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Comments on Request to Establish a B&B on King Street

Applicant Callista Snively

Mrs Snively's home is at 235 King Street, just down the steep hill from my home at 165 King Street. Since King Street actually comes to a dead-end at my driveway my route coming and going passes by Mrs Snively's house. For me to drive into town or to access Highway 101 there is no other route to use, so it is impossible to avoid driving past the Snively home.

Since the Snively family moved into their home there has been a noticeable increase of congestion in front of and near their house due to vehicles both squeezed into their driveway and parked alongside the narrow roadway between their home and mine. The Snively driveway can comfortably accommodate two vehicles; a third vehicle, if it is not large, can be squeezed in, but it must park laterally behind the other two vehicles in order to do so.

At times vehicles are parked in such a way that they encroach into the street since the "shoulders" of the street are narrow with steep drop-offs on the downhill side and likewise steep cliffs rising on the other side. Making it even more hazardous is the fact that King Street is basically a very steep one-way street at its upper end between our houses. In portions of the street it is virtually impossible for vehicles going in opposite directions to pass by each other. One driver must back up either up-hill or down-hill to allow the other to pass.

When there are vehicles parked in this manner it is difficult enough negotiating the street safely during dry summer months; during the rainy season the safety issue is significantly increased due to the slick road surface and potential limited visibility because of rain. I do not look forward to heading downhill in those conditions if there are vehicles constricting the travel lane near the Snively home.

While I admire the Snivelys for finding and purchasing their "dream home" I cannot support their request to share their home with visitors, whether it be as a B&B or as a vacation rental. I bought and occupied my home in 2001 because of the beauty and peacefulness of the Village, the wonderful view from my windows, and the joy of a blissful retirement. I would hope that the Snivelys could relax and enjoy their new home without creating a safety and nuisance problem for their neighbors.

Respectfully,



Ken Combs