

**JUNE 23, 2021  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING  
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REVISION**

**REQUESTED REVISIONS TO THE PACKET**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>
Add to Item F1	E-mails objecting to Conditional Use Permit application for fire wood bundling business (storage yard)	Planning Department

## Wilma Anderson

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**From:** Gene Backstrom <geneb99611@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** Wilma Anderson  
**Subject:** firewood bundling business

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I am opposed to this application for a conditional use permit for allowing a firewood bundling business in residential neighborhood for the following reasons

a lot of kids in the area and the increase traffic would pose an unnecessary risk

increase noise I have twin newborns grandbabies which will be three weeks old on the 24th along with a toddler grandson I have no idea what the increase noise level will have an effect on them but don't want to take chance. they also live within the 300 feet. With the increase traffic comes increase traffic noise.

what roads are going to be utilized? k-beach and bowpicker is a designated road but it is not a thru road will that change? if so i am opposed to this for the fact of the increase traffic it will bring to an otherwise quiet neighborhood

will the increase in wood also increase the sprucebark beetle problem? if the spray for sprucebark beetles what chemicals will be used and what effect will that have on our water supply.

there is plenty of land available that is not in a residential neighborhood that will accommodate such a business

lots of other questions but you can see i am opposed to the application

Gene Backstrom along with Lane Koester-Backstrom

## Wilma Anderson

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**From:** Joe <jallyns1@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** Wilma Anderson  
**Subject:** vip subdivision rezone/wood bundling operation

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The Land Use Table provides that a storage yard is a conditional use; therefore, a conditional use permit must be granted to allow the operation of a firewood bundling business. The applicant has provided a site plan that indicates where the outside activities will occur on a concrete pad that was the location of a home that burned down. The layout of the property is such that a firewood bundling business would not violate the neighborhood character of surrounding parcels, as there is sufficient space and there are trees providing a buffer from adjacent properties on the north, east, and south sides of the parcel. Traffic generated from approximately two truck trips a week is not anticipated to bring heavy traffic into an existing neighborhood.

wilma

there is no buffer between my home at 2715 bowpicker ln. we are only 90 feet from the NE corner of the bundling foundation to the SE corner of my home. the spruce beetles have eliminated the buffer zone area. dust and noise is a problem the Hedlunds have been cutting down the beele killed trees that are left of the buffer, I have had to cut trees on my lot and there are now stumps let to grind up.

**CONCERNING: City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission Resolution NO. 2021-24**

To Start:

We chose this particular neighborhood because of its unique character, beautiful homes, quietness, and for the natural beauty of the vegetation and last but far from least for the numerous species of animals and birds that call this area home. We do not want to lose this wonderful essence of our neighborhood. A noise polluting business does not in any way provide for an attractive residential environment. It in fact violates the residential character of our environment.

**1. Concerning the hours of operation:** 7 days a week 10 hours a day - this is unacceptable in our residential area. This is even more than the normal work week.

Knowing that a business could work this long with no respite from the incessant noise for 7 months out of the year wears on the psyche of a person. There will be no relief from the background noise of the firewood bundling operation specifically the splitter whether it be gas or electric.

You can listen to what the noise is like on You Tube and electric splitters make noise too. There is a high pitch whine as the hydraulic ram pushes the log. (Note some of the videos even have disclaimers that they turned the sound down as the machine was drowning out the person's voice.)

Some of these electric brands are for example Boss, Harbor Freight, Homelite, Ryobi, Wen, Sun Joe, Earthquake, Dirty Hand Log Splitter to name a few.

As for gas splitters the even louder noise continues as long as you have the machine on whether or not the ram is actually engaged in splitting a log or not.

Sound travels in our neighborhood especially since we have lost a lot of spruce trees due to beetle kill which have had to be cut down to reduce fire danger.

Who wants to live near noise and an eyesore that's disrupting their life? Sound will disturb the wildlife. Extra ongoing sound will make it less desirable for us humans to peacefully live here as well.

**2. Spruce Bark Beetles:** Directly from John Winters an Alaska State Forester, "Yes, bringing logs with live beetles in the neighborhood will spread bark beetles."

We do not need thousands (millions) of more beetles imported into our neighborhoods with the potential to kill more trees (and to further reduce the sound and sight barriers.)

**3.** Then we get to the dust that will be caused by the increased travel on the roads. Any increase of travel will cause more dust to spread over our yards and seep into our homes especially as more trees are lost to beetle kill.

**4.** As more noise, dust and spruce bark beetles permeate the area it will become less desirable and home values will be impacted. At the very least sales could be affected as potential buyers may not

want to live in the area with a business like this smack within the heart of the junction of the two affected subdivisions.

**5.** The existing covenants and restrictions do not permit noxious activity which disturbs the surrounding area.

**6.** There is very little buffer to the west where the home across the street has a direct view of the firewood bundling property. On the home's corner there are some spruce trees which are beetle impacted and they will be coming out which will enable an even greater view of the property.

The deck on the home which is on the east side of the firewood bundling property can also be seen from Bowpicker and other properties.

On the north side of the firewood bundling property there is a direct clear view onto the old foundation area where the firewood bundling operation is taking place. Many trees on this north side were removed last year and the few remaining will eventually be gone too.

To be seen is at least one large pile of logs (rounds) ready to be split and also a smaller pile.

Any large spruce trees which are bordering the property on the south and east will soon be infested with the beetles if they are not already. This means the supposed sound and sight barriers will be gone. This will further increase noise and reduce home values.

