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To the Selectboard:

I applaud the Planning Commission's work in updating our zoning rules to encourage greater housing density in the village. There's no question that additional housing is a critical need, and I am really glad to see our community adjust zoning to promote creation of more living options.

The intention behind the state's guidance regarding permitting of ADUs is obviously to add housing options, which is great. And that same guidance also clearly articulates an intention for an ADU to not loom over the primary structure or be outsized relative to it. This is all good.

So I'm concerned that as currently drafted, the revised regulations leave a loophole when someone comes forward with **two** permitted uses (ADU + something else). In such a case, the proposed regulations will not protect neighbors from a looming structure or something obviously outsized, and this should be fixed.

I am confident that a solution can be found that will bring us into compliance with the state's guidance with respect to **BOTH** creating opportunities for additional housing **AND** protecting neighborhoods from construction of oversized outbuildings which dwarf the primary structure on a lot and loom over neighboring properties.

Thank you for holding the hearings and inviting public input. I look forward to seeing how this issue is addressed.

Sincerely,

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