

To whom it may concern,

I, Ben Fye am formally appealing the approval of City of Duluth Plan PL22-143 (hotel planned for Sundby Rd).

Please see my attached letter that was sent to city councilors via email on 10/11/22. I am requesting that there is a provision on the plan dictating that the addresses of 1504 Osage, 1516 Osage, 1602 Osage and 1745 W Page have a one-time opportunity to pursue obtaining a short-term rental license. These houses, including mine are going to significantly be impacted by the hotel.

I welcome the opportunity to speak to anyone on this topic and will openly address city council when presented the opportunity.

Respectfully,

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the planning and zoning meeting this evening. I want to take a few moments to highlight some key points I made last night regarding the construction of the hotel on Sundby Rd.

I live at 1504 Osage Ave in Duluth. An address that my family calls home. I am sad to hear about the proposed hotel plans on Sundby Rd. To my family, Duluth is a place we call home, a place that is unique by nature with charming neighborhoods.

The proposed plan literally has a 51ft tall 4 story hotel looming over my front living room picture window. Our privacy will be lost, our home value will be destroyed, our safety will be compromised. It is not an exaggeration when I say the hotel will literally be right across the street from my front yard. We are zoned RURAL RESIDENTIAL, and we will now have hotel windows looking down on our property.

I am sad that I only learned about the proposed hotel by seeing a sign laying down on the ground at the proposed site. The City of Duluth noted they sent letters out to area residences reference the proposed building with no feedback. Like all my neighbors (if we did receive letters) it was a week after the initial planning meeting that the letter was advising us of.

I am not naïve to the fact that big money talks and this hotel will likely be built. I am proposing that the three houses on Osage and the address of 1745 W Page St be granted short term rental licenses for their residences if the owners are so inclined to obtain one. A long-term rental license will not suffice as just like myself, the pool will be nonexistent for quality long term renters that are willing to endure the burdens of a hotel directly across the street. This would allow the homeowners flexibility regarding figuring out what their next move is. My family will be pushed out of our home in order to maintain the quality of life we are accustomed to.

I am begging you to please entertain my proposition with allowing short term rental licenses for the four mentioned properties. Please, try to put yourself in my position and do the right thing, grant the licenses if this hotel moves forward.

Thank you for your time on this matter and I would like to remind everyone that my property is zoned RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

Sincerely,

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