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To: Clerk
Subject: Council Meeting

Please read the following into the record at the September 11, 2024 city counsel meeting.
Thank you.

At the city council meeting of 7/17/2024 the subject of changing Orttings garbage collection from a contacted service model to a city service model was mentioned. In other words you want to get the city into the garbage collection business and dump Murrey's Disposal Company. According to your study our rates would increase 21% or more. This would add just over \$20 to my bill. I fail to see how this would benefit the citizens of Orting. Our rates would go up and we would still have our garbage collected. I urge the city counsel to abandon this idea and instead work on things that will enhance the lives of the citizens of Orting.

Thank you.

Good evening council, mayor, staff and public. My name is Daren Jones and Jennifer Rees and we live in downtown Orting. We own the building located at 130 Corrin Ave, Orting.

My concern is that every building owner and tenant is treated fairly by the city of Orting. Specifically, how a business in the city of Orting can be shut down when other businesses can stay open because of double standards.

This started in August of 2023 when the Orting Yard first opened, when Tim Lincoln took it upon himself to turn in The Orting Yard to the Pierce County Health Department for not being properly licensed. The tenant reached out to Tim via email to find out why this was done, Tim has still not responded to this email to date. The Orting Yard does not need health department approval. Then someone on city staff "reported" to Scott Larson that The Orting Yard was operating as a bar without a liquor license. Again, this is inaccurate. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board notified the city of the license when it was approved. It was at this point the tenant was told they would need a "change of use" permit, keep in mind the tenant already had completed two permits prior to August 2023 and has a third open at this time.

From here it went back and forth for about a year regarding what the staff needed and what they wanted. I can provide my detailed timeline, for total transparency, of the exact events that occurred which I am sure has factual information staff might have left out if provided to you. During this time Scott told the business it would not be shut down over parking.

Tim and Kim issued a stop work order, not to correct work, but to shut the business down until work was completed. A "correct" ADA accessibility slope into one of the entrances and parking spaces with an ADA space. One option was the space to be "leased" from the city at a price to be determined by the city. Which would be determined at a future date, while the business remained closed.

If all owners were treated fairly the public records would show parking agreements and fees on every public right of way ADA parking stall for The Recovery Café, Arrow, Better Properties, Orting Barber Shop just to name a few. There are others that don't have ADA parking, don't have parking, don't have ramps and are not being treated to the same standards. Requirements are fine but they need to be applied equally and without prejudice or discrimination.

My goal is that this is brought to the full attention of the council and public so that a quick decision can be made and this issue can be resolved tonight. This is just not about economic development, it is about treating the real estate owners and business owners of the city of Orting fairly and equitable, so that no owner needs to suffer through this disparaging and deplorable experience.

Thank you