

September 2nd,  
1121 Fort Street, Suite 206

Re: Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No 1273) - No. 22-031

First, I have little confidence that the city will listen to anyone other than developers and those they have recruited to promote their views (and let's not pretend that the letters from people living in Langford who say that they would love to live in x and y developments are spontaneously produced and are not in response to a Facebook ad). But that said, I will try.

Parking. I live in the building next door that has only 4 parking stalls and no visitor parking. While I can manage day to day without parking, it becomes extremely difficult when I am moving anything in or out. I often end up parked far from my home, having to carry something like a mattress down the street, or trying to get heavier grocery items home. If you add more people on the street, and reduce the parking stalls this will only get harder and I will end up having to carry things even further. Carrying is definitely harder now that I am in my 60s. Additionally, I am embarrassed to say to friends - come and visit me but park many blocks away in a parkade - so I do not invite people home. For older people the lack of parking results in more isolation. Is this really the society we are trying to build? If we are looking for sustainable options then having visitor parking would make a world of difference, and I would recommend increasing visitor stalls not removing them.

Setbacks. I am extremely concerned about how setbacks are being reduced throughout the city, and we are settling for "rooftop gardens", ie, a few planters. Greenery space makes a world of difference for microclimate, plants, insect life, and for human well being, and is essential for coping with climate change. I hope that there will be no reduction in yard and greenery. How dare the city declare itself to be the City of Gardens when they are actively attacking gardens? We will have nothing unique for tourists to visit soon, and we may as well be living in Surrey.

Lighting. Some of the units in this building have windows only on the side. These are small studio apartments and I really hope for my neighbours' sakes that a new building will not block their limited light. We need to prioritize mental health in our community and light is very important for biorhythms and preventing depression.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Comish', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sara Comish