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To the Planning Commission,

I would like to comment on a couple of items in the proposed draft of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

First, I would like to voice my support for the proposed change to Article 7A - Section 7A.03. Special Land Uses in "R-4" Harrisonville Residential - no longer allowing boarding houses in Harrisonville. This change will protect our increasingly fragile neighborhood from further overdevelopment and exploitation and do much to preserve the quality of life of the many year round families who call Harrisonville home.

The other issue I would like to address is Section 7A.04, also in Article 7A - "R-4" Harrisonville Residential, specifically minimum lot size and setbacks.

In 1993 I purchased a 7,500 square foot lot in Harrisonville and built my home. Under the current zoning, this would not be possible. I'm not certain when a change was made to increase minimum lot size in "R-4" Harrisonville, but this change was most certainly detrimental to Harrisonville families. Section 7.04 of article 7 - "R-3" High Density Residential allows for minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet and varying setbacks depending on location within that Zoning District. I respectfully ask that a change be made to section 7A.04 to allow for the same lot sizes and setbacks for single family dwellings in Harrisonville. We need to accommodate families trying to make a yearround home here on Mackinac. Without these families, we are going to lose the part of our population that are truly responsible for sustaining our community, serving as fireman, law enforcement, EMT's, working to staff our city utilities and government, staffing our school, banks, and many businesses that serve our residents and the tourists who fuel our economy. As well as staffing the medical center that cares for all as well.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard on this document.

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