

2728 Cranbrook Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6516
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Ann Arbor City Council
c/o Ann Arbor City Clerk
Post Office Box 8647
Ann arbor, Michigan 48107-8647

Dear City Council Members:

Please accept this letter as our written statement in protest of the proposed Ordinance No. ORD-19-30-Weber Zoning, which would rezone 7.7 acres, located at 2857 Packard Road, from R1E to PUD.

My wife and I reside at 2728 Cranbrook Road, which is at the north-east corner of the proposed Planned Unit Development. We have lived in that residence since September 1976, and plan to stay there as long as we are able.

We much prefer the land at the 2857 Packard Road address be classified as it was originally zoned when the City of Ann Arbor annexed the property over a decade ago. At that time the property was zoned R1B or R1C, to match the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

When people purchase a home, the character of the neighborhood in which that home is sited is an important consideration. Features such as dwelling types, age, lot size, traffic, population density, utility infrastructure, schools and parks all contribute to a neighborhood's character. Once the big commitment to purchase a home is made, the new owners have a reasonable expectation that their surroundings will be relatively stable.

The City Code of ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN Chapter 55 – Zoning, ARTICLE II, 5:10.2 (1)(b) states, "It is the purpose of these districts to encourage the preservation and the continuation of the longstanding residential fabric in existing neighborhoods of predominantly 1-family dwellings, along with other related facilities which serve the residents in these districts." We believe the proposed ordinance to rezone the 2857 Packard Road land will substantially change the character of the neighborhood in which we have lived for 43 years, and thus is contrary to the City Code.

From our vantage point we are also concerned about: (a) the increase in traffic congestion on Packard Road that will follow a high density housing development at 2857 Packard Road, and (b) the increased strain on utility infrastructure, particularly the handling of storm water.

Thank you for your consideration,

 

Neil and Patricia Skov