

As a member of the 16th Street Heights community I am commenting on the proposed housing regulation changes. I would like to see strong language prohibiting the conversion of single family homes into multi-unit building through the use of "pop-up" floors on top of existing structures. Converting single family homes to multi-family ones creates many problems, such as parking difficulties, increase in trash, rodents, and noise, etc. I'd also like to limit the by-right height of single family homes in our neighborhoods to not exceed 35 feet so new construction does not tower over existing homes breaking up the continuity and flow of homes of similar heights. The new higher buildings are eyesores, but also block essential light for roof solar panels and airflow. Also, please change the regulation language so as to include mezzanines as floors or stories. Many of us purchased our homes b/c of the single family homes that make up our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods such as Petworth, with ample space, light and yards, and chose not to live in high density neighborhoods. Please update the housing regulations to protect all DC neighborhoods from overcrowding and destroying the beauty of our neighborhoods which we cherish. Thank you.

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