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We, who are property owners and residents of the Westside neighborhood, petition the Town Council to amend the Land Use Management Ordinance to allow "bed & breakfasts" (B&Bs) as a permitted use in the R-3, R-4, and O1-1 "Town Center" zones (see, Map 3, <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1211>), and without the onerous requirement of having to obtain a Special Use Permit. We believe having B&Bs as a permitted use in our neighborhood and other parts of our town center will provide property owners with an alternative to student rentals that will benefit the entire in-town area -- residents as well as merchants, and Chapel Hill as a whole. It may also help save historic structures from demolition. To assist considerably in the implementation of this idea, we request that *no* Special Use Permit be required to open a B&B, and that any non-zoning municipal requirements for B&Bs not exceed those for the establishment and running of a hotel/motel in Chapel Hill.

We realize that property owners in other parts of Chapel Hill's Town Center may not be in agreement with this proposal. Consequently, we recommend that if more than 50% of the property owners in any of the eight R-3, eight R-4, or seven O1-1 zones requests it, the Council shall reconsider permitting B&Bs within their specific zone.

We request the Council give this matter due consideration, and that any necessary public advertisement procedures be followed. Thank you.

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