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Dear Committee of Adjustment,

I am writing to detail the reasons that I cannot comply with the provisions of the by-law regarding my driveway's extended width.

The reasons are:

- I have a previous variance on an accessory apartment with application number 415-15
- I would like to request your approval to keep the existing widened driveway extensions
- There is a fire hydrant at the front of the house, so I feel the widened driveway will accommodate parking the best; while avoid obstructing the fire emergency path and/or snow plows in the winter; causing unnecessary accidents
- There are 9 to 10 people living in the home; I would like to request your approval for the extra car parking spaces
- I feel my home and my driveway did not and have not caused damages or harm to anyone nor to the surroundings. I do not like nor wish to officially file my complaints about others ---but I have observed neighbours in the area and many have widened their parking spaces too. Thus, I feel these driveway widening rules should be applicable for every home. If the reason is about limiting environmental damages and/or limiting obstructions of underground water pipes/other

maintenance networks due to the causes of driveway widening; then, the argument should not rest with whether or not a neighbour complains to have by-law enforce such rules; but I think this dilemma needs a balanced assessment; while prioritize the health of the environment relative to driveway widening and not base on the merit of who can effectively complain.

My next door neighbour and some other homes on the same street to where I live all have widened their driveways or altered them in some forms without your proper approval. Ironically, these same people have connected me to the contractors who altered the driveways. Yet, it is saddening that their widened driveways, ---same as mine---as I was once told by your office--- are deemed "illegal"--- until proven "guilty" by a neighbour's complaint. So, they bare no "penalty temporarily;" whereas my driveway is considered inappropriate because of a complaint.

Please forgive my honest ignorance and please forgive my respect for my friendly neighbours to not complain about them nor start trouble among other homes on the same street --- but, how is this possible or makes sense? I am compliant in submitting this application to ask for your understanding in allowing me to keep my driveway as is; yet, I am genuinely baffled of the rules applicable to some and not to others based merely on who has more time, more energy, and more personal grudge to complain.

To conclude, I hope and would like to ask your approval to keep my current widened driveway.

I was told this application will fail or it will have a low percentage of approval. And I am not blind to my vulnerable situation either. However, we all know being tenacious is good morality. So I will keep trying.

Because I feel this issue still deserves a voice.

Thank you for your time and your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lavender Nguyen