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Fewer households with children have spiked the demand for small homes on smaller lots and more renters in Boise's downtown. Pictured: alley off Idaho Street and 9th.

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density and sprawl  
in the Boise Valley

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