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Please pass this along to City Council and P&Z.

Hi City Council and P&Z -

I've been out of the conversation since resigning from the CRCRC, so excuse me if this is a bit naive. I received a public notice regarding a hearing for "definition and placement of mechanical equipment (generators, pool equipment, HVAC)".

I'm confused by this topic, because as a CRCRC member, we spent countless hours surveying the residents and summarizing the concerns. I didn't recall these items being a high priority, so I went back and reviewed the survey results to test my memory. I did find 243 references to setbacks, but those references largely discussed the size of setbacks. There are another 43 references to pools. Most of the discussion of pools relates to pool fencing. There's a few responses that discuss whether pools and pool decking should be allowed in the setbacks. See examples below:

It's fine. I WOULD allow some auxiliary building within the setback (pool mechanics, an uncovered patio, etc) so long as it wasnt higher than fence height (or something...ie, dont make it habitable or affect a neighbor)

Setbacks are generally fine. The problem is allowing people to clear-cut all the trees in the setbacks. Also - pools should be allowed in the setback. Doing so would give people more flexibility in design to avoid more tree cutting.

I do not think pool decking should extend into the setback. It is a structure just as a pool is and should not be excluded from setback requirements.

Not letting pools exist in set backs. As I said before none of these lots are the same and these older houses were built at different times. We could not put a pool in our back yard because the set back were so large.

I could not find a single example discussing pool equipment in the setback. Among all the topics that are of interest to the public, I'm very confused why this is being selected as an item for a public hearing.

I found 2 references to HVACs, and one response is relevant:

Setbacks should be enforced to no cantilevered rooms overhanging into the setback zones. The only exception to anything permanent being allowed in the setback zone would be for HVAC condensers that should be allowed to be placed in the setback zones but as long as they are no further than 3 ft away from the houses exterior walls.

In summary, I don't believe this topic has broad support from the residents.

For my build from 2021, we initially planned to not have a pool, and later decided to add one. We built the home up to the setback line and were able to use the setback for pool equipment. The side setback is heavily shaded to the point where no grass or plants can grow. It serves as the perfect location for pool equipment. I can't imagine the frustration if we were told we had to place the pool equipment in our backyard somewhere. I expect that our neighbors would happily agree. I've attached a pic for reference.

Thank you,
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