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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 4:49 PM
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Subject: from Pat Taylor re Case # 08-06A

Donna,

Here's the comment I am trying to submit. [I have checked that it is less than 750 words ...]
I greatly appreciate your help with this. Pat Taylor

Re: Subtitle D 1508 1508.1

Subtitle D-43 greatly expands the number of alley lots which can be built upon. As alley lots have not been buildable upon for many decades, this change amounts to a substantial taking of the airspace, light, view and use rights of current homeowners whose lots back up to alley lots. In light of this taking of these homeowners' property rights, they deserve stronger protection of their rights than that provided by the "special exception" provision. I urge change in 1508.1 from "Special Exception" to "Variance", in order to provide stronger protection for the airspace, view, light and use rights of the homeowners abutting alley lots. The "special exception" is very weak protection against the major taking of these property rights of households abutting the alleys because, in my experience, neighbors are loath to speak out publicly in opposition to others in their blocks.