

10-C-06-UR

This is a letter I wrote and
distributed by hand.
- Christina Horn

Christina Horn
5401 Yosemite Trail
Knoxville, TN 37909
865-719-0651
Loveyourpiano@bellsouth.net

September 29, 2006

Dear Neighbor:

My name is Christina Horn and I reside at 5401 Yosemite Trail. I have lived in this neighborhood for one year and absolutely love it. People here are friendly and always say hello when they see me walking my two German Shepherds. I am a professional pianist with a Master's degree in piano pedagogy and teach piano lessons as my full time occupation. I have been doing so for 10 years. I am writing this letter to you, my neighbor, to inform you of what I do in my home so that you can feel like comfortable with my home occupation.

I teach 22 students a week, one at a time, for 30 minutes a piece. My hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 3pm until 8pm. My students park in my driveway and come in through the back door of my basement. For the past year, my roommate has also taught one student at a time during the same hours. As of October 1, she will be moving. I will be the sole tenant and teacher living at 5401 Yosemite trail.

I write this letter also in apology for creating any inconvenience to you, my neighbor. This summer I had a group of 10 students come to my home for 8 days total: We played games in the yard but spent most of the morning in my basement studio. I now realize that the law only allows for one student at a time, and have ceased the program. Again, my sincerest apology for any disturbance this may have caused you, it will not happen again.

It is my desire to live within the laws of our community and to be a good neighbor. I believe that my home occupation is an honorable one and I strive to act in a professional manner. Please feel free at anytime to come by and speak with me or to call of you ever have any concerns.

Your neighbor,
Christina Horn

P.S If you wish to write a letter on my behalf or sign my petition, please feel free to call or send an email. I will bring you a stamped envelope or the petition itself. Thank you.

Danarius Olson 599-9614

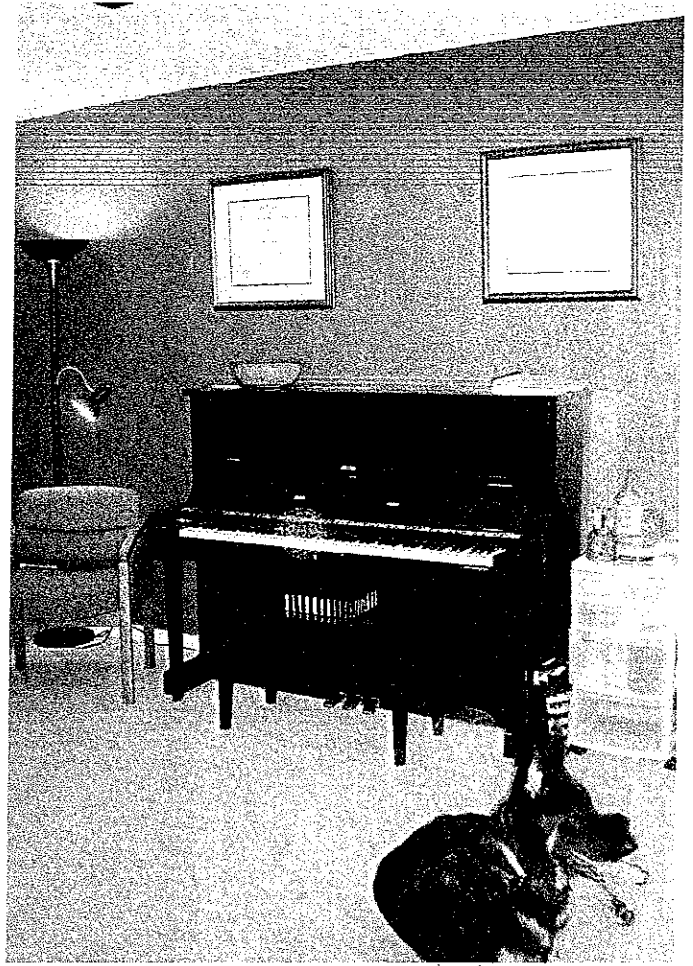
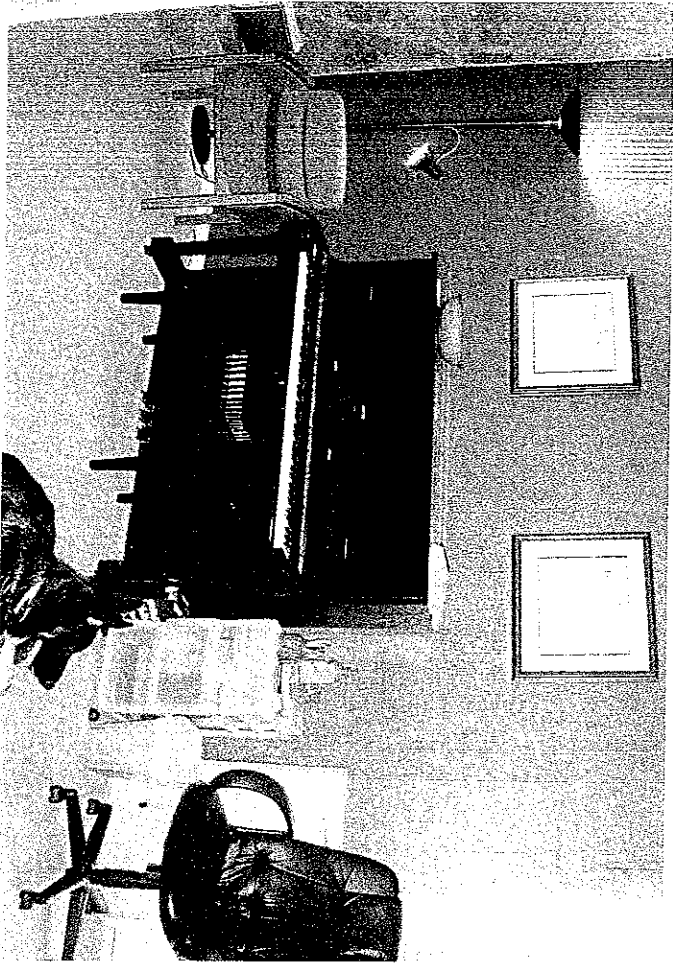
Petition to accept Piano teaching as a Home Occupation

