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Ann Arbor City Council

The neighborhood of single-family homes, multifamily apartments, and condominiums north of Kerrytown fulfills many of the vision statements and objectives of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The size and height of buildings in this cohesive and vibrant neighborhood should be limited to protect its viability.

A recent email from Ward 1 representative Lisa Disch (February 17, 2026) stated: “Heights in Transition [neighborhoods] are likely to be as low as 4 stories and probably not higher than 6 stories. Those limits will be determined when the zoning districts are written. There will be more than one zoning district to implement Transition because its implementation will be sensitive to context.”

The March 17 meeting of the City Council provides an important opportunity for council members to take into account neighborhood sentiment concerning the size and height of buildings in the residential district north of Kingsley Street. Future growth in Ann Arbor should be based on Zoning instructions to the Planning Commission that protect functional neighborhoods in order to provide the social infrastructure needed to support new housing.

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Architect James Chaffers has prepared elevation drawings (PDF: 1/4 inch to 1 foot) for construction on the vacant lot at 651 (between 645 and 655) North Fourth Avenue to illustrate the impact of possible Zoning changes. As can be seen, changing Zoning rules for a four-story building would allow construction twice as high as nearby two-story housing and a six-story building would violate the architectural integrity of the entire area.

Four- and six-story building elevations on vacant lot at 651 North Fourth Avenue

Shown below is a photo of the vacant lot at 651 North Fourth Avenue—a **six-story building** would be as tall as the mature trees in front of the property.



