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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Shirley Fourney - Housing Accelerator Fund - Permitting Up to Four Units in all Residential Zoning Districts – CK 750-1

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Sunday, May 26, 2024 - 16:56

Submitted by [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Sunday, May 26, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Shirley

Last Name: Fourney

Phone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 14th St E

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Municipal Planning Commission meeting - May 28

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.6 Housing Accelerator Fund - Permitting up to 4 units in all Residential Zoning Districts

Comments:

I am asking to speak to my comments about my concerns re. permitting 4 units on a residential lot. I have a 50' property lot in Varsity View. At the moment, under the old regulations, I have two permitted units on the lot: a main floor 3-bedroom unit and a lower-level 3 bedroom unit. This puts 6 university students into my house without any consideration of garage use. Feasibly, it also parks 6 half-ton trucks onto my lot. No lot can sustain this amount of parking without parking vehicles on the lawn or elsewhere where parking is not desirable. It is all right to stick our heads in the sand and say that everyone should travel by City busses but this is not feasible if one lives Out-of-Province or even in areas such as Deschambault Lake, SK. They have to drive to attend the U of S or to work in Saskatoon including at the hospitals. In addition, right now, because my lower unit is a numbered unit, my house has the ability to have 6 waste bins. The collection truck in this area picks up on the alley but, on one side only of the alley. My neighbours behind my unit have two new dwellings, each with their own garages which open onto the alley and each with their own waste bins to be picked up by the collection truck. The problem, in addition to the parking issue, is that there is no room to place at least 4 bins in a row leaving access for my neighbours and myself to enter and exit our garages, parking pads, etc. Additionally, to add to the melee, everyone, my tenants included, do not always remove the bins back onto the lots in a timely manner. It is understandable that on the alley, tenants do not really see bins sitting on lots as being an impediment to traffic or being in any way harmful. This happens on our lots but also on almost every lot where there is alley pick-up throughout Varsity View. While Varsity View has limited amounts of lots in the new plan, adding more dwelling units to all the areas mentioned, will put Varsity View's problems throughout the City. I foresee a very enhanced problem in other areas at each lot location with a 4-unit dwelling on one City lot PLUS the addition of at least one garage suite. Additionally, we are in the Residential Permit Zone which allows parking passes to be purchased for street parking. Everyone knows that while this may seem to be a solution, in the winter, the grader has no place to put the snow so the drivers, doing the best that they can, leave piles of snow that take up much of the parking area for cars meaning that any parking close to the U of S is reduced by about 50%. I foresee additional issues when the residential housing is almost doubled due to the incorporation of the Housing Accelerator Fund planning. Being empathetic with the need for additional housing, I think that a solution needs be found. Unfortunately, I do not believe that adding density to already population-rich area, already filled with students, immigrants and others seeking housing, is going to be the solution.

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No