

Re: Public Comment City Council 17JAN23

Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 1/17/2023 12:36 PM

To: Bill Durkin <hts@gwi.net>

Mr. Durkin.

I have received your email comment and will provide such to the Council for tonight's public hearing.

Wayne

From: Bill Durkin <hts@gwi.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:21 PM

To: Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Subject: Public Comment City Council 17JAN23

Hello there (maybe Wayne) ...

Please see attached.

Thank You

Bill Durkin

January 17, 2023 Belfast City Council Regular Council Meeting
regarding 10) Business sections I , J , and K City Code of Ordinances

Hello City Councilors,

Thank You all for your time and energy for the City of Belfast.

This is Bill and Donna Durkin, 73 Bayview St. I am on the road today and will try to make the public comment segment this evening, but just in case ,here are is my statement concerning the Planning Board's proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordances and in particular, the significant revisions to the current nonconforming standards. Wayne Marshall has provided you with our letter of December 14, 2022 that we sent to the Planning Board for their Public Hearing. We provided a letter along with a survey of our 73 Bayview St lot and a plot plan displaying the areas of non-conformance relating to our house and garage. If the proposed amendments are revised, 40% of our actual physical structures will be affected, close to half of the house and garage would be scrutinized under this new ordinance.

If you look at Sec.102-215 Type 2 Nonconformity, Expansion of Residential Structures, pages 7-11, these new ordinances will greatly effect our future plans to renovate our house that we bought in November , 2020. At that time of purchase, an expansion was allowed within our non-conforming area of the footprint. As far as I know, the classic "grandfathered" term goes away. Reading through those pages are clearly not for the layman, and that is only for residential structures. Our plan for an ADU in our garage is another topic.

I clearly realize that there is a need for ordinance updates and revisions as Belfast is going through a growing phase that will continue in the years to come. But nonconformity expansion in residential structures needs to be looked at further, keeping in mind existing taxpayers who had expectations when they bought their home.

Again , we thank the City Council and Planning Board for their long hours in public service.

All the Best,
Bill and Donna Durkin
73 Bayview St.
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