

Memorandum

Date: January 6, 2012

To: John Kovash, Mayor
Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager *CJ*

Subject: Council Agenda and Schedule

January 9 Council Meeting Agenda Update

The Council is scheduled to meet at 6:00 in a pre-meeting work session and at 6:30 for a regular meeting. Here are a few updates and reminders for that meeting:

- In accordance with the City Charter, the Council must elect a Council President at the first meeting of the year.
- Appoint Council Liaisons to advisory boards and committees. The Council discussed liaisons at its December 19 work session and this the list that came from that meeting:
 - Economic Development Committee – Councilor Tan
 - Historic Review Board – Councilor Cummings
 - Library Advisory Board – Mayor Kovash
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Jones
 - Planning Commission – Councilor Jones
 - Public Safety Advisory Board – Mayor Kovash
 - Sustainability Advisory Board – Councilor Carson
 - Transportation Advisory Board – Councilor Cummings
 - Utility Advisory Board – Mayor Kovash

In addition, the Council needs to make a few other appointments:

- Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (voting member/alternate) – Councilor Carson/Councilor Tan
- Audit Committee – Councilor Jones (to replace Mayor Kovash)

As I mentioned in a previous e-mail, South Fork Water Board members are appointed to a two-year term, so no changes to those appointments are necessary at this time.

- Staff has received additional written correspondence for the hearing on the proposed Community Development Code amendments. That correspondence is attached.
- During the pre-meeting, the City Council may wish to have a brief discussion on the following items:

- Schedule for interviewing Budget Committee and Planning Commission applicants.
 - A possible response to the e-mail received from Tri Met indicating that the 154 bus through Willamette may be a possible victim of budget cuts.
- During either the pre-meeting, or immediately following the regular meeting, the Council will meet in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h), to consult with legal counsel regarding litigation.

January Council Schedule

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00. The first part of the meeting is actually a meeting of the Citizens Budget Committee. Immediately following the adjournment of that meeting, the Council will meet in a work session. Topics for the work session include a follow-up to the previous Council discussion regarding the community visioning process for Highway 43 and Willamette Falls Drive, and an update of the Planning Department's work plan for 2012.

In addition, a representative of the City Attorney's office will be present at the January 17 work session to discuss the proposed update to the City's procurement and contracting rules which are mostly the product of changes in state law.

As a reminder, the Council will not meet on January 30.

The Council goal setting retreat is scheduled for the evening of February 10 and the morning of February 11 at the Willamette Fire Station.

Attachment

KEEP MUSIC TEACHERS AND TUTORS IN WEST LINN

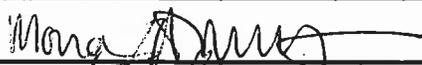
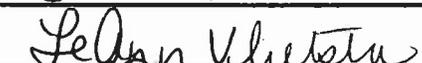
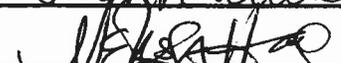
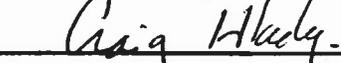
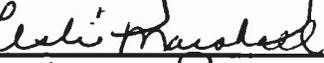
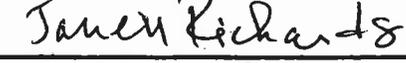
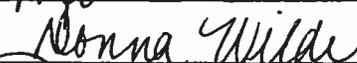
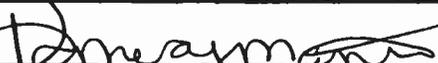
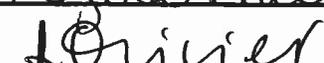
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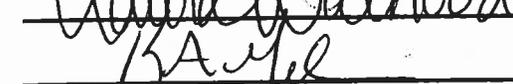
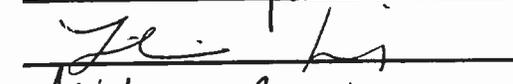
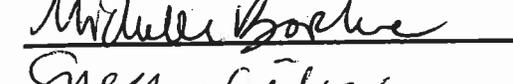
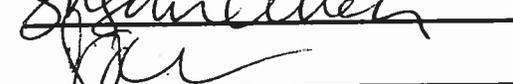
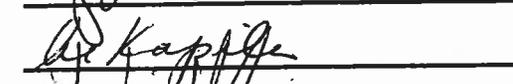
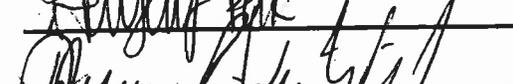
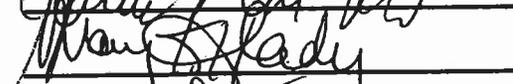
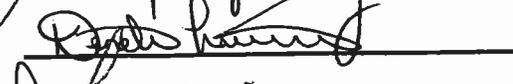
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Spir, Peter

From: Jordan, Chris
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 4:06 PM
To: Spir, Peter; Sonnen, John; Mollusky, Kathy
Subject: FW: A support letter/signatures on behalf of Laurie Cassella
Attachments: signatures.jpg; letterofsupport.jpg

I'm not sure all of you got this.

