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Cc: [Sonja Wisler](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:08:57 AM
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Please see the attached comments for the Housing Code hearing this morning. Thank you!



Rebecca Messinger
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From: Susan Ellinger <Susan.Ellinger@clark.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:40 AM
To: Rebecca Messinger <Rebecca.Messinger@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Comment on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision

Hi Rebecca –

I sent you this email for the housing hearing yesterday. Attached is a pdf of the email and two letters, if helpful. Thanks!



Susan Ellinger
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From: Susan Ellinger

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:39 PM

To: Rebecca Messinger <Rebecca.Messinger@clark.wa.gov>

Subject: FW: Public Comment on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision

Hi Rebecca -

Please see an additional comment that came in this afternoon for housing. Thank you!



Susan Ellinger

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristie Brown <kristiebrown1024@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:59 PM

To: Susan Ellinger <Susan.Ellinger@clark.wa.gov>

Subject: Public Comment on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision

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Dear Susan,

I am attaching two letters with my husband's and my comments to be included in comments at tomorrow's hearing on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision. Please include with other comments.

Thank You, Terry L. Brown and Kristie A Brown

From: [Kristie Brown](#)
To: [Susan Ellinger](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:59:37 PM
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Dear Susan,

I am attaching two letters with my husband's and my comments to be included in comments at tomorrow's hearing on Narrow Lot Parking Space Parking Revision. Please include with other comments.

Thank You, Terry L. Brown and Kristie A Brown

To Whom It May Concern:

March 2, 2024

I am writing this letter to clearly state opposition to the proposed "Parking Code Updates for Middle Housing and Smaller Single Family Units". The current codes are already inadequate in providing enough parking spaces for people living in these units and by decreasing the number of required spaces will only exacerbate the current situation and future developments.

At a recent meeting of the Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association on February 22, 2024 several pictures of newly built cottage home developments, new apartment complexes and other multi family units were shared. They clearly show the following issues related to the current parking code:

- Narrow streets filled with parked cars on both sides of the street
- Pickup trucks parked in a short driveway and across the sidewalk
- Cars and trucks parked on lawns
- Vehicles parked at the end of the street or in a cul-de-sac
- 17-25 vehicles parked on public streets outside a newly built apartment complex because there wasn't enough parking inside the apartment complex lot.

Some of the safety and quality of life issues created by the current codes include:

- Firetrucks and ambulances being unable to reach a situation down the street due to the congestion
- Children darting into traffic because the driver is unable to see the child before he/she is in the road
- Refuse collection also an issue with the congestion
- With very limited parking people will park wherever they can- on the sidewalk, on the lawn, at the end of the street. In addition to safety issues this also creates unsightly neighborhoods which eventually can collect garbage, broken down cars, etc. not to mention create neighborhood tension.

At the very least, please leave the codes as they are for this type of housing. Please DO NOT reduce the number of parking slots per unit!!!

Sincerely,



Kristie A. Brown

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To Whom It May Concern

March 2, 2024

This letter is in response to a request from our HOA president to express our thoughts on the developing "Cottage-Narrow Lot" developments, in and around 119th Street in north Vancouver, Washington. My wife and I live off 119th Street on 58th Avenue.

What I see is are sets of 30-50 very closely grouped homes with developing problems involving parking, emergency vehicle access, visitor space, refuse collection and child visibility. The homes have very narrow openings for the one car garage. This in effect eliminates ½ and ¾ ton pickups from the garage and the distance out to the sidewalk, in all instances, is too short for the pickup to be outside the home as well. Owners in most cases recognize that blocking the sidewalk is unacceptable/unlawful so parallel parking out on the street has begun. What eventually makes this worse is there are owners and visitors parking on both sides of the street inviting a disaster when emergency and service vehicles need to access the development and children afoot and on bicycles are crossing the street. The street has been approved and built without proper consideration to these basic needs and easily seen developing problems.

What we became aware of in the recent Neighborhood Association meeting was the distinct possibility of further reducing the parking allocation per unit from 1 and a ½ down to one to enable an additional space per three units for visitor parking. How are families with two working adults going to be able to park two vehicles with an adjusted down allocation to one space?

It is difficult to imagine when, not if, litigation will ensue, given these current circumstances. The effort to add high density developments has merit in Clark County, but to let this situation go on without proper remedy is irresponsible and could surely result in a tragedy if not addressed in a thoughtful way.



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