

C15-2014 -0144

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Yuri Prentice [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 7:41 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Request to Reclassify Group Homes as Sober Homes

Ms. Heldenfels,

I am opposed to any and all group homes being reconsidered as sober homes that will allow them to house 15 plus individuals. My objection is based on the fact that any business/organization that houses more than 15 individuals need to be considered as a business whether for profit or not and located in a business zone - apartment complex. These types of facilities should not be allowed to reside in residential neighborhood where homes are on the average no more than 2,000 square feet, with two bathroom, and a maximum of 4 bedrooms. It appears to me that it is inhumane to WAREHOUSE disabled individuals or any group of individuals to have to live in such cramp quarters. What has happened in the past is that the operators of these types of facilities have converted garages into living spaces with no air conditioners or heating provided and allow only for beds to be installed. Two bathrooms for 15 people, itself should be considered a health hazard and no one should be forced to live in such conditions.

When housing more than 15 individuals essentially, it is a business, for profit. The operators see this as a way to make quick money with no intention of caring about the clients. How do I know, we have seen it in our neighborhood and I have been a part of a task force that studied group homes in Northeast Austin. Shame on the City of Austin, if it allows these types of facilities to exist. You need to check with EMS and APD to learn how often there services are required by these types of facilities where supervision and care is minimal. The City of Austin touts many things but it fails to protect the folks who most need their assistance. Let the people who want 15 plus individuals in a home do so but as a licensed commercial/business operation that exists in a commercial/business zone, not neighborhoods that are critical to the character of our city.

Yuri Prentice

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Sammy Easterday [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2014 6:50 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Appeal of city staff interpretation of Land Development Code

Attention: Leane Heldenfels
Re C15-2014-0144
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Please know we oppose changing group home ordinance as requested by Mat Gorman and his representative.

Older neighborhoods in Austin, including ours, are undermined continuously by absent home owners who lease to person who are supposedly running various kinds of group homes. Although there is little to no supervision a good deal of the time, our appeals to owners/leasees usually fall on deaf ears. Preservation of affordable neighborhoods like ours is important to the future of Austin. Deterioration of these neighborhoods by increasing numbers of group hoes and increasing numbers of residents of these places turns an otherwise family friendly area into one of increased need for interventions by various city agencies. One does not find these kinds of homes in the more affluent neighborhoods, and we should not be penalized by locations in our neighborhoods especially as appealed by Mat Gorman.

Sammy Easterday

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed request. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice will be sent.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.austintexas.gov/development.

Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice. All comments received will become part of the public record of this case.

Case Number: C15-2014-0144, Not Site Specific/No Address
Contact: Leane Heldenfels, 512-974-2202, leana.heldenfels@austintexas.gov
Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, December 1st, 2014

Rodger Barnes
 Your Name (please print)

12411 Deer Track, Austin, 78727

Your address(es) affected by this application

11-23-14

Date

Signature

Daytime Telephone: 512-258-1379

Comments: F object to the reclassification

Note: Any comments received will become part of the public record of this case

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor

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