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Hello Commissioners,

Please do not create a new Residential subcategory with a 3-unit maximum. Instead, keep the Residential category undivided without unit limits. We are in a housing crisis, and we need to maintain flexibility in the future if we hope to make this an Ann Arbor for All.

In the last 13 years since I first moved to Ann Arbor I have watched housing become less and less affordable. My family and I enjoy an extraordinarily high quality of life in what has come to be known as the "Water Hill" neighborhood. We love the walkability, the community, and the close access to neighbors. If we were moving into this area today as a young family I don't think we could afford our current neighborhood.

If small apartment buildings were allowed in residential neighborhoods, it would enhance everyone's quality of life by enabling more people to walk, bike, and live closer to their jobs. It would help the environment, and create more housing that over time would bring down costs. The only way to make Ann Arbor more affordable is to increase our housing supply.

Allowing more types of housing throughout Ann Arbor is crucially important and every delay has real impacts. Please don't add further limits on what housing we allow.

Thank you,

Susannah Keller