

Petition To The Macomb, Illinois City Council

Whereas,

many residences in Macomb do not meet current zoning ordinances and codes, and many home owners are not taking reasonable action to bring non-conforming spaces into compliance, and

Whereas,

current zoning ordinances in Macomb provide inadequate protection for neighborhoods against rent inflation and density problems (noise pollution, garbage, parking problems, etc.), arising from the systematic purchase and rental of single-family zoned homes by for-profit businesses and by persons not intending to reside within nor be a part of our neighborhoods, and

Whereas,

loud parties by a small number of inconsiderate persons provide a specific, ongoing nuisance to neighborhoods, and decreases the overall quality of life for surrounding persons, and infringes upon the rights of people to be free of such nuisances and associated problems, and

Whereas,

unreasonable noise is a specific hazard to the health, safety, and quality of life of all people of Macomb (residents, students, tourists, and guests), and is becoming increasingly present and intrusive within our property boundaries, including indoors in places of residence

Be it hereby known that, by virtue of our signature, we, the undersigned, hereby respectfully and adamantly request that the relevant elected and appointed officials of the City of Macomb support the quality of life in our city and the integrity of our neighborhoods by;

(Non-Conforming Spaces Remedy)

1) Immediately starting a campaign to amortize all non-conforming spaces in the city to bring them up to existing ordinances, and

(Truth in Zoning Protection For Neighborhoods)

2) Adopting the specific single family and multiple family zoning standards in the Ithaca, New York, city code (attached), amended to be legal and appropriate to our city, to make the zoning ordinances properly reflect what they advertise, and

(Loud Gathering Abatement Action)

1) Immediately adopting and enacting the "College Area Party Plan" utilized by San Diego, CA (attached), as an official police policy supported by the Macomb City Council and appropriate governing bodies, and

2) Adding the following two provisions to the plan;

a) that the WIU Office of Public Safety be invited and encouraged to patrol the areas most commonly associated with large parties to provide support for our taxpayer supported police force

b) that any valid loud party compliant after 12:00 am result in **IMMEDIATE** shut down of that party, escalation to the next level of response, and ticketing if all trash associated with a shut down is not picked up by 8:00 am the morning immediately following the party, and

(Community Noise Abatement Action)

1) Amending current noise ordinances to provide for the control and enforcement of noise which disrupts quality of life, and

2) Settings standards of acceptable noise limits according to type of noise, area of noise, time of day, decibel level and distance from noise, and

3) allowing our police officers to act upon noise which violates the standards without necessitating a complaint

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in support of “Project HANDS” initiatives for

- 1) amortization of non-conforming spaces; 2) amendment of the zoning ordinances;
- 3) adoption of the CAPP program; and 4) rewriting the noise ordinances.

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