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## **Alderman Witkowski says proposed hotel would diminish quality of life**

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.”

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## **Hotel opposed/ADD ONE**

The story also goes on to say that Alderman Witkowski and neighbors have fought the WoodSpring low cost weekly hotel. It points out that an attempt in the City of Greenfield was opposed because it would generate a high number of police calls. WoodSpring was also not successful in attempts to locate the hotel in Oak Creek and Menomonee Falls.

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