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In regards to the current zoning requirement to provide two covered parking spaces when building an addition that exceeds 150 square feet. This is a very regressive zoning practice and makes additions to many small houses in Pasadena too expensive. Houses in the older parts of Pasadena usually have a single car garage, a medium size yard and two bedrooms with one bathroom. So those who are not in a Historical district, which gives exemption to this zoning requirement, must rebuild the garage in order to do a simple addition of a bedroom and bathroom. So a simple addition becomes a major construction project.

It will also increase the building footprints on the lot, restricting rainwater infiltration. This adds to your county tax bill due to Measure W. Which is a 2.5-cent tax on every square foot of impermeable surface of your property.

Review of the city of Pasadena's website and rules for ADUs shows multiple ways that parking can be dealt with. They do not require construction of any covered parking and in some instances do not even require a parking space (<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/planning-division/community-planning/accessory-dwelling-units/#parking-criteria>). Yet again proving that this is a regressive zoning practice for single family homes.

The current city plan has been to discourage car usage. Trying to make this city more accessible to those who do not use an automobile, as their main form of transportation. Requiring two covered parking spaces does not seem like the means to encourage use of other forms of transportation. This is addressed in the ADU plans for parking, but not for single family homes.

I understand that the city does not want cars parked on the streets overnight. I also understand that most of us in Pasadena have very long, single car driveways that will accommodate multiple vehicles. If you drive around this city you will see that most of us do not park in a garage at night. Most people stack park their vehicles either in front or behind their gates. Requiring a covered parking space to be built will not change this behavior. Please remove this Zoning rule.

Thank You,

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