zoned for this.
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 could change the very **character and integrity of our single family residence neighborhood**, which (again) is a historic neighborhood.

Please do NOT rezone this property.