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Board of Zoning Administration
Government of the District of Columbia
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Sirs/Madam:

I am writing on behalf of my neighbor, David Perkins, of 2014 Summit Place NE, who is before your review regarding a permit issue for a car port that he recently upgraded on his property.

I understand that he received a hefty fine and it is hoped this letter will be taken into consideration to minimize the negative consequences received for actually doing a good thing.

While I cannot condone the fact that he did not seek the proper permits and approvals from the government prior to the project, going overboard on punitive fines will not serve David, or the District, in this case. Furthermore, the potential prospect of having to tear it down and rebuild it is a sheer waste of time and resources that I'm sure would be better spent elsewhere.

In the 8 years that I have lived in the neighborhood and known David, he has demonstrated the type of pride of ownership in his home that seems to be lacking in an area where others do not respect the personal and private property rights of DC residents. David's example demonstrates he has a stake in the community not only protect and preserve it, but to make improvements on his own dime. Excessive punishment only discourages the type of initiative that is important to make the District better.

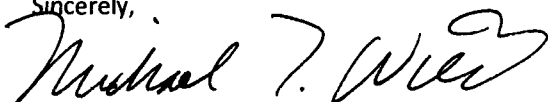
The car port in question is an improvement over what had been there previously. His added motion-detection flood lights have made an important addition to the security of a dark alley at night, which has experienced problems in the past. While I am not a construction engineer, nor an expert on DC code, it appears to be a well-constructed project that has improved the neighborhood. While it appeared that there used to be a car port structure there at some point in the past, adding a cover for his vehicle and lights for security does not appear to impinge on any neighboring property, and the clearance for alley traffic is more than adequate.

As a professional and tax-paying resident of the District, I am fortunate to have some mobility to choose where I live. It is experiences like David's that give me pause to think that I might consider moving elsewhere. Government must retain some flexibility in discretion to reconsider the full battery of consequences when their point has been made about the need for its citizens to comply with regulations.

My suggestion for resolution of this issue, based on what I know, would be not to exceed retroactively paying the fee that should have been obtained for the permit originally, and annotating the property card so that the car port improvements are reflected in his annual property tax assessment going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Wild

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