

# **Public Comment**

## Cyndy King

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**From:** karen brown <karenbrown3475@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:41 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Comment on Upzoning in Ketchum

Dear City Council,

I am a full-time Ketchum resident and I would like to voice my thoughts against upzoning in Ketchum. There are several reasons why I believe this action would ruin the charm and character of our small, mountain town.

1. Our systems cannot handle more people in this small valley. The City Council seems to forget that we are located in a high DESERT region of Idaho. Water is our most valuable and scarce resource, yet the City Council wants to build more and more homes which our water table cannot support. All we need are a couple of drought years and residents, businesses and your favorite, tourists, will be in big trouble.
2. Your plan to build high density condos will not help our local work-force. You like to purport that more housing units will help provide housing for locals. We all know that these condos will be too expensive for our nurses, firefighters and teachers. Plus, most people with a family dream of a single family home. The majority of these condos will be purchased as second homes and rented out on Air BnB. This situation does nothing to help our housing issues. Plus it does nothing to add to our community base. These tourists will never be involved in our community and will never develop the bond that we locals all have with our beautiful home.
3. Our streets, sidewalks, parking, schools and emergency facilities are already at their limit. We, the local taxpayer will be stuck with the bill for these improvements.

Instead of looking for more housing units and people, why not work on improving what we already have. Mayor Bradshaw wants to make this a walkable town, yet he won't pay for more sidewalks. Mayor Bradshaw invisions people using more bikes, but won't pay for more bike lanes OR enforcing speed limits in our existing bike lanes. Mayor Bradshaw says he wants to promote downtown businesses but he is constantly removing parking spaces which are needed, especially in the evenings and in the winter when people will be driving instead of walking.

Our town has a great community and great possibilities. Let's work with what we already have and stop trying to create more problems by creating more housing. More housing is NEVER the answer.

Thank you for reading this,  
Karen Brown  
Ketchum, ID

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**From:** Elizabeth Milias <elizabeth.milias@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:57 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** No to Upzoning

Listen to the public. This is a bad idea with too many unintended consequences.

Elizabeth Milias

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jacqueline Jablonski <jfjablons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 6:14 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** No Upzoning

I had to miss the meeting today due to volunteering for the World Cup.

I wanted to put in a request that we don't upzone.

Our neighborhoods cannot handle the dramatic density increases on our:

- Water
- Streets
- Emergency Accesses (Public safety)
- Uninsurable Flood, Fire, and Avalanche Risks The proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning:
- Will not guarantee affordable workforce housing
- Medium density will restrict the rights of property owners
- Does not control lot sizes or property setbacks
- Taxpayers will pay for infrastructure, not developers

Thank you.

Jacqueline Jablonski

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**From:** Will Hovey <whovey@greyhawkcm.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 1:07 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** No to Upzoning

Please do NOT continue on your upzoning path. It will destroy ketchum.

Thank you,

Will Hovey

**Cyndy King**

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**From:** Rob Webb <rswebb1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:54 AM  
**To:** Participate

NO TO UPZONING!!!!