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Hi Ashley

I am writing to submit my concerns regarding the Request for Variance on Backyard Suite Area submitted by 125 Penney Crescent, Ward 1.

First, I received this letter on January 20, 2025. It was postmarked on January 16, 2025. The response deadline is today, January 21, 2025. It concerns me that I was not given an appropriate amount of time to respond (3 business days) and a very real possibility that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have not received the notice of this application.

At the time of purchase [REDACTED], I was assured there would be no new builds [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as this is a mature neighborhood. Part of the appeal of [REDACTED]

A backyard suite is essentially an extra home on a property that requires a "Request for Variance", indicating that the **space is already being stretched thin**. The windows would look directly [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. **The home at 125 Penney Crescent is already a two bedroom home with the basement unit operating as an AirBnB.** While I understand that the city cannot control the use of a backyard suite, there is strong reason to believe that this suite would not be used to help combat the current housing crisis. I do not believe that squeezing in an extra structure on this lot is within the **spirit of the additional housing units** to be built. Adding a third unit would be over congested and completely unnecessary. Further to this, in a mature subdivision with a majority of two apartment homes, approving this variance and a backyard suite would set a precedent and potentially lead to an over congested and overpopulated subdivision. With this comes further concerns of **increased traffic, vehicles, noise levels, pollution, and interruption of peace and enjoyability** to the current homeowners.

What about [REDACTED] resale value? Currently [REDACTED] [REDACTED] subjected to this high density living, and certainly the lack of privacy would not be appealing to a buyer.

[REDACTED] the low density mature neighborhood, the privacy of the back yard and the inability to build new structures. Adding a backyard suite to where the current shed is located at 125 Penney completely changes the amount of privacy, peace and enjoyment [REDACTED]

Adding a third unit to an already two unit home at this property would **destroy the character of the neighborhood** and would **stick out like a sore thumb**. I believe it was Coun. Maggie Burton that highlighted the importance of avoiding just that in 2024. This is disruptive to the neighborhood,

unnecessary and not the intention of the backyard suite initiative. **I implore the council to reject this application and to ensure the integrity of this neighborhood is maintained.**

I believe that this request is **out of order** due to not providing proper notice to residents (see photo below with postmark of January 16, 2025).

I object to this application wholeheartedly and with support from homeowners in the area. Please confirm receipt of this email. I have also cc'd Ward 1 Councillor Bruce on this matter.

Sincerely

