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COMMUNITY PLANNING
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Re: Title 21 Rewrite Comments

To Whome It May Concern:

I have just been informed from the Birchwood Community Council about the rewriting of Title 21 which will affect us. We have been Homeowners/Taxpayers in the Chugiak/Birchwood area for over 36 yrs. We own 2½ acres and feel that the changes that are proposed should not be adopted. Some of the items that we are especially against are: Prohibition of connex on property, cannot sell anything that you grow in your garden or greenhouse, the size limit of your garage or storage building, limitations of car restoration or repair of vehicles on your property, prohibits frame-supported fabric structures, and restrictions on how many animals you can have or board. These proposed changes are way overboard. We live in this area to get away from all the ridiculous restrictions that are in Anchorage.

Also I think that you are overestimating the amount of people that will reside in this area in the future. The majority of land here is already owned and most here have a minimum of 1¼ acres, with the majority owning 2½ acres. The reason for that is because we have our own wells and septic systems, which we maintain ourselves.

We don't need "big government" dictating what we do with the land that we own and pay high taxes on. If these changes go into law, then are we going to get a tax break because we can't utilize our land as we see fit? I doubt that very much.

Use your energy on beautifying the Anchorage area first before you try to change the way we live here.

Sincerely,

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