Chris Jordan, City Manager
Administration, #1422

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-----Original Message-----

From: robine51@juno.com [<mailto:robine51@juno.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 4:20 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Laurie.Cassella@gmail.com
Subject: A support letter/signatures on behalf of Laurie Cassella

Dear Members of the City Council,
I am sending by way of this email a letter of support for Laurie Cassella along with signatures from several members of the Oregon Ballet Theater orchestra. We would like to show our concern for the situation that she is facing along with the other private music teachers in the West Linn area.

Thank you for taking time to consider this.

Sincerely,
Robin Baldino
Private Music Instructor, Member of the Portland Opera Orchestra and Oregon Ballet Theater Orchestra

From: Robin Baldino
Date: December 18, 2011
To: The City Council of West Linn
Subject: Code amendment support for music instructor

We are professional musicians, teachers, friends and acquaintances of Laurie Cassella, a free-lance violinist and successful private violin teacher in the West Linn area for over 30 years. We want to support her in her hope to maintain a thriving violin studio out of her home in a West Linn neighborhood.

Evidently, Laurie has had to face a most difficult situation for over a year now and we are shocked that this has not been resolved yet in her favor. We deplore the fact that she has had to deal with confrontations from neighbors and the challenge of making numerous calls, sending notes, attending meetings, not to mention the enormous amount of personal strain she has had to endure.

Most of us do exactly what Laurie does in opening up our homes to private students and we feel it is not right that Laurie should be singled out to fight a battle she should not have to fight and certainly not alone.

We all come out of a music tradition in which many of us studied with teachers who worked out of their homes. This has been the common practice in the arts community for years and a very acceptable way of making one's livelihood. It is what helps keep music alive in a community. Without private teachers having the freedom to do their work, youth symphonies could not survive and many school programs would suffer. If the youth symphonies and school programs fail to thrive, there is little hope for the nurturing of a healthy appreciation of classical instrumental music, and even less hope for cultivating a climate for producing professional musicians.

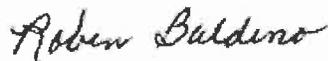
Music teachers are a significant backbone of the arts community. We live in a state in which music programs are being dropped right and left because of the concern of tax increases. What a terrible shame if private music teachers, who make modest incomes and are no tax risk for citizens, are now going to be discouraged and even harassed for providing opportunities for educational growth in the neighborhoods of our cities.

A community should embrace such endeavors and respect and encourage those who are committed to teaching the young. This is what makes a community healthy and flourishing. These are the efforts that should be applauded not criticized.

A neighborhood should think twice before thwarting the efforts of a teacher whose students have been part of the local school programs, youth symphonies, and have gone on to be a part of college and community orchestras. Surely West Linn should make a decision to undergird the efforts of this teacher - Laurie Cassella - who has clearly been an asset to the community.

We stand by Laurie Cassella who simply desires to maintain her studio. Please continue to support this long tradition of allowing music instruction in the home.

Sincerely,



Robin Baldino
Private music instructor, Member of the Portland Opera Orchestra and Oregon Ballet Theater Orchestra

Michelle Mathewson - violist - West Linn

Gunda Vasey

Prudence Liu

~~Luise Gruber~~

Jane Gadhott

~~Gloria Peyton~~

Penella Scott

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Jean Harris

~~Wanda Thomas~~

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Alexey Pelyushin

Dawn Bryan

Our West Linn private music instructors have worked in coordination with our school music teachers to help bring success to our children through performances and teaching; each having an effect on each other. Please understand it's many of the parents who pay for private music educations who are also donating to our schools MAPS programs and volunteering for West Linn's Music and Arts. Hence; no lessons equals reduction in support for schools.

