

Dear Aaron,

Thank you for the time you have spent answering my questions concerning Zoning Request W3481.

I continue to be concerned about traffic safety in the 800 block of S Hawthorne Road should an accessory use dwelling be allowed so close to this intersection.

I oppose the accessory dwelling use at this address.

At the very least, it is my opinion that a no parking sign go up for 3-4 houses prior to the start of the right-hand turn/yield lane on Hawthorne.

The intersection at Miller and S. Hawthorne has quite a bit going on in a very short amount of footage.

- A left-hand turn lane is added.
- There is a bus stop.
- The bus stop sits right on top of the right-hand free flow/yield lane.
- Traffic calming lines end at the point where the left-hand turn lane begins.
- The median is so narrow for these houses that garbage carts must sit at least partially on the sidewalk, and the lift arm sometimes returns them to the street rather than the median/sidewalk.

Just today, a yard service truck and long trailer were parked, stretching the entire length of one property frontage two houses south of the property in review. I had no sight distance of any of the 3 south bound lanes at the intersection until I was nearly on the area where the left-hand turn lane starts. I know the intersection well, so I slowed well below the speed limit.

I understand that street parking is a form of traffic calming, which Hawthorne Road desperately needs, but I fear street parking that this request will likely result in will also contribute to accidents. This property has no way that I can determine to off-street park a third car without jockeying cars onto Hawthorne Road. This is only 4 houses away from an intersection with 3 south bound lanes.

Hawthorne Road is already problematic for sanitation services. If parked cars block in garbage, recycling, and yard carts, will the drivers get out and move the carts so that the arm can empty the carts, or will someone simply not get garbage picked up? Irving Street, 2 houses north of this site is so congested with cars that neighbors have disagreements about cars blocking in carts. When I don't need my second yard cart, put it against my fence so my backyard Irving Street neighbor can fill it up first to avoid trying to find street frontage for theirs. This particular house has no street frontage parking of its own unless a parked car blocks the driveways of the tiny arc paved in the front yard.

One of the two houses directly south of the request address has a garage. They share a driveway. If the garage owner were to request a special use for an accessory dwelling, would it be recommended for approval by staff as well? If no, why not?

Thank you for continuing to consider the traffic safety that additional parking this close to the Miller Street/S Hawthorne intersection might impact.

Best,

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