

eComments
Ordinance 2022-25

Don Pitcher

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 08-09-22

Hello,

I am writing regarding Ordinance 2022-25 on the KPB Assembly agenda. I agree with Planning Director Robert Ruffner on the need for stronger enforcement mechanisms, stop-work orders, and larger fines to address code violations. The proposed changes will help address potential future problems and may discourage those who willingly violate the code.

I would like to see two changes in the ordinance to address individuals who may want to violate the code despite the daily fines. If property owners repeatedly violate the code, there should be escalating fines to deter such actions. To discourage willing violations, I suggest that the fines start at \$500 daily and double following each violation (i.e., \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000 fines). After three violations their permit should be revoked, and any nonconforming use prohibited.

The proposed fines are effective for structures and other violations, but there is no mention of non-structural violations such as occupancy limits or events where prohibited in R-1 Local Option Zoning Districts. To address this loophole, I propose that fines start at \$500 and double with each subsequent violation. In addition, any authorization for non-conforming uses on the property should be revoked after three violations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Ordinance 2022-25. I hope the KPB Assembly works to protect local neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Don Pitcher

Craig Cutler

Location:

Submitted At: 5:12pm 08-05-22

Attn: KPB Assembly Members: Regarding Agenda Item (5) for Hearing on 08/09/2022:

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I hereby submit for your consideration that penalties for recurring violations should appropriately increase with successive offenses, and include a no nonsense "Three strikes and you're out" revocation penalty.

This could apply to stop-work orders and fine amounts for permits, non-conforming grandfather rights, or convictions for violations on parcels that are subject to or cooperatively protected by concurrent State or Federal statutes.

A strict revocation enforcement will reduce expenses and time invested by the Borough administration spent on chronic violators, maintain integrity within the community for which any given Ordinance has been enacted, and command respect for compliance with Borough Ordinances.

Such a "Three Strike" enforcement provision is commensurate with and supported by several considerations presented in the WHEREAS clauses of Ordinance 2022-25, and reflects typical correction procedure models as exemplified nationwide across a broad spectrum of legal jurisdictions.

Thank you for your consideration
Craig Cutler