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Letters to the Editor

Building Permit Refused . . .

Letter to the Editor

Yes! You guess it – it was my Building Permit for my kayak dock that was turned down by P & Z and became a topic at the City Council meeting. This is how the saga continues.

True, my “property” was out of compliance due to zoning criteria. Because of that issue I let P & Z have their way with me , accepted their permit denial and promised to correct that issue, which I did and my building is no longer out of compliance.

Now that commercial use is once again part of my property taxation, one issue no longer has anything to do with the other. Why? For starters there is nothing within the current City Statutes and/or Codes that dictates the amount or percentage of space a business must occupy of a building within the Marine Commercial District. I could say a lot more about this and quote city statutes; however, the two issues no longer have even a close common denominator. Personal objections/opinions cannot be legitimately applied to benefit or discriminate against either the City or a property owner.

I cannot go with out pointing out that the City Council members know nothing about my business. In fact, I only recall one of them ever being in my shop. I am puzzled how they can arbitrarily assume I am not using enough “space”. Previously when my shop was open, floor space was not an issue. Why would it become one now?

I have worked hard and professionally on my dock “package” and have obtained all the necessary permits from the agencies (Army Corps of Engineers, Dept of Natural Resources and Fish & Game) who govern the Alaska waterways.

I am going before the P & Z on Monday, January 21st in the multi-purpose room at 7 p.m. to ask, once again, for their approval since I have done what they have said I had to do. I would greatly appreciate any support the community would like

AMHS Critical Issue. . .

Letter to the Editor

From what I am hearing, our voice may be starting to be heard. We must continue to make our concerns known, particularly to the Governor.

I recommend comments be faxed or snail-mailed to the Gov. (fax # is 907-465-3532), and it is also a very good idea to place a quick phone call to her office at 907-465-3500.

The Gov.'s office has begun getting phone calls, and more calls are needed to bring the lesson home that we are demanding better treatment from DOT than has been the case so far under her watch.

We must continue to ask for better service. We should ask for exactly what we should have - not what we expect: Not just 2 but THREE Bellingham ships in the busy summer season to build up the visitor industry, and 2 in the winter; an immediate SLASHING of prices by 50%; an immediate order for conventional-style new vessels (not gas-guzzling fast ferries) to replace our aging ones NOW before Federal funding runs out next year; the Kennicott and Tusty used to their full potential, including bringing both ships back for the Seldovia 4th as in 2006; and DAILY SERVICE TO ALL PORTS.

That's what we'd really like - so that's what we should ask for. Ask any legislator. It's all about position. Ask for what we need rather than the bare-bones service at exorbitant rates they have been dishing out to us for years. That's how things are done in the world of politics, and we'd better get used to it!

Spread the word to place a quick call to the governor and respectfully make your opinion known, and send faxes and letters as well (most home computers are equipped to fax, and if not, should be able to send one for you, as would most any local business that benefits from our ferry service).

We should also continue to voice our support our own legislators


to give me at that meeting.

in their efforts toward this end.

Respectfully, Happy Schneider

Thanks for joining all who are working for a better Alaska! We'll get 'er done if we work together!

Anonymous

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