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City of Sumas  
Sumas City Hall  
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Dear Mayor Bosch and City Council Members,

My wife and I are the owners of the Sumas RV Park and Campground. We are asking the City of Sumas to increase the ratio of long-term tenants. We would also like the City of Sumas to approve an interim ordinance to allow more long-term tenants while we go through the process. We propose to increase the 40 long term sites allowed to 49. That would be 80%.

We have owned the Park since 6/15/2018. Prior to our ownership, the City of Sumas approved Ordinance No 1704 to allow long term stays in the Park. One of the conditions is that only 2/3 of the sites may be occupied over 120 days. The City of Sumas wanted to be sure we have room for travelers. On Nov 25, 2019 the City of Sumas approved the addition of 10 sites to the Park. We added those sites which brings total number of sites to 61. Forty sites may be used long-term. We now have 53 sites with sewer, water & power. The other 8 have water and power and access to a dump station. We also have upgraded the laundry facilities, public bathrooms, site lighting and sidewalks.

We tell people coming into the Park there is a 120-day limit. There are limited long term sites available depending on turnover. Every month we report to the City of Sumas our tenant count. Currently, we have 40 full time tenants and 6 in the under 120-day column. On April 1, three tenants in the under 120-day column will move into the long-term column. We do not expect normal turn over to create 3 empty long-term openings. We do not want to have to ask people to leave. We don't want to violate the terms of our Conditional Use Permit.

In 2018, travelers made up 5.5% of our business. In 2019 it was 3.5%. In 2020, with the closure of the Border and Covid restrictions it was 2.4%. In 2021 it was 2.5%. Year to date we only have 2 nights from travelers. The travelers are seasonal. There are ample sites for travelers. We can easily accommodate the travelers along with more long-term tenants. This provides affordable housing to people who have been impacted by Covid-19 and the recent flooding.

We would like to be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting scheduled on March 14, 2022. May we look forward to hearing from you soon?

Sincerely,

Len Andrews



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