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Petersburg Borough Assembly  
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Dear Assembly Members,

As a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission I would like to address the ordinance #2014-02, amending the official zoning map for service area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to rezone several lots in the Olsen Subdivision. The Planning & Zoning Commission desired to resolve long standing issues for two single family residential lots that are currently being used for light commercial activities.

The hope is a reasonable assessment of rezoning properties:  
Lots 3 & 4 on Arness Heights Drive in the Olsen Subdivision, parcels #1001596.03 & 1001596.04) be rezoned from Single Family Residential to Commercial 2 with the requirement of an eight foot fence on the street view. Ideally the owners will create a buffer or transition zone from industrial use to single family residential use. On December 10, 2013 the Petersburg Planning & Zoning Commission discussed and voted unanimously to request a change in zoning for the above mentioned two lots which share three property lines with industrial use lots.

Industrial lots bordering residential lots and the equipment, paraphernalia, and other gear renders these lots less desirable for their current zoning, single family residential. Since the 1980s not one lot bordering the industrial lots has been used for residential purposes due to the location and shared property lines bordering the industrial zoned lots.

The P & Z Commission recommends consideration upholding the decision to rezone Lots 3 & 4 in the Olsen Subdivision from Single Family Residential to Commercial 2 in order to accommodate two working parties who contribute to our local economy and community for a healthy alliance of land use.

Respectfully,



Susan Thomason,  
Chairman  
Petersburg Planning & Zoning Commission