

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this email in response to the proposed zoning change for the Bitterroot Heights subdivision. At this time, I am strongly against this zoning change to allow for multi-family units for several reasons:

- 1) Noise pollution. Changing the lots to allow for multi-family units would increase the number of families occupying the same space, potentially doubling this number, if every lot contained a multi-family unit. This would significantly increase the noise present within an otherwise quiet neighborhood.
- 2) Pollution. For much the same reason listed above, increasing the number of families per lot, would increase the amount of vehicle traffic, and thereby increase pollution in the immediate area. This would also lead to more trash in the area. As we all know, the wind blows quite frequently in our area, and many times this leads to trash blowing out of our trash bins. This would only worsen with the presence of multi-family units.
- 3) Traffic. As it stands, many residents in the subdivision park on the street. When this occurs, it can make it difficult to have traffic moving in both directions. Multi-family units would lead to a significant increase in traffic, which our neighborhood is not currently set up to handle. This would also significantly increase the wear and tear on our roads, increasing the frequency for repairs.
- 4) Safety. This is, perhaps, the most important point. As noted above, multi-family units would increase the traffic seen. I frequently see children playing in our neighborhood, as well as neighbors walking their pets. Significant increases in traffic, again, with the potential to double what would otherwise be expected, would pose a safety concern for residents that enjoy walking and playing in our beautiful neighborhood.

I am strongly against the change in zone to allow for multi-family units within the Bitterroot Heights subdivision, as it can only harm the neighborhood as it currently stands. I would implore the committee to stop this change, and maintain the single family unit zoning that has been present in the rest of the neighborhood. However, if this change in zoning cannot be avoided, I would at least ask that there be a requirement to buffer the existing neighborhood, by placing only single family units up against the existing properties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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