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May 10, 2022

Attention: Mayor Feinsod and City Council Members
City of Venice
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, Florida 34285
Subject: Land Development Regulations Presentation, Agenda Item 22-5605
City of Venice City Council Meeting for May 10, 2022

Dear Mayor Feinsod and City Council Members,

My name is Scott Woodman and I live at 229 Turin Street. I am writing since I am unable to attend the May 10, 2022 City Council meeting in person and wanted to participate in proposing some minor amendments to the draft Chapter 87 Section 2 Zoning Code and referenced Chapter 87 Section 3 Development Standards that are being presented by City Staff for the Land Development Regulations.

My residence is located to the south and adjacent to the Venice Community Center and Cultural Campus along Turin Street. The Community Center is currently zoned as "Mixed Use" and will be rezoned as "GOV" or "Government" in the new zoning district.

My proposed amendments are related to the Government zoning district permitted uses and conditional uses when adjacent to residential zoned districts, like my specific situation will be.

In 2016, my neighbors and I participated in several contentious public hearings with the City and Florida Power and Light (FPL) before the City Council following the ongoing installation of solar arrays as shade canopies in the south parking lot of the Community Center and adjacent to our residentially zoned single family neighborhood. The outcome of these hearings was that the City Council agreed that such solar arrays were incompatible with the community and voted to remove them. I am including a few photos of the incomplete 2016 solar array structure at the Venice Community Center to help illustrate the inappropriateness of these Clean Energy Production accessories when adjacent to residential homes. No one would want to look out their front window of their home and see these types of unsightly uses. After reviewing the draft Section 2 Zoning Code and referenced Section 3 Development

Standards, there are several “permitted uses” and “conditional uses” in the Government zoning district that would or could reintroduce similar “Clean Energy Production” use conflicts (such as solar arrays or other visually objectionable like accessory structures) that would not be consistent with the determinations made by the City Council and residents back in 2016 that such solar arrays were incompatible with the community and voted to remove them.

In keeping with this precedence, please consider the following proposed amendments to the draft Chapter 87 Section 2 Zoning Code and referenced Chapter 87 Section 3 Development Standards. The proposed amendments include:

1. For Chapter 87 Section 2 Zoning Code Sub-Section 2.2.3.E.3 (page 17) for Accessory Uses in Government Use (GOV) – requesting that solar arrays and clean energy production (see Sub-Section 2.4.8.G) be a prohibited use when adjacent to residential zoning districts.
2. For Chapter 87 Section 2 Zoning Code Sub-Section 2.2.7 (page 47) for the Traditional District Use Table where “Clean Energy Production” in Government Use (GOV) is listed as a “Conditional Use” – requesting that footnote can be added to the table to prohibit Clean Energy Production when adjacent to residential zoned districts.
3. For Chapter 87 Section 2 Zoning Code Sub-Section 2.4.8.G.4 for Clean Energy Production (pages 143 – 144) Exclusions – requesting that an additional exclusion to prohibit Clean Energy Production uses in Government Use zoned districts when adjacent to residential zoned districts.
4. For Chapter 87 Section 3 Development Standards Code Sub-Sections 3.1.9.A and 3.1.9.B.7 (page 15) – requesting that solar arrays and clean energy production (as defined in Sub-Section 2.4.8.G) be a prohibited use when adjacent to residential zoning districts.

I believe these minor amendments to the draft Zoning Code and Development Standards Code will provide consistency with previous actions taken by the City Council in 2016 to help protect the residential community from uses at the Community Center and Cultural Campus that were not compatible. There are better locations for these Clean Energy Production applications that are not adjacent to residential homes and my home specifically.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this important input to these proposed code changes and for your consideration for these proposed minor amendments.

Respectfully,

Scott Woodman
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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
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Subject: FW: Comment for Venice City Council meeting 5/10/22
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To City Clerk Michaels:
Please provide the following to Mayor Feinsod and city council members prior to tomorrow's City Council meeting.

I feel strongly about continuing to restrict the height to 35 feet for future development in the City of Venice.

As you consider changes to the city's Land Development Regulations I urge you to do everything possible to preserve our city's beauty and livability and to listen to and heed the wishes of Venice's residents, your constituents, over the interests of developers and legal firms.

Thank you,
Karen Hoffschmidt
931 Circle Drive
Venice

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
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For council meeting.

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From: Gerald Hoffschmidt <ghoffschmidt@gmail.com>
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We moved to Venice because of the uniqueness of its infrastructure, one of the important examples being no high-rise buildings. Venice does not look like every other seaside community up and down the coast and we feel it should be kept that way. Please, just so developers can make a quick return on their investment and then forever change the quality of life in this wonderful City, do not raise the maximum height of buildings in the City code.

Yours truly
Gerald Hoffschmidt
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Venice