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Mayor Dan Devine and  
Members of the Common Council  
City Hall  
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Re: Architectural Review/Standards for Single-Family and Two-Family Homes

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

I would like to gauge interest from the committee on having staff prepare an architectural review standard on single-family and two-family dwellings. I am not looking for the City to control miniscule details. I do, however, believe a home should generally fit the character and style of its surrounding environment. Most importantly, it should look like a house.

This stems from a 40' wide property being redeveloped in District 3 (9513 W. Mitchell St.). The front face is two garage doors, an inset side entrance, and looks like a garage with attached home instead of the other way around (it is much unlike its surroundings). The front yard will also be primarily consumed by a large driveway, which does not fit the nature of the neighborhood in which it is being built.

I would like to empower staff with the ability to have some controls in the future. Again, this would be to gauge support/opposition so that I do not waste valuable staff time with a proposal that would garner no support.

Sincerely,

*Michael P. May*

Michael May, Alderperson, Third Aldermanic District

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