

ADDED ITEM

ITEM # Public
comment
for case
PC 24-02

To whom it may concern,

March 13, 2024

I am writing in response to the petitioner, Brett Jory, regarding the plans for "RBS Self-Storage Units" on the west side of State Rd (02-10-300-018).

My husband and I are both graduates of Goodrich High School in the early 2000's. After serving 4 years in the Marine Corp, we got married and settled in Oxford. We started our family, which quickly grew to 3 boys. After our youngest son was born, we realized we wanted to raise our children on more property. Since we both grew up in Goodrich, it was a no-brainer where we needed to be. Home.

We purchased our home on 10 acres, in April 2019. Since then, we have had many fun adventures from swimming in our pool, exploring, backyard campouts and riding 4 wheelers just to name a few. Unfortunately, we have also experienced an extreme amount of trauma. On December 20, 2019, we had a horrific house fire. All the trauma from that night does not compare to the love we felt from our amazing small community. Goodrich really is the best place to raise kids.

We have never worried about our kids going on adventures in our own backyard, and we should not have to. The property of concern backs up to ours. For this and many other reasons, we are asking that the application for "RBF Self-Storage Units" be denied. We moved back to Goodrich to have privacy, not to have the constant traffic of people, quite literally, in our backyard. I can only imagine that the owner would want to take down the small number of remaining trees that separate our properties, to then put up a fence. I ask those of you who must cast your vote; would you want this in your backyard? How safe would you feel, letting your children or grandchildren go on adventures with a storage facility overlooking your property? And what do you think this will do for our home values in the surrounding area?

We cannot overlook the fact that "National Storage", located approximately ¼ mile south, also on State Rd, has plenty of vacant units. In fact, they have units available ranging in 7 sizes from 5'X10' up to 10'X40', all at 50% off for the first 6 months. So, I ask, why do we need another self-storage facility in Goodrich, let alone such close proximity? The answer is, we don't.

Tonight, we ask you to please vote "no" for the application of "RBF Self-Storage Units". Please vote "no", so our children can play freely in our backyard. Please vote "no", so we don't have to worry about a constant and steady amount of traffic in our backyard. Please vote "no", so my family can enjoy the peace and quiet of the place we call "home".

We ask that you please take into consideration our concerns. Envision yourself in our position, how would you feel having a self-storage facility in your backyard?

In a world full of the unknown, we should feel safest in our home. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to hear just a small piece of our story, and why Goodrich is our home. The place we couldn't wait to raise our children in, just as we were.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Lewis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lauren Lewis

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