Dorothy Wilson 117 Gray Road Falmouth, ME 04015

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Town Council Town of Falmouth 271 Falmouth Road Falmouth, ME 04105

Dear Council Members:

I am 79 years old and have been a resident of Falmouth since 1954. I am also the owner of a property located at 117 Gray Road, where my late husband I raised our four daughters. The property is 9.75 acres with 782" of road frontage in the Village Mixed Use zone (VMU).

I have had my property listed for sale for since July 2007. During that time, I have had a number of interested buyers. Most were user service industries, including three different landscaping companies.

The latest buyers contacted the Falmouth Code Enforcement Officer, Albert Farris, to learn what town ordinances may impact their use of the property. He told them that due to the details of the VMU zoning ordinance, they could only have one vehicle stored on the property and they cannot store materials needed for their business. These buyers were going to make an offer to purchase my property, but put their plans on hold after learning this information.

After the buyers informed us of the situation, my real estate agents and I met with Mr. Farris to see if what they had told us was accurate. Mr. Farris confirmed what they had said was true. He further informed us that due to the highly restrictive nature of the VMU zoning, the options for potential buyers are extremely limited.

I am therefore requesting that the town review and amend the VMU zoning ordinance. This is clearly necessary to allow me to sell my property. I would greatly appreciate the council's prompt attention to this matter. I can be contact at 207-829-6332 or 330 Main Street, Unit 4, Cumberland, ME 04021.

Sincerely

Dorothy Wilson

CC: Albert Farris, Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Poore Town Manger Teresa Pierce, Town Councilor Tom Mangino, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Joyce Milliken, Coldwell Banker Real Estate