

J.R. DAVIS

81 Meadow Hill Road
Barrington Hills, IL 60010

October 3, 2016

Dear Neighbor and Friend:

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and enjoying the fall in Barrington Hills. It is with great urgency and importance that I am writing to you once again, and requesting that you consider the new zoning amendment proposed by Zoning Board of Appeals Member David Stieper at the last Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.

On September 20, 2016, the Zoning Board of Appeals (the "ZBA") met and unanimously voted against recommending the zoning amendment proposed by James Drury. After this vote, Member Stieper proposed an amendment to the zoning code, which would delete the "Anderson II" amendment, or Ordinance 14-19 (attached), from the Village Code. Ordinance 14-19 allows residential property owners in the Village to board horses on their properties, and it regulates how such boarding facilities may operate, including the hours of operation, the number of horses, the floor area ratio requirements, and the applicable standards for waste management, lighting, nuisances, toilets, and traffic. (Village Code, 5-3-4(A)(2)(a)(i)-(ix).)

As you likely remember, Ordinance 14-19 was enacted after much consideration and debate in the Village. The impetus for Ordinance 14-19 was the September 21, 2011, finding of the Illinois Appellate Court in *LeCompte v. Village of Barrington Hills*, 2011 IL App (1st) 100423, stating, "We find that the commercial boarding of horses does not comport with the overall intent of the Zoning Code." At that time, the practice and understanding of many Village residents was that horse boarding, including the boarding of horses for pay, was permitted throughout the Village. As such, the Village amended the Village Code to clarify its intent to permit horse boarding in the Village and to prevent residents with existing horse barns from being in unintentional violation of the Village Code. Deleting Ordinance 14-19 from the Village Code will take us back in time and erase both the clarity and the regulations that it provides.

Once the ZBA votes on Mr. Stieper's proposed amendment, it will move to the Board of Trustees for consideration. To demonstrate our opposition to this proposed Amendment, I hope that you will join me in sending a **signed** opposition to the Village Clerk. It is my hope that we can garner enough opposition to this proposal to trigger a two-thirds voting requirement for the Board of Trustees,¹ which is entirely appropriate for an amendment that undoes months of debate and drafting by our former Village leaders and will lead to more uncertainty regarding the status of horse boarding in our equestrian Village. The Village Code counts statements by property "owners." Thus, if multiple people living at your property would like to sign the statement, please include all names on the same statement, and only submit one statement to the Village.

Please consider the impact deleting Ordinance 14-19 would have on our equestrian community. If you are opposed to this amendment, please complete and send the

¹ Section 5-10-6(G) of the Village Code provides that if there is a "written protest against any proposed amendment signed and acknowledged by the owners of twenty percent (20%) of the property proposed to be altered," enacting the amendment will require a two-thirds vote by the Board of Trustees rather than a majority.

attached opposition to the Village Clerk. You may send additional comments regarding Member Stieper's proposed amendment to the Village Clerk at 112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills, Illinois, 60010-5199, Attn: Anna Paul, or clerk@barringtonhills-il.gov.

The next ZBA meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Countryside Elementary School. If you are unable to submit your statement to the Village Clerk prior to Friday, October 14, 2016 at 5:00 pm, please bring your statement to the meeting or give it to someone attending the meeting to submit on your behalf.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.R. Davis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J.R. Davis
Chairman, Barrington Hills Farm