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Subject: code amendment support

Background:

In April 2008 the city council, with good intention, amended Section 37.020(B)(2) of the Home Occupation permit and license rule dropping the language "not including the instruction of pupils." Many other changes were made to Section 37 that improved the overall purpose of this ordinance. However, I believe dropping this language was not in the best interest of our community and in particular that it created a hardship for students and teachers.

Hardship on Students and Teachers:

I believe the original intention of exempting a home business that offered supplemental or artistic education to students was overlooked. The original intention was to ensure that teachers devoting their expertise for the advancement of education in our community would not be limited to helping just five students per day. There are numerous teachers and tutors who provide assistance and training to more than five pupils per day who will have to decide which students to keep and which to drop. This will have a deep emotional and financial impact on the teachers and the community of students. Teachers of music will often have five or six pupils that meet together for a group class to offer them a practice experience that differs from the individual lessons. Pupils may be dropped off by parents who later return to pick up their child. These are responsible parents and citizens who desire a deep and lasting education for their children.

Proposed Solution

Please support the new code amendment provided by Mr. Kerr or reinstate the language "not including the instruction of pupils" to Section 37.020(B)(2) so that students and teachers are not unfairly burdened by the existing rule. I know such changes require your valuable time, however I believe the resulting benefit to our community is well worth this effort. Thank you,

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