

City of Saxman
Resolution # 10.2020.08

A RESOLUTION of the City of Saxman, Alaska to communicate a unanimous opinion of the Saxman City Council to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning Commission to deny Conditional Use Permit Request #20-058 and #20-059.

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman is a tribal entity and a Federally Recognized Government and;

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman is a landless tribe and;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Saxman, also known as the City of Saxman or “the City”, was incorporated in 1929, is a second-class city governed by a strong Mayor and a 7 person council and;

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, also known as “the Borough”, has non-area wide powers that include the over -reaching zoning plan for the borough, of which, the City of Saxman is included and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saxman recognizes the Borough’s over-reaching power to plan for zoning and respects and recognizes the validity of zoning rules established within the perimeter of the City limits and;

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman has purchased 2 lots known as 2779 Bear Clan Street and 2707 Bear Clan Street which are situated inside the perimeter of the City of Saxman and are zoned medium residential by the Borough and;

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman has requested a Conditional Use Permit for 2779 Bear Clan Street to “...facilitate an Emergency Operations Center for the Saxman Community” and “...a carport which will be converted to an efficiency unit to serve as an alternate isolation site when quarantine is needed.” and;

WHEREAS, the Saxman City Council recognizes that this direct quote from their Conditional Use Permit Application is misleading as they only serve the tribal members of the community and;

WHEREAS, maintaining the zoning as medium residential allows for much needed housing and is in service to the ENTIRE community and;

WHEREAS, the Saxman City Council unanimously decided that they can’t support the Organized Village of Saxman evicting a family out of a medium density zone and then request a change in the zoning requirement to create office space and;

WHEREAS, the Saxman City Council is not confident that the Organized Village of Saxman can meet the parking requirements for operation of a business as there has been no plan submitted to the Council and;

WHEREAS, the Saxman City Council is not confident that the Organized Village of Saxman has the resources or training to operate an Emergency Operations Center or a medical isolation facility and;

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WHEREAS, the City of Saxman participates in the Joint EOC that makes plans for all the members of the City of Saxman, of which the Organized Village of Saxman policy makers have chosen not participated in;

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman has also requested a Conditional Use Permit for 2707 Bear Clan Street for the "...establishment of a secure site for the stocking and distribution of Emergency Supplies for the purpose of COVID-19 community spread mitigation within the City of Saxman." and;

WHEREAS, this is not a community endeavor as it will not include ALL the residents in the municipality and;

WHEREAS, this lot should be used for much needed housing a need identified in the Comprehensive Plan 2020 and , the purpose of which DOES serve the entire municipality and;

WHEREAS, the City of Saxman has a dedicated Emergency Manager that plans for contingencies for all the people of Saxman and;

WHEREAS, the duplication of efforts is not only redundant with no better outcome, it requires the elimination of 2 home sites and;

WHEREAS, the City of Saxman would appreciate the Ketchikan Gateway Borough respecting the unanimous decision of the City of Saxman City Council, made up of 7 members who are all elected at large and therefor represent the opinion of the people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Saxman shall request the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning Commission deny the Conditional Use Permit Application #20-058 and #20-059.

Effective Date: This resolution is effective upon adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Saxman City Council this 9th day of October.

 

Frank Seludo, Mayor



ATTEST: Lori Richmond, City Clerk