

Subject: Support of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes  
March 19, 2024

To the Madison Heights Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed zoning ordinance changes in the city of Madison Heights. Specifically, I want to voice my strong endorsement for two key provisions: allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) citywide and the expanded Residential-Mixed Neighborhood district that allows duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes by-right. Additionally, I applaud the efforts aimed at enhancing walkability and promoting the development of a vibrant downtown area.

The proposal to allow ADUs citywide is a progressive step forward in addressing the housing needs of the community. ADUs not only offer affordable housing options for residents but also contribute to the diversity and vibrancy of neighborhoods. By embracing ADUs, Madison Heights can foster a more inclusive and sustainable living environment. Permitting ADUs also gives a measure of freedom back to property owners, allowing them to make choices about how to use their own land.

Expanding the RMN zone to allow duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes by-right aligns with the principles of smart urban development and efficient land use. This measure not only maximizes the utility of available space but also encourages a more diverse range of housing options. These units can encourage growth while preserving the character and integrity of neighborhoods.

Additionally, I commend the efforts to increase walkability and promote a more vibrant downtown area near where people live. Enhancing pedestrian infrastructure and investing in non-car transportation options not only reduce traffic congestion but also improve public health and environmental sustainability. By prioritizing an attractive downtown close to homes, Madison Heights can foster a more connected and livable community for current and future generations. As a resident of Royal Oak, I enjoy biking to Madison Heights for the diverse shopping and dining options, and a more vibrant town would be even more of a draw for myself and the residents of nearby communities.

In conclusion, I urge the Planning Commission—and later the City Council—to support the proposed zoning ordinance changes. With these changes, Madison Heights will be a frontrunner on housing options and affordability in Oakland County and can create a more equitable, resilient, and vibrant community besides.

Thank you for considering my input and for your dedication to the well-being of Madison Heights.

Sincerely,

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## Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Update

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To: Matt Lonnerstater <MattLonnerstater@madison-heights.org>

Hi Matt,

I hope all is well! I am a community planner with the Brick Industry Association. I just wanted to touch base about your zoning ordinance update. I saw that you guys had a joint public hearing on March 19th. What are the next steps and the tentative adoption timeline?

We support the requirements to have brick relief as part of the facade design along the principal frontage, that parking garage buildings shall have brick upper facades along street frontages, and that exterior materials shall be 50% brick with the remainder concrete.

Thank you for your insight!

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