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Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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To Mayor and Town Council,

I hereby petition to be exempted from a site review, which is one step required for a rooming house, tourist home, or conditional zoning. I have called numerous architects and design companies that do site review plans. Without exception, no one is interested unless they are building or involved with construction in some manner. So my ability to provide the information requested is not possible.

I suspect that the site plan review was intended for new or modified construction, which makes sense because any new or changes to a site will impact town services. My site has not been changed since it's inception in 1986. Therefore, the impact of changing my use from STR to a rooming house, tourist home, or conditional zoning is zero. The town services of police, fire protection, and trash collection will not change in the slightest.

Please keep in mind that my only use of town services are an annual inspection by the fire department for which I pay \$50. I get trash pickup once/week just like everybody else, and I only have 2 polycarts for 7 apartments since most guests eat out (which by the way helps local restaurants). Police have never been called, unlike many apartment complexes in town. So the town and county do well on the \$14,800 in property I will pay this year, not to mention the occupancy taxes that this property generates.

I know that you would not want to open the floodgates of everyone making this petition, but since the requirement for a rooming house is a building of 3-9 units, I am probably the only STR operator who meets that condition. I have 7 units.

I believe it is within the Council's power to allow a site, which has not been changed and whose use will continue to be rentals, to completely bypass the site review process. I am only trying to continue the rentals that I have done over 20 years with no problems, complaints, or excessive use of town services.

Thanks for your consideration,
Eric Plow

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