

We purchased a single family home in a neighborhood that was all single family. Now, our street is dominated by apartment buildings and several more are on the docket according to portlandmaps. I am pro development and modernization. However, when free reign is given to developers, buildings end up looking less than satisfactory, streets are inundated with too many parked cars (YOU, Portland, Really need to re-visit the off street parking standard), and single family dwellings end up surrounded with renters (who could care less about the neighborhood).

I, now after multiple apartments have been erected on previous single family homes, pick up dog poop, garbage, and have next door tenants use our yard debris bin as cigarette butt storage.

Why not require off street parking (everyone has a damn car)? Why not require exterior garbage, dog poop, cigarette receptacles when you and I all know people need them? We need them to help stave picking up trash and excrement from our own driveway!!!

In short, Portland is bustling. Don't loose sight on things that matter- cleanliness (portland ranks on my all time low for ANY city), ease of use (portland is suffering from traffic, parking, urban transit problems, stop lights, construction traffic) issues which make Portland a difficult place to live.

Please, pretty please, consider livability and quality over quantity.