

February 08, 2013  
To Housing Committee  
Subject: Affordable Housing Development Project  
On 24 North Street, Ridgefield, CT

To whom it may concern:

I have lived at 18 North St. Ridgefield CT almost 10 years and have been renting out since June 2012. My house, which was built in 1910, is only twelve hundred sq. feet farmhouse. Most of the houses in the neighborhood have similar sq. footage and compliment to each other with their sizes and heights and quiet neighbors. The cemetery on the other side of the road offer to its neighbors peaceful environment as well.

The developer's original proposal was 11 units on 0.41 acre land. Later on this was revised and reduced to 6 units, 4 stories high horrible building that not complement to the town's character. The propose development is not only dreadful looking, but also generates dangerous consequences to its neighbors. These treacherous outcomes lengthily discussed in front of Planning and Zoning Department, but the developer did not show any attempt to mitigate these conditions. I also realized that the town has almost no power to stipulate to developer to make the needed changes to protect its residents.

In conclusion, I am totally oppose to current Affordable Housing Regulation, which is regulated by state instead of towns. The Affordable Housing Regulation should be revised and towns must have greater control on number of units, size, and design of the developments. Towns, such as Ridgefield, are attracting residents because of their charms, and school systems. If we lose one of these, the town might turn in to any other unattractive towns and lose its tax revenues sharply.

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