Music has been and should continue to be supported as part of our wonderful community in West Linn. Take a moment to reflect on the music that our community provides publicly a few off hand examples; Music in the Park, Town Fair, and Senior Community. If you have ever been to any high school graduations, you can appreciate the musical talent that transpires in our children from primary school through high school. Some of our musicians are now even recorded artists. Of which who were taught by local music teachers!

Please consider that we should all have a tolerance in our community for the entire make up of our community including evening music lessons. Each of us can pick apart things that we do not prefer or consider an annoyance but is it really is it equitable to react to the/a squeaky wheel? Most people move to West Linn for the strong family and community commitment. It is what's expected.

Music is a positive outlet for my highly intelligent child. It allows her a creative outlet, discipline, and have a gift that is all her own. Music has helped my child come out of her shell. She used to be very shy and now loves to perform in front of crowds. My daughter's private music teacher, school music teacher, members of our community and family are looking forward to watching her music skills and performances grow thorough her childhood.

In closing, I encourage you to please really consider the potential changes and how they could cause a negative impact on our community. The recommended changes are not a win-win and the squeaky wheel should not get the grease.

Thank you for your time.

Respectful Regards,

Robyn Deeb

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★ We West Linn High School teachers support our community music instructors who help our children become stars! ★

Mollusky, Kathy

Subject: FW: Public Hearing Document regarding the proposed code amendment
Attachments: Public Hearing Document 010912.1.pdf

From: Lorna Lathram [<mailto:Llathram@womensfundingnetwork.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Jordan, Chris
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Document regarding the proposed code amendment

Dear Mr. Jordon,

I am eager to hear your findings following our recent call regarding the proposed Code Amendment and the home business on Linn Lane. I have attached our written testimony for the January Council meeting to provide you with written context.

The non-compliance, non-enforcement, and irresponsible business practices continue creating an intolerable environment in what should be a quiet residential neighborhood.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks,
Lorna

Lorna Lathram | lathram@flash.net 503-723-9420

From: Lorna Lathram
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2011 5:00 PM
To: 'Spir, Peter'
Subject: Public Hearing Document 010912.1.pdf

Please find attached our written testimony for the January hearing.

Lorna Lathram
503-723-9420

TO: City of West Linn City Council
Public Hearing CDC 09-05

FROM: Steve and Lorna Lathram
5184 Linn Lane, West Linn

SUBJECT: Proposed Minor Amendments to the Community Development Code

We are again taking this opportunity to strongly oppose the proposed minor amendment to the Community Development Code raising the present five trips per day to a home occupation business to eight, as stated in item 13 and extending the hours until 7:00 PM as stated in item 10, under 37.020.

Our neighborhood has endured great negative impact by the business and its related activities at 5250 Linn Lane. Linn Lane is a narrow residential lane, not built to handle the excessive traffic currently generated by this business. The 5250 property itself is not configured to facilitate a business with patrons and parking. The business is a danger and nuisance to the neighborhood. In addition to being in violation of items 10 and 13 in the Community Development Code, routinely exceeding *8 or more trips per day and conducting business until 8:00 PM*, there are other violations.

The City of West Linn is well aware of these violations. Supporting documentation has been collected and submitted to the City by residents of the lane, as requested by city officials - Peggy Jones, Tom Soppe and Peter Spir.

And, although the code clearly states that the home business must be operated in strict compliance, the city has opted to look the other way.

37.070 APPROVAL AND STRICT COMPLIANCE REQUISITE FOR BUSINESS LICENSE

No business license will be issued for a home occupation until the home occupation application is approved and the applicant certifies that the home occupation will be operated in strict compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the conditions of approval.

37.080 REVOCATION

The Director may revoke a home occupation permit if the criteria of CDC 37.020(A), respectively, are violated. (Ord. 1463, 2000; Ord. 1565, 2008)

106.010 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE DECLARED TO BE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this code shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare. Wherever the requirements of this code are at variance with other provisions of this code, or with the requirements of any other adopted City rules, regulations, or ordinances, the most restrictive or that imposing the higher standards shall govern. (Ord. 1370, 1995)

The following summarizes the situation:

- **First – this is a residential neighborhood.** Secondly, it is only a *potential* venue for a home business – **IF APPROPRIATE** (i.e. scope, scale, activity, etc.).
 - **37.010 PURPOSE**
“The purpose of this chapter is to provide for home occupations in residential zones as a means of providing convenient employment opportunities and

decreasing the **dependence on the auto**. The standards contained in this chapter are intended to assure that home occupations will be compatible and consistent with the residential uses, and will not have a detrimental effect on neighboring properties. (Ord. 1396, 1996)”