Use on review October 12, 2006

We, the undersigned, understand that Christina Horn is the sole proprietor of her piano teaching studio and we have no objection to her teaching one student at a time.

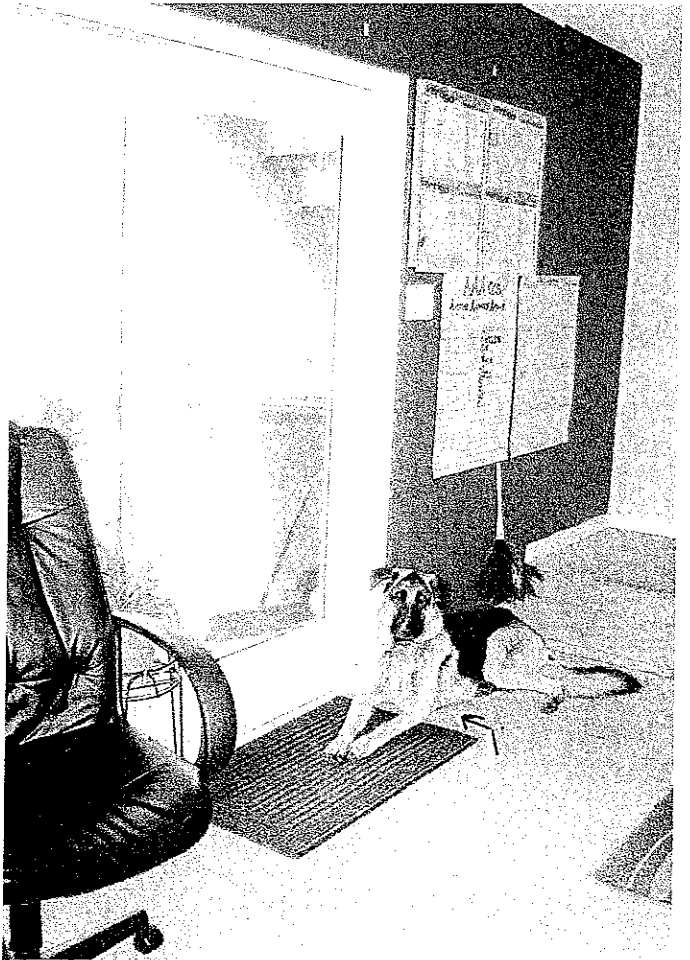
Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment/Phone Number	Date
Jim Sheer	<i>[Signature]</i>	5313 Yosemite Tr	865-494-9044	9/29/06
Michael Lust	<i>[Signature]</i>	5309 Yosemite Trail	865-450-3151	9/29/06
Synda Chandler	<i>[Signature]</i>	5309 Yosemite Tr.	865-450-3151	9/29/06
Marcus Tilly	<i>[Signature]</i>	5316 Yosemite Tr	865-588-2418	9/29/06
TREVOR MARTIN	<i>[Signature]</i>	5305 YOSEMITE Tr	865-588-1220	9/29/06
Mary MAHAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	5305 YOSEMITE TRAIL	588 1220	9/26/06
Elsie Dodson	<i>[Signature]</i>	5304 Yosemite TRAIL	865-584-1705	9/29/06
MARK E Denton	<i>[Signature]</i>	5217 Yosemite Trail	865-556-8868	9/29/06
Joel Chesser	<i>[Signature]</i>	1725 Starport Trail	584-7111	9/29/06
Melinda Lopez	<i>[Signature]</i>	5217 Yosemite Trail	588-2177	9/29/06
MARY LOCAL	<i>[Signature]</i>	5417 Yosemite Trail	865-212-3619	9/29/06
Hilde DeWeert	<i>[Signature]</i>	5417 Yosemite Trail	"	9/29/06

Space used in home less than 25%



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One Piano for teaching



Entrance where students

This is my current schedule of private weekly lessons. - Christina Horn

Fall Piano Schedule and Swap List

Monday

2:00pm Joe Penney 690-5117
3:30pm Emma Creveling 693-5297
4:00pm Mackenzie Gill 584-4387
4:45 pm Beth Ann Stripling 679-1669
5:15pm Laurel Hooker 675-7881
6:00pm Anna Hoffman 671-3657
6:45pm Adrian Jay 694-7874

Tuesday

3:30pm Madison Howell 661-2712
4:00pm Xandy van den Berg 531-7799
4:30pm Katya van den Berg 531-7799
5:00pm Samantha Mayhew 938-5440
5:30pm Ryan Hammitt 694-7023
6:00pm Logan Brown 688-4392

Wednesday

3:15pm Dan Primka 777-1588
3:45pm Nate Meidl 670-9257
4:15pm Allison Ivey 693-7382
4:45pm Trevor Manning 670-6925
5:15pm Mackenzie Sexton 671-6115
5:45pm Matthew Keller 694-0505
6:15pm Jennifer Nicklas 691-3692
6:45pm Aleia Williams (Morristown do not call)
6:45pm Daniel Chelette

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Knox County MPC
City County Building
Knoxville, TN 37902

Monday October 2, 2006

RE: Personal testimony for Christina Horn, piano teacher

Our son, Mackenzie has been a piano student for Christina Horn for nearly 2 years now. We have had some experience with piano instructors as she is his third teacher for the piano. Ms. Horn's level of professionalism and consideration as a teacher have been unmet by any of the other instructors we have encountered thus far. Christina's methods, leadership and character are quite sterling. We believe that her consideration of her neighbors is also very high. She is forthright, honest, and very concerned about her neighbors and the area in which she lives.

When we take our son for his lesson, he is her only student for the half hour we are in her home studio. As she has instructed us from the very beginning of her tenure in this neighborhood, we park in her driveway and do not block the road. We also drive with care in the subdivision as we know what it can be like when a road becomes very busy, or has a high amount of traffic.

