Moore, Tania

From: Frakes, Sandie
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:09 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Fikes, Cathy
Subject: FW: Attention City Council Members.
Attachments: City Council Letter Jason Eason Tuff Shed..pdf

From: Jason Eason <jeason@tuffshed.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:08 PM
To: Joyce, Sean <Sean.Joyce@surfcity-hb.org>; Estanislau, Robin <Robin.Estanislau@surfcity-hb.org>; Hoang, Jimmy <Jimmy.Hoang@surfcity-hb.org>; Luna-Reynosa, Ursula <ursula.luna-reynosa@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Peter Dawson <pdawson@hbcsd.us>
Subject: Attention City Council Members.

Dear City Council Members.

I have attached a letter for your review for consideration in tomorrow's meeting about the shed height limit. I appreciate your time and I hope this message finds you well.

Best Regards,

Jason Eason.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 5/17/2022

Agenda Item No.: #22 (22-361)

Dear City Council of Huntington Beach.

I am writing this letter because I have heard of your meeting to revise the city code for shed height restrictions. I work for Tuff Shed Anaheim as a Sales and Design Consultant. I service the Orange County area in helping people find solutions to their storage needs. I have some information to share that may help influence your final decision.

Most residents don't know their city code restrictions regarding sheds and setbacks. To make it easy for someone to be able to buy a shed without the worry of loosing their investment or being fined, the code must consider what it takes to make a proper woodshed.

The first point to consider is sheds that last for long periods of time need to be above grade to prevent water damage and wood rot. The metal sheds that are 6 feet tall usually don't have a foundation. The common theme with metal sheds is the plywood floors rot out because they lay directly on the concrete making it vulnerable to rain.

At Tuff shed we offer two foundations a 2x6 galvanized steel frame and a 2x6 pressure treated wood frame both foundations allow for our shed floor to be raised 6 inches above grade which solves the water damage issue, but that also raises the overall shed height by 6 inches.

The next point is that when people buy a shed that costs thousands, they want to walk inside to store their belongs and have easy access to them rather than stuff a short shed to the brim and forget about the items inside because they will need to empty out the shed in order to get inside, this just creates nice homes for rodents and insects.

Let's talk about what the average person stores in their shed: bikes, surfboards, holiday decorations (which are sometime family heirlooms passed down from one generation to the next), tools, furniture all the stuff that needs to be kept nice and out of the elements of daily weather. A 120 square foot shed is the perfect size to have room in the garage for a car or two and keep your belongings nice.

Our doors are 4'x 6'2" on our sheds as a standard, not only to be able to walk inside but also so most items fit inside without worry. In order to have a nice size door we need to have nice sized walls; our walls are 6'8 inches so the door can be moved to any wall or part of the wall you choose for different needs and shed locations.

I believe that the 8-foot height limit will not be enough based on these points. When we talk about sheds lasting, we need to have a nice roof to protect the items inside without worry. We use composite shingles which need a minimum of a 2/2 roof pitch for water run off to avoid pooling and water damage on the roof decking. A 10x12 shed with 6'8 interior side walls, a 6-inch foundation with a 2/12 roof pitch is 8'4" at the peak height. We typically use a 4/12 roof pitch because it looks nicer which puts us a 9'2" at the peak. Please reference the table on page two for a size chart.

Unincorporated Orange County has a 12-foot height limit with a 5-foot setback for the rear and side property line. The setback is not a bad thing but if the shed is going to be under 10 feet it has at least 2 feet of clearance from the property line that should not be an issue.

I will end by saying this, when people buy a shed from Tuff Shed or another shed company, not only do they last a life time, they look great. A Tuff Shed can add value to the property and most of them are installed as a piece of the property adding character to the landscape. We typically match the color of the home with both paint and the roof by the choice of our customers. Sheds have come a long way since they first came on the market, they are not a tin can storage container anymore they are a piece of the home. Therefore a storage shed used for storage only without plumbing or electrical should be allowed to be as tall as 10 feet if they are 120sq feet or less.

Thank you for your Time,

Jason Eason

Sales and Design Constant of Tuff Shed Anaheim.

W x L x H
6' x 6' x 8'6"
6' x 8' x 8'6"
6' x 10' x 8'6"
6' x 12' x 8'6"
8' x 8' x 8'10"
8' x 10' x 8'10"
8' x 12' x 8'10"
8' x 14' x 8'10"
8' x 16' x 8'10"
10' x 10' x 9'2"
10' x 12' x 9'2"