

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BLAINE PLANNING COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of the City of Blaine, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on the following application:

CASE:

12-0039

APPLICANT:

Carl and Kristy White

LOCATION:

1520 130th Lane NE

PETITION:

The applicants are requesting a conditional use permit to allow for a home occupation. The business being located out of this home is called Above and Beyond Hardwood Flooring. The conditional use permit would allow the applicant to store two business vehicles (vans) to be

parked on their front driveway.

Subject parcel is more particularly described as:

LOT 30, BLOCK 4, CARRARA EAST, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Said hearing will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at the Blaine City Hall Council Chambers, located at 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, Minnesota, 55449 at 7:00 p.m. You have been notified because the proposed application is within 350 feet of your property. The City of Blaine is required under Minnesota State law to notify all property owners within 350 feet. Should you have any questions or concerns, you are encouraged to complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the Planning Department at the address noted above, by fax at (763) 717-2634, or by email at LDerr@ci.blaine.mn.us (Attach if more space is needed). Please note that unsigned or anonymous comments will not be included in the public record.

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Mayor and City Council Members,

As a neighbor to 1520-130th lane NE I have wondered what happened to the 2 or 3 vehicles that used to be parked along the street throughout the work week and occasionally on the weekends. This explains that now.

Above and Beyond hardwood flooring has been working as a home based business without having checked with the city to see what has to happen before the business can start; now they want you to grant them this conditional use permit for company vehicles.

I have looked into the CITY OF BLAINE-RESIDENTIAL GUIDE TO COMMUNITY STANDARDS dated 03/11/10 and under the HOME BUSINESS BZO (33.11) which states the followings:

Home business operating in residential (R-1,R-2,R-3,R-4 an RE) zoning districts are permitted without a conditional use permit if the following criteria are met:

- -No exterior storage of any materials or business equipment
- -Business must be conducted within the residential dwelling an does not exceed twenty percent (20 %) of total floor area of the residence
- No employment of persons not residing at the residence; and
- Less than four (4) customers daily and no openly displayed merchandise offered for sale within the residence

And says to contact community standards if operating a business within AG and FR zoning districts.

As we see; it appears that more than one criteria is not being meet.

As a neighbor to 1520 130th lane NE I myself think that it is an eyesore to have these vehicles being parked in front of the residence. I also have seen employees of Above and Beyond hardwood flooring parking their vehicles on the city street. By this happening when the city street sweeper comes by in the spring and fall a section of 130th lane comes by unswept. Also when the snow plow comes by to clear the road they have to go around the vehicles; which leaves a pile of snow. The city does not come back around to reclear the street. Currently the company vehicles are parked in the driveway which means that personal vehicles are being parked onto the city street. The city of Blaine is under parking regulations. In the Community Standards book I mentioned above it states the following:

STREET PARKING REGUALTIONS: BZO 33.14(k) & BCO 82-151

To avoid costly tickets and towing, remember that vehicles cannot be parked on public streets for more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours.. From November 1 to April 1, no parking is permitted on public streets from 2am to 7 am. Vehicles violating the winter parking rules will be fined for illegal parking and towed at owner's expense.

Carrara East is a residential area, NOT a commercial area.

Above and Beyond hardwood flooring is operating a commercial business with 2 or more employees that have no space to park other than our city streets; and they DO NOT reside at the residence. I noticed that there are numbers on the company vehicles indicating that there may be more than just two that are stated in this request. I have seen one without a number and unit 03 at this residence. Where is number two?

Is there a ordinance stating about parking vehicles on unimproved Areas? These company vehicles are usually parked about 2 to 3 feet off the driveway.

In closing I hope that the city does not grant this request and keep Carrara

East a residential area. I also think that the city will have to grant other residences in the future conditional use permits for any other item that may arise to help acommodate the residence.

Sorry that I am unable to attend this meeting due to work. If you feel the need to get in contact with me please do so.

Thanks

Jerry Lindgreń

1511 130 LANE NE







