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Subject: Neighborhood Integrity and Utility Trailers

Mr. Brymer,

The proposal for allowing utility trailers to be parked in driveways will seriously impact neighborhood integrity. Commercial vehicles and commercial trailers should not be stored on residential streets. There is no good reason why utility trailers cannot be stored in a garage out of view. They create a eye sore and a hazard to children and they attract crime. Lets keep the Commercial crime and hazards in Commercial areas and not encroach on residential zoning.

We have a lawn service trailer in our neighborhood of Shenandoah but it is kept in the garage. At first it was not but someone talked to them and they had the trailer cut down to fit in the garage. They are now glad they did because now they do not need to worry about equipment being stolen from the trailer and the neighborhood looks better.

If we are going to have any hope of having neighborhoods that people can feel safe in and take pride in we need to keep the ordinance as it is and we need to enforce it. I am not against allowing a service vehicle with trailer the right to park to perform a service but the trailer should not be disconnect and left in a street or drive way.

I would also like to see a feasibility study to increase restriction on commercial vehicles in residential areas. Commercial vehicles classified as such by the manufacture like large box trucks. I believe the days of mom and pop driving this type of vehicle home at night, because it is their only vehicle, are over. Now everyone drives an SUV or Pickup with there logo on the side which are not classified as commercial.

Can you please also send me the code enforcement operating procedures. I have several issues we are dealing with and I need to know what procedures are in place because it is taking longer than I expected to get them corrected.

Thank you,

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