

September 27, 2013

Dear City Council and Staff,

I am writing this letter in response to the Land Use Code Update. First of all, I am extremely disappointed that I didn't respond earlier. Battling the many regulations that are being thrown upon us from both City and County has been exhausting. Because I am coming into this discussion late and haven't thoroughly read the code and talked to enough builders, developers, and others with more knowledge about this, I will be brief.

I am truly stunned with the restrictions, demands to conformity, fence height restrictions and mandating of lot sizes. In my business, the desire for 10,000 square foot lots are preferred to small lots! As I read this, that will not be an option anymore. Mandating percentages of transparent windows or doors on facades should speak for itself, but obviously doesn't to this group. Really???

Not once does it appear that there has been any consideration to the costs for the consumer. I guess I am still in shock that a small group of people could seriously change life as we know it in Ellensburg. Please, DO NOT TELL ME WHAT I WANT!

I urge you to take a step back and seek, not just wait for input, from knowledgeable LOCAL people and delay any kind of action on the current land code update.

Sincerely,  


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(but most importantly a private citizen with deep concerns of overreaching of our property rights!)