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Fw: 2030 Country Club
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To: amescitycouncil@cityofames.org
Subject: 2030 Country Club

City Council, Thank you

1. There is already a Letter of Compliance and we meet the standards for special use permit: if need be. That is not in question. What is in question is "functionality" of parking
- 2.. There are by way of the "letter of the law" two front yards on this particular property.
2 Front Yards.
3. The spirit of the law shows and demonstrates that what is considered front yard is clearly side yard. It seems as if this is the epitome of "an exception to the rule".
4. I am requesting that I/we be able to park side by side on the "visual" side of the house. When I say visual; I mean that visually it is clearly the side of the house.

This particular house resides on a curve/corner of two streets and thus is considered to have two front yards; meaning that parallel parking is only allowed. This creates a dysfunctional situation as you can imagine. Jockeying cars around seems unnecessary. Furthermore, the solution which is to go into the back yard and create two approved parking spaces (which can be done) would be detrimental to the neighborhood. Aesthetically, it would be Ugly! It would involve taking out a mature tree, excavating a lot of dirt and creating a retaining wall that would definitely and literally upset the neighbors. The next door neighbors do not want this as well. The ALLOWED/REGULATION option is not a good one and not good for anyone.

We leave everything better than when we found it. My daughter Abby will be moving into this home. She works for us now and she is at ISU. My other daughter Elli already lives in a home in the neighborhood and she intends to reside there "indefinitely". They intend to call these houses, home! We bought this home for this reason. Abby and Elli will be long term Ames residents. These are not profit centers; they are opportunities. That is neither here nor there.

It seems absolutely irrational and illogical to not allow parking on the side of the house. We simply want to widen the space at the side of the house to be 2 wide. Aesthetically this makes sense. We would construct two approved spaces; we are simply asking once again for one additional car to be parked side by side. Parking is allowed already, but only parallel.

Please feel free to drive there and see for yourselves. I will send some pics for your viewing and perhaps a video. I will send an aerial as well.

Side by side parking will be aesthetically and visually consistent. It is the best option for the greater good of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely

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