- **This business has been tolerated in the past even though neighbors have voiced displeasure** and have approached various city departments numerous times regarding the improper activities (i.e. speed, increased traffic).
- **That tolerance has changed with the continued violations of the code and requested increase in level of traffic.**
- We do **not** want to shut down the business; we want to have the owner conduct her business in a venue that is appropriate for its scope and scale. The property and this quiet lane do not physically facilitate the number of cars that currently frequent the business on a daily basis (i.e. lack of parking, no room to turn around, lack of an appropriate waiting area, etc.).
- **Disrespect of the neighborhood residents.** The rights of the residents of Linn Lane are being overlooked/overshadowed for the rights of one individual. Every time that the City overlooks the non-compliance, it signals that “It’s OK to break the law.”
- Individuals have the **right to apply** for a business license; they do not have the right to conduct business if it negatively impacts the rights of others.
- The lack of communication with the owner has caused this issue to escalate. She will not address or discuss the issue, so compromise seems unlikely. We have tried to propose mediation to no avail. There has been no cooperation from the owner in trying to mediate or resolve this matter informally.
- **Waste of city and personal resources (i.e. calling the police, having to coordinate with the mediator, etc).**
 - We have had the police to our home more than once – called by clients of the owner on frivolous accusations. Each time the police told us we were doing nothing wrong, but they came anyway. This is an intolerable way to live and a total waste of tax dollars.
- **A street with limited traffic capacity**
- **Excessive traffic exceeding Linn Lane’s capacity and speed limit**
- **Tense and disconcerting living environment with the ability to have the quiet enjoyment of our properties**
 - While the non-compliant activity is facilitated by the owner (i.e. more clients per day than legal, business outside the prescribed hours), it’s the behavior of her clients that is creating a hostile and intolerable living environment. The owner has created a scenario with her patrons painting the residents of our neighborhood in a negative light claiming that we are trying to close her business. They have been belligerent and rude to the residents, causing a very tense environment for those of us who **live** there. They travel here one time per week, and then leave our neighborhood, going back to their residential neighborhood for the quiet enjoyment of their homes – something we can not do. The quiet enjoyment of **our** homes has been taken away from us by this business.

We base our opposition on the following experience. If the current code is not enforced or enforceable, increasing the number of trips per day AND increasing the hours will increase the severity of the issues.

- **Item 13: The use creates no more than five deliveries or customer trips (to and from) per day.**

The number of trips per day already exceeds 5; it is in violation. In fact, the number of trips per day would be in violation of the proposed 8 trips per day. Lessons many times allow for

2-3 students per hour. Often, parents drop the student off and return at the end of the lesson; therefore many students result in 2 trips.

In general, patrons do not observe the speed limit or the conditions that this narrow lane requires for safe travel. There are children on the street, pedestrians walking along the edges of the lane, and often in a hurry, these parents drive in a manner that is not consistent with the conditions (i.e. weather, street size and slope, residents, etc).

More than once, I have almost been hit in *my own yard*. Patrons turn into the driveway, often speeding and cutting the turn in such a tight manner that they skirt my row of bushes, narrowly missing me as I've been working in my yard.

At the end of our residential lane there is a no vehicle park. This business impacts and may endanger the children and residents who frequent the park as patrons may drive their vehicles into the path of those entering/exiting the park on foot.

This is a residential neighborhood – not a business park. When the land was deeded to the proprietor by Mrs. Priest, language was included in the bill of sale and deed that specifically stated that 5250 was to be used for residential use only – not a business.

▪ **Item 5: Parking “Any parking generated by patrons shall be accommodated on site.”**

The business at 5250 does not have adequate parking to accommodate patrons. Most drive very large vehicles and have difficulty parking as well as maneuvering the narrow driveway. The dropping off before/picking up after lessons further complicates the situation often necessitating cars backing out into the street and reentering the driveway to accommodate those trying to exit (the driveway entry does not facilitate two cars at the same time, requiring jockeying for position).

The vehicles from this business drove and parked on our property; we were told that these vehicles may have caused the cracking on the side of our house and threatened the foundation. When the proprietor was made aware of this, no action was taken. We had asked that each patron please park on the business' property and not in our yard. While some of them did move their vehicles, many resisted our requests. None-the-less, it is not our responsibility to have to constantly monitor the illegal parking of the patrons of this business. It is the responsibility of the proprietor. The business is not being run responsibly or in compliance.

