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Letter of Intent

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Community Planning & Development Services of Rapid City:

RAPID CITY COMMUNITY PLANNING
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Dear Sir,

Thomas + Kathleen M. Stark residing at 5280 Autumn Plc. Sub-Division, Autumn Hills Plaza II Lot 4 A have been owners of such property for over 2 years. We are in a small association of only 5 bldgs, 10 different families residing therein. Our town house is at the dead end of the cul-de-sac of Autumn Place. One of the reasons we purchased such property was because of a cement pad along side of this town house right next to the drainage ravine. We understood that previous owners did at one time have a trailer with 4 wheelers on it.

We were somewhat hesitant about making this purchase because maybe our close neighbors would object to RV parking on this cement pad. So, our real estate agent TJ with VIP Properties said to be on the safe side we should get signatures of approval to such RV parking.

This was done with no objections what so ever. We were unaware that we were not within the city code of a 15 foot front yard setback. This lot, the way it is situated will not allow for the RV to be parked back any further ~~back~~ than it is now. This RV is 30' long, 7½ feet wide and 10½' high and fits on the cement pad with a little to spare. It does not block any of the road or the side walk. However it does stick out 24' feet from the front foundation. We do have a cement foundation for our front porch that is built into our town house. The RV fronts this foundation by only 14 feet.

Never has there been a problem or complaint from anyone within our association which is our immediate neighbors.

But, upon receiving numerous complaints from just one particular man out of our association the city has given us 2 options. The first option was to remove the RV. We only use our camper 2 or 3 times a year to camp at area lakes with friends and family members, which we enjoy so much. I will be 70 years old May 7 and am not in so good health. My wife Kathy will be 68 in Oct of this year. Because of our deteriorating health and age it would be an extreme hardship to try to haul clothing, food and other camping gear to the RV at another location as well as pulling the batteries^{out} of the unit in order to keep them charged.

We would respectfully like to pursue option # 2 in order to obtain a major amendment to the PRD. To amend the set-back requirement on the property. We have also enclosed a sheet with all 10 signatures of all association members agreeing to let us park our RV where it has already been for the past 2 years with no negative concerns at all. The only complaint comes from the one particular man down the street who acts as a neighborhood bully, who is a chronic complainer even using profanity on me for walking our little dog as he complains about the dog doing his business in the field accross from his townhouse of which I assured him and actually showed him the doggy bags I use to pick up his droppings. This did not satisfy him at all and told me to keep the dog in my own yard.

I walk our dog using a leash and do not let my dog

anywhere near this man's property. Anyway I try to be a good neighbor to all and not to retaliate when someone is so offended by me walking the dog. I do appreciate the city taking this matter under consideration and being so kind. I am enclosing a check for \$250.00 for the filing fee

yours Truly
Thomas Stark

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