

Milwaukee Ald. Witkowski: Proposed hotel would diminish quality of life

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Today Alderman Terry L. Witkowski offered some plain advice for a hotel operator looking to build a low cost weekly stay facility at S. 20th St. and W. Layton Ave.

“The WoodSpring Hotel would be wise to apply for a hotel license before spending any money on construction of a low cost weekly stay hotel at 20th and Layton,” Alderman Witkowski said in response to a news story indicating that the WoodSpring Hotel had bought the property.

“There is strong neighborhood opposition to this project and even if they build a hotel there, they cannot open it without a license and a hearing,” said Alderman Witkowski. “I anticipate dozens of neighbors present to oppose this license and hotel at this site.”

The alderman said a key problem is the hotel would be diminishing the quality of life in the quiet residential neighborhood. “This is a neighborhood where many municipal employees live, including police officers who have had direct experiences responding to calls at low cost weekly stay hotels. They would like to see a use that enhances the area, and will not drive them from continuing to reside in the City of Milwaukee,” he said.

A newspaper story carried today indicated that “An affiliate of WoodSpring Suites has purchased the 11-acre lot, 1701 W. Layton Ave., from the State of Wisconsin for \$1.75 million...” and stated that “construction is likely to begin this spring.”