We took this matter to the City who told us to take pictures and document the situation. When we tried to take pictures of the gridlock, one of the patrons became enraged, yelling at us and ultimately calling the police. She accused us of taking pictures of the children. We were not taking pictures of her children, but merely documenting the gridlock in our yard and the adjacent driveway, as instructed by the City.

On another occasion, while doing chores in my home, a young boy was starring thru my window, face plastered on the glass. His mother was parked in my yard directly behind him. When I asked them to please move, they were belligerent and ignored my requests.

Some of these patrons do not respect property boundaries or the rights of the residents. I came out one afternoon to see 2 women sitting in my lawn chairs on my patio. I asked them to move. After several requests to leave the property, they finally left.

To protect our property and prevent parking in our yard, we had to erect a temporary barrier. With additional trips per day, the situation will only worsen.

- **Item 10: "Vehicles associated with the home occupation shall not be left with engines idling, or loaded or unloaded between the hours of 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday through Friday, or between the hours of 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Other noise-generating machinery associated with conducting a home occupation shall also follow these guidelines."**

Vehicles idle in the driveway all hours of the day. This is directly adjacent to our house and prevents the use of our deck or being able to open windows on that side of the house due to the noise and fumes. Parents dropping off or picking up students idle their engines. Those waiting for their children often sit with the engine running to keep the heat or air conditioner on. The noise and pollution generated is a nuisance and extremely annoying. It is particularly bad now in winter as the patrons want to idle their engines to remain warm, within a few feet of our dining table.

Often while sitting and idling, the patrons play their radios quite loud. We also have had to tolerate excessive and lengthy cell phone conversations within ear shot that are impossible to ignore. This is irresponsible behavior and is abusive to the rights of others.

Lessons exceeded the stated hour limits in item 10. Clients come and go after 6:00 PM on a routine basis – many nights until 8:00 PM, well past dark. Due to this situation, we had to install motion detector lights to accommodate night driving. As patrons enter and exit in the dark, they often drive onto our yard damaging our home and landscaping. We tried to discuss this with the proprietor to no avail. A partial solution was for us to have to install lights to help mitigate the damages.

This goes on everyday – even on Sunday. There is never a day of peace and quiet.

Impact

Linn Lane is a small, narrow residential lane not a commercial thorough fare. To traverse the street safely, these extra vehicles must adhere to the speed limit and exercise special caution with children, pedestrians and the normal residential traffic. The maintenance, costs, and upkeep of this lane may increase for the City to an extent they are probably not expecting based on the level of increased traffic generated by this business.

None of the residents of Linn Lane were notified of the application for a business license. They would have objected given the opportunity. To obtain the business license, the conditions in 37.020 had to be agreed to; therefore the proprietor was aware of the parameters set forth by the City and did initially, and has continued, to violate those conditions.

We understand the issues of a home-based business. We ask that the proprietor and her clients respect our neighborhood and its residents. We all have the right to the quiet enjoyment of our property without the intervention of a private or public nuisance. The business at 5250 Linn Lane prevents the enjoyment and full use of our property.

There are other options for such a business. The proprietor can get alternate space/location from the City, a charitable organization, a school, a community center, a senior center, or the like. A recent inquiry discovered that The Ohana Christian Fellowship of Seventh-Day Adventists, 20001 Salamo Road, less than a mile from Linn Lane is agreeable to this kind of

business being conducted there. There are other options that do not negatively impact this entire residential neighborhood for the business interests of one individual.

We strongly oppose the proposed amendment to the Community Development Code raising the number of trips per day to a home occupation business, as stated in item 13 and extending the hours until 7:00 PM as stated in item 10, under 37.020. The proposed increase will exacerbate an already dangerous and intolerable situation.

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Spir, Peter

From: JERRY ANDERSEN [jerryandrea@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 9:04 AM
To: Spir, Peter
Cc: Jones, Mike
Subject: Agenda Bill 2012-01-09-04: Home Occupancy Code Amendments CDC 09-05 *PUBLIC HEARING* - Testimony
Attachments: CDC-09-05 Testimony JA.pdf

Peter,

The attached file contains my written testimony for the Home Occupancy Code Amendments CDC 09-05 public hearing to be conducted at the city council meeting to be held on January 9, 2012. I will be unable to attend but I'm sure our neighborhood will be represented.

