

April 1, 2019

Olathe Planning Commission
City of Olathe
P.O. Box 768
Olathe, KS 66051-0768

RE: Case No. RZ19-0001
154th & Mahaffie Rezoning Request from RP-3 to RP-4

Planning Commission Members:

This letter is to document my absolute opposition to the referenced rezoning request which allow 4-story apartment buildings to be built on property now zoned for no more than 3-stories.


My wife and I have resided at our current location in Olathe for nearly 9 years. The back of our property faces Brentwood Street directly across from the proposed building site. From the time we purchased our home, we anticipated the land across Brentwood from us would one day be developed. However, I would submit that 4-story apartment buildings are not appropriate on the property nearest Brentwood. I am not looking forward to being on our backyard patio looking directly at a 4-story apartment building, and likewise, having numerous apartment balconies with a view looking down into our backyard. I see this as being detrimental to property values of single family homes along Brentwood.

In addition to the negative aesthetic effect of 4-story buildings, I feel adding this additional resident density to this area is not desirable. I have read the verbiage regarding this density issue and the traffic/parking effect. I do not accept the notion that many residents of these new apartments will not own cars. In this area of Johnson County, I do not see significant use of public transportation. Even from the existing Saddlewood Apartments we experience parking along 153rd Terrace by residents and/or guests of the existing Phase I of Saddlewood Apartments.

To state it clearly, my opposition is to the construction of 4-story apartment buildings directly across Brentwood Street from existing single family residences.

I respectfully request that you consider my input and deny the rezoning request from RP-3 to RP-4 as proposed in Case No. RZ19-0001.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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