CAMBRIDGE CITYWIDE COALITION

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PAUSE THE UPZONING

A temporary pause. Moderating amendments. A livable Cambridge.

THE PETITION ASKS CITY COUNCIL TO:

Temporarily pause further permitting of oversized projects while the Multi-Family Housing Ordinance is amended.

It supports expanding affordable housing options - but says current rules are having unintended and disruptive impacts.

WHAT'S AT STAKE IF THE ORDINANCE ISN'T FIXED

- **Protect renters & existing homes**
- **Save trees, sunlight & green space**
- **HUGE NEW INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS**
  Electric • water • sewage • parking
- **MASSIVE DEVELOPER PROFITS**
  Millions per project • no accountability

! **RENTERS DISPLACED • TREES CUT • ASBESTOS / LEAD DUST • BASEMENT FLOODING**

WHY SIGN NOW?

The petition says almost all new MFHO proposals are market-rate, while more-affordable units are being demolished and renters displaced. It asks the City to pause permits and move quickly on moderating amendments.

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Scan the QR code or type the link. Then share it with a neighbor.

WHY PAUSE NOW?

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RENTERS ARE BEING DISPLACED.

CAMBRIDGE ALREADY FACES BIG INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS.

The petition asks for a temporary pause while Cambridge adds safeguards for renters, existing homes, neighborhood resilience and public infrastructure.

42 STANDISH STREET

BEFORE

2½-story multi-family; lower-cost rental units.

PROPOSED

4-story, 100% luxury project with rooftop additions.

RENTALS LOST. RENTERS DISPLACED.

“Almost all the new MFHO development proposals are for market-rate units; they are also demolishing more-affordable units and displacing renters.”

- Petition language

BIG INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

Cambridge reports $500M+ invested in sewer/stormwater infrastructure over 25 years. New growth also affects electric, water, sewage and parking capacity.

Growth needs transparent capacity + cost planning.

WHAT THE PETITION ACTUALLY ASKS

PAUSE + AMEND - NOT STOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING

“We support expanding affordable housing options in Cambridge, but the Multi-Family Housing Ordinance, as currently structured, is having unintended and disruptive impacts in our neighborhoods.”

The petition asks the City to “temporarily pause the permitting of these oversized projects in neighborhoods and move quickly to enact moderating amendments to the ordinance.”

THE ASK: Pause permits. Protect renters. Fix the ordinance. Act now.

Infrastructure source: City of Cambridge sewer/stormwater report (2023).

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