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Dear All, I am writing to voice my concerns and opposition to backyard homeless encampments in Shoreline. Just since I moved to Richmond Beach in 2008, I have seen many homes go up on rather small lots and it seems that zoning is inadequate as it is. Crime has gone up with breakins in my immediate vicinity, the atmosphere of the neighborhood has changed with cars and garages having to be locked at all times. Encampments in the backyards will just raise costs for the city that we can't even envision until it happens. There is a reason why there is zoning. It helps to keep the neighborhood clean, safe and not overcrowded. Density that is too great leads even animals to turn angry at each other, never mind people. This has been shown in various studies. All kinds of concerns have been mentioned from insurance to sanitation issues, noise, cars, all of which will lead to the need for more police and firemen intervention. On top of that home values will inevitably go down and taxes will go up. I can see no benefit from this. Homeless need to have regular shelter built for them; encampments are a temporary solution and this area has supported churches providing it. We have been supportive of this kind of encampments over several years already and even paid forward for food with the help of generous local businesses like Streetzeria. But having encampments next door is something much more disturbing. I hope the Commission will see that this is not a wise solution. Thank you for your attention.

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