Thanks for your efforts.

Jerry

January 5, 2012

5055 Linn Lane
West Linn, Oregon

City Council, West Linn, Oregon

Subject: Agenda Bill 2012-01-09-04: Home Occupancy Code Amendments CDC 09-05 *PUBLIC HEARING* - Testimony

Dear, Council Members

The following is my written testimony regarding the proposed code amendments for the subject public hearing being held on January 9, 2012:

This amendment recommends increasing the allowable daily limit of round trips to a home occupation from five to eight for all home occupations. I understand the City Council set the limit of five and removed the exception for home occupations involving instructional lessons in 2008. I'm sure the members of that City Council gave this matter thoughtful consideration and reasoning before making their decision. I think that City Council was concerned with neighborhood safety and livability feeling that it should not be seriously compromised by the presence of a home occupation.

Although I would prefer no business traffic on our narrow lane, I think it is reasonable to raise the daily limit from five trips to eight trips as proposed by the Planning Commission as this impacts all West Linn home occupations. Home occupations with significant business that require more than eight trips per day should be sited in an area zoned for commercial businesses. Since the home occupation code and residential speed limits are difficult to enforce, the daily trip limit for all home occupations regardless of type should not be raised to more than the proposed eight. A more restrictive limit should help minimize abuse. A higher trip limit will further reduce neighborhood safety, livability and property values. The livability of our neighborhood has been affected as we have witnessed unsafe driving to the home occupation on our lane for several years.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and for your efforts in making these difficult decisions.

Sincerely,

Jerry Andersen

Jordan, Chris

From: Tan, Jennifer
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 10:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: FW: Home-Based Academic and Arts Tutoring Businesses

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 10:16 AM
To: Tan, Jennifer
Subject: Home-Based Academic and Arts Tutoring Businesses

Councilor Jenny Tan:

First, thank you for dedicating your time to serve on the West Linn City Council.

We understand that the Council is voting on January 9th regarding home-based business practices. We urge the Council not to restrict the delivery of students, particularly in the afternoons and evenings, to and from home-based businesses focused on investing in the lives of our children and enriching our community through education in the performing arts and academics.

We are parents of two wonderful boys that participate in weekly piano lessons. At nine, our older has studied diligently for four years now and regularly competes in the Oregon Music Teachers Association (OMTA) festival competitions. He has won his last three statewide competitions, thanks to the hard work and support of his piano teacher, a West Linn resident. This is our son's "sport". He enjoys the challenge of preparing, studying, improving himself, and competing. At five, our younger son has also launched his piano study, and is so proud of himself when he masters a piece. Both attend Sunset Primary full time. Consequently, without the afternoon and evening hours offered by their teacher, our boys could not effectively participate in or excel at their "sport".

Please consider the significant positive impact on the community of this example. We are one family with a story to tell. Multiply this by so many others in West Linn with experiences like ours. It is opportunities like these that help our children grow, thrive, and be contributing members of our community.

When we were growing up, my wife and I both had the opportunity to study piano in the evenings and weekends, with dedicated private teachers. We both also studied multiple languages with tutors to enrich our curriculum and development. Please continue this tradition and support the cultural and academic enrichment of children in West Linn.

Sincerely,

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		Assigned Group: City Manager's Office
Topic	<u>Municipal Code involving home-based businesses and the number of car trips to music and piano teachers</u>	
Request Details:	<p>Re: Upcoming meeting to address home-based businesses and the number of car trips to the homes of music and piano teachers. As a 16-year resident of West Linn and one whose children do attend music lessons this entire subject enrages me to no end. This is yet another example of government meddling in the affairs of the public and business in general. We the people do not need the endless number of rules, regulations, ordinances and laws that have been heaped on us by "so called" public officials. The West Linn city ordinance that regulates the number of car trips to a home-based business is another example of government meddling in the affairs of our citizens that stifles hard-working people who are trying to make an honest living while "the city" attempts to crush the entrepreneurs in our community out of business. The ordinance as it is currently written is arbitrary and is without merit for 99% of those who have home-based businesses. I fully understand the basic concept behind the ordinance. However, it is my contention that the number of complaints you receive about traffic relating to home-based businesses will continue to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis whether an ordinance were in place or not. If you are truly sincere in your drive as "the city that listens" then get rid of this ordinance or at the very least you need to again exempt music and piano teachers as you had prior to 2008.</p>	
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