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To: Mayor of Chapel Hill  
From: Wayne Poerio Chapel Hill Citizen  
Subject: Petition for Permit  
Date: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
CC: Joyce Smith, Lance Norris, Rodger Waldon, Maggie Bowers

**ATTACHMENT 5**

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2003 I presented a petition to change the Affordable Housing Restrictions. My argument (see attached documents) is challenging how the time frame to allow a homeowner permission to request a permit is relevant to affordable housing. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Department responded. The response, however, had no relevance to the argument that I had placed forward. I did not ask whether it was a law to prevent a permit from being issued for 12 months after a Certificate of Occupancy. I am challenging whether the intent of the law was to offer affordable housing by limiting the square footage of the homes. If so, then the intent of the law was met. Any further restrictions only hurt the intended buyer (homeowner).

If the Town Council again requests the Planning Department to review and respond to this petition I am afraid they will miss the point again. What does 3months, 9months or 12months have to do with keeping homes affordable? Just because it is a law to wait 12months for approving a permit does not make it the right thing.

Please provide a variance to allow my wife and me to submit a permit.

I am currently being found in violation of zoning and State statutes (Certified Letter Receipt No. 7001 2510 0005 0267 6271) for completing the renovation of my second floor. My wife and I are expecting a baby in September of this year. We need the space desperately. I am in jeopardy of being fined on a daily basis until I am permitted to request a permit.

I am submitting this petition and requesting that all fines be placed on hold pending resolution.

Sincerely,

Wayne Poerio

Attachments