In conclusion:

Please consider carefully the impact this Conditional Use Permit will have on this area.

It is noise, dust, importation of more beetles, a lowering of property values and a general disturbance as well as a potential safety issue for children and pets that will be affecting both adjoining subdivisions.

Please Do the Right Thing and Save the Integrity of Our Wonderful Subdivisions as they were set up to be... as we the homeowners who have invested good money to be here in this area assumed it will be.

Sincerely, the Brinkley's 37153 Minke

I, Pete Hullgrimson, oppose the proposed firewood bundling business (storage yard) at 2825 Bowpicker Lane.

I think the length of time is too long - 7 days a week and April to October.

I don't know if there will actually be just 2 truckloads a week or if there will be more?

There is the dust and noise factor and lowering of property values.

It is not clear if the owner of the property will be the one doing the work him/her self.

This Will Not Enhance the Neighborhood.

It Will Be a Neighborhood Detriment!

Pete Hullgrimson

37155 Minke

## Wilma Anderson

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**From:** Andrea Johnson <andreavjohnson3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Wilma Anderson  
**Subject:** Resolution PZ2021-24

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Dear Ms. Anderson:

I am writing you regarding the above Resolution Application for approval by the COK Planning and Zoning Commission tomorrow night, 23 June 2021 at 7:00PM.

I have left a message for you regarding speaking privilege.

IN PART:

We will argue that the petition/application is not entirely true.

We will argue that "Bowpicker Lane" in fact, is not a through street, nor is it the only street that will be used for Drop off and Deliveries as mentioned. That, Bowpicker Lane in fact, is split between the KP Borough to the West and the City of Kenai to the East.

We will argue that due to error, a sufficient time was not made possible to inform the adjoining neighbors to this proposed business intention.

We will argue that in fact, delivering rounds of wood during a Bark Beetle epidemic is in fact a danger to the neighborhood and close neighbors.

We will argue that approving a wood bundling operation during a burn ban has risk Implications for the City of Kenai and/or The Kenai Peninsula Borough.

I thank you for your review and await your response.

Sincerely,

Darwin M. & Andrea V. Johnson  
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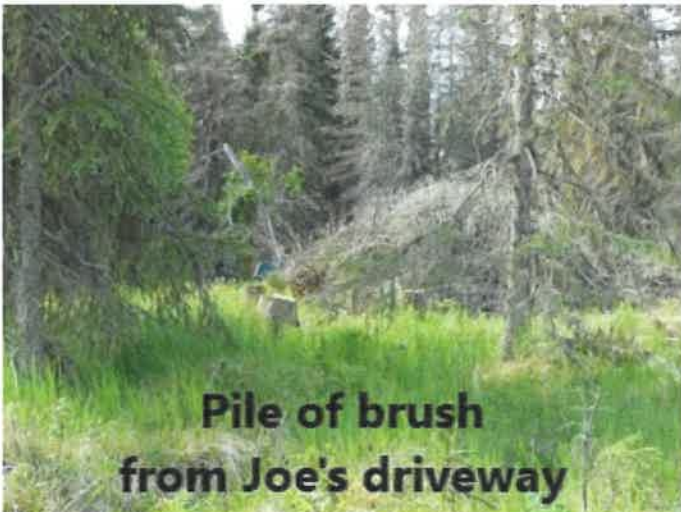
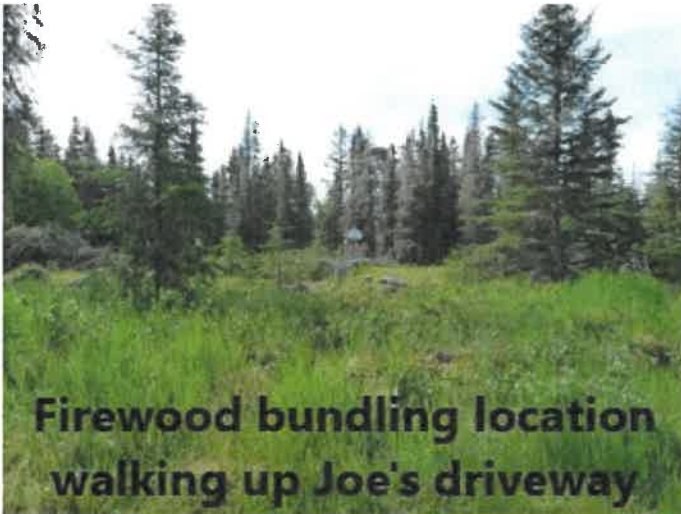
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**From:** Andrea Johnson <andreavjohnson3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** Wilma Anderson  
**Subject:** Resolution PZ2021-24

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Greetings and Good Morning! Please find photos presenting lack of Buffer zone of projected business property on Bowpicker Lane. Add'l photo's can be sent if requested by the Commision. TY for all you do. -Andrea







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## Wilma Anderson

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**From:** Andrea Johnson <andreavjohnson3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:57 AM  
**To:** Wilma Anderson  
**Subject:** PZ2021-2024 Add'l pic's

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Bowpicker Lane North



Minke Drive and Firewood Bundling lot



Brush pile stacked less than 100 feet of West Property



37315 Minke Drive No Buffer



Corner lot 37315 Minke Drive and Bowpicker Lane



On Bowpicker at entry/exit of business



On Bowpicker near Natural Gas warning signs in the dirt