Ms. Horn's hours are after school from around 3 pm until 7 pm—only 4 hours per day. The music she teaches is classic and acoustic. Her methods are sound and practical. The caliber of her students is stellar, our son has received superior ratings on his piano playing whenever he has been in an evaluation situation. We know this to be the result of her instruction. Because of her teaching many children are prepared for higher learning not only in music, but in other areas as well. The discipline and principles she applies can be applied to many other fields as well.

We have found Christina Horn to be a reasonable, professional, and personable piano teacher and woman. We do not believe she will in any way take advantage of her neighbors or abuse them in her position as a piano instructor. We strongly recommend to the Commission that she be permitted to continue her piano instruction as she has for many years now.

Sincerely,

Jim and Gretchen Sexton

JPS

9008 Straw Flower Drive
Knoxville, TN 37922

October 2, 2006

Ms. Kelly Schlitz
Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

Dear Ms. Schiltz,

It has come to my attention that an R-1 zoning approval is under consideration for Christina Horn, MPC file No. 10-c-06-UR. The proposed use is for piano lessons as a home occupation.

My daughter has benefited greatly from the lessons Ms. Horn has provided. Ms. Horn is very professional and has gone to great lengths to develop a plan to alleviate any neighborhood congestion that could be caused as a result of private instruction. Additionally, she has communicated the plan with parents and students who are involved with her studio.

I am writing in support Ms. Horn, and ask that the appropriate zoning consideration be given to her, allowing her the opportunity to provide private instruction for students.

Sincerely,

Jenny Stripling
769-5430

Kelly Schlitz
Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

October 1, 2006

Dear Ms Schlitz:

This letter is to express my concern about the possibility Ms. Christina Horn, a professional music instructor, will be unable to continue private piano lessons in her home located in Timbercrest Subdivision.

It is my understanding neighbors have complained about cars parked in and around Ms. Horn's driveway. Let me assure you, in consideration of her neighbors, she continually reminds parents to park in the driveway so as not to block the street in any way. And all of us, to my knowledge, comply. She gives private lessons, one student at a time, and only during the day. We are all very careful to drive slowly and safely while in the neighborhood.

My son began piano lessons with Ms. Horn several years ago because of her reputation as a highly dedicated and professional music instructor. She holds a Masters Degree in Music from the University of Tennessee and was awarded the Knox County Music Teacher of the Year.

I sincerely doubt the residents surrounding Ms. Horn's home would want to stifle the educational and personal expression learning to play the piano provides to young students. If we are to support a strong, rich and diverse community, then surely, shutting down Ms. Horn's home-based music instruction program is not the action the MPC wishes to take.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hammitt
1201 Woodsboro Road
Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

5104 Yates Lane
Knoxville, TN 37912
October 1, 2006

Kelly Schlitz
Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

RE: Christina Horn

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Ms. Christina Horn. Our family has known Ms. Christina for three years now and have found her to be nothing short of professional. She works very hard to arrange her piano lesson schedule around our childrens' school activities, etc. , and thus her schedule is to teach piano lessons in the afternoons. Ms. Christina has repeatedly asked and reminded the parents to park in her driveway (which we have done and will continue to do). There are no more than two cars at a time in her driveway -- and one of those is leaving because the next student has arrived for their lesson, leaving just one car in the driveway. We know that our "piano families" are very conscientious when driving to and from her house and adhere to the speed limits and traffic laws because we want to be considerate of everyone in the neighborhood -- just as if we were in our own neighborhoods.

We have known Ms. Christina long enough to know that she is a very considerate and compassionate person. Our son absolutely loves her and we do, too.

Please allow Ms. Christina to continue to teach piano lessons from her present home as it is a perfect location, she has ample space, we as parents will continue to be considerate of the neighbors and will continue to park in her driveway. And, most of all, please know that Ms. Christina would not be inconsiderate or ugly to anyone -- it is just not her nature. She truly is a professional, considerate, and compassionate lady.

Sincerely,

Jackie D. Brown
Larry D. Brown

To members of the M.P. C zoning board,

