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Hi there,

I am hoping to submit my comments in response to the proposed "Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw No. 2961, 2024".

I am going to start off by saying, I am not a resident of Pitt Meadows, however FOIPPA s.22 are. I care for them and their safety which is what compelled me to submit my comments on this issue about home based businesses.

My FOIPPA s.22 and I see them as often as I can and spend quite a bit of time as my FOIPPA s.22 house for family get togethers and visits. I understand the house across the street from FOIPPA s.22 has been running a "car share" business out of their home, but it has quickly turned into a car rental business. When I found out about this, I was really concerned. The kids love to play outside and spend a considerable amount of time in their driveway playing FOIPPA s.22. Cars come and go at all times from across the street and it creates more traffic, both from this, and from people being dropped off by Uber/Lyft to pick up a car or get a ride after dropping one of the cars they rented. I don't want the kids to get hit by a car. We tell the kids to be careful and watch for cars, but because these people coming to "pick up a rental car" are not familiar with the residential neighborhood, they are not watching for kids. It's a huge safety issue having this type of business in a residential area, close to an Elementary school where many families are raising their kids. The fact this business has been allowed to operate in a residential area is actually shocking.

My other safety concern is with the amount of people coming and going, it creates moments of opportunity for crime to take place. People stand on the sidewalk in front of FOIPPA s.22 house with their suitcases waiting for a ride, and it's a bit uncomfortable with the kids playing in the front yard when this happens. We tell the kids not to talk to strangers and I want to have faith in humanity, but you truly never know what people are capable of and I don't want to see one of these strangers do something to the kids. It just takes one person to do something. The people coming to pick up cars could be travelling from essentially anywhere in the world and Turo does not state on its website if they do criminal record checks. I have emailed them to ask.

Turo markets their business to people FOIPPA s.21 If you look at their website, it really isn't much different than a rental car business. You find a car within your budget and book it, same as what you can do going to places like Budget or Enterprise.

As the bylaw changes are written right now, it leaves too much open to interpretation. I encourage the mayor and council to consider adding text into the bylaw that specifically states that car sharing and car rental are not to be a part of a home based business in a residential area. Businesses such as a car rental or car sharing should be in a commercial area where other similar businesses are located.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Kind regards,

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Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2961, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I have some concerns with the proposed changes regarding home-based business regulations, with my biggest being the privacy and enjoyment of our neighbourhood.

Approximately a year ago, we noticed the house across the street from us was vehicle sharing/renting. FIPPA s.22

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Two adults live in the house across the street from us and they have FIPPA vehicles.

Prior to this, I did not know that sites such as Turo existed. FIPPA s.21

By purchasing FIPPA s.22 to add to their Turo profile, FIPPA s.22

. As of lately, I have noticed a few times people have left their own vehicles parked in our neighbourhood while they rented a vehicle.

My family's safety is compromised. This vehicle rental business brings increased traffic to our street with strangers being dropped off by Ubers or someone else. I have 3 FIPPA s.22 children who love to play FIPPA s.22 in our driveway and on our street. We moved here because it was a quiet street to raise a family. I am now concerned for my children's safety with the influx of both strangers to our neighbourhood and vehicle traffic.

Our privacy is compromised. On multiple occasions, I have had people knock on my door asking me where the vehicle rental place is. One day, I was outside in my truck leaving and a man was wondering around in my front yard, so I rolled down my window and asked him what he was doing and he informed me he was here to rent a vehicle. On a few occasions, people have returned vehicles and then crossed the street with their luggage to wait on the sidewalk directly in front of our house for a ride. I have had

to close my windows and blinds during dinner so that a group of strangers isn't watching us eat dinner while they wait for a ride.

The proposed changes state that "All exterior doors, including garage doors, must remain closed while the home-based business is being operated". I can see this posing a problem as one will just say they are washing their own vehicles. They are constantly washing vehicles. Last summer while we were on water restrictions, they continued to wash their rental fleet. Vehicles are washed and detailed in the driveway upon their return. We've noticed that if a vehicle has sat, it gets washed again before it gets rented. Vehicles are being washed 7 days a week. Our privacy and enjoyment of our neighbourhood continues to be disrupted as the vehicle owners take pictures of the vehicles. I choose to take my children inside when I notice because I do not want them in their pictures they post online. As I mentioned above, FIPPA s.22 [REDACTED] are visible in their listing pictures on Turo. When a stranger shows up to rent a vehicle, they spend approximately 10-20 minutes going over the vehicle and often take their own pictures.

I am concerned with vehicles and parking, specifically allowing a maximum of 4 vehicles to be parked on the lot associated with the home-based business, regardless of whether it is a minor, major or rural category. I can see allowing a maximum of 4 vehicles to be parked on the lot associated with the home-based business to be a problem in this case. Since they are technically renting out all FIPPA s.22 [REDACTED] vehicles when they can only drive 2 at a time. If they have 2 parked that they are driving and they have 2 rented out, does that mean they can have 2 more parked there waiting to be rented out? They have the means to park vehicles elsewhere. What is stopping them from buying more vehicles and washing and detailing them at their house and storing them offsite as to not have too many vehicles at their residence?

I feel the proposed changes to the bylaw need to include the ban of car sharing/renting. By purchasing additional vehicles to car share, they are now running a rental car business.

In conclusion having a car sharing/vehicle rental does not maintain the privacy or the enjoyment of the neighbourhood. This is not a home-based business as defined by the City of Pitt Meadows. I would compare Turo to AirBnB and VRBO which are not permitted anywhere in Pitt Meadows. I would like to see that car sharing and/or a vehicle rental business not be allowed under the proposed changes.

I checked their Turo listing today and FIPPA s.22 [REDACTED]. I do not know what happened to FIPPA s.22 [REDACTED], however FIPPA s.22 [REDACTED] being rented at the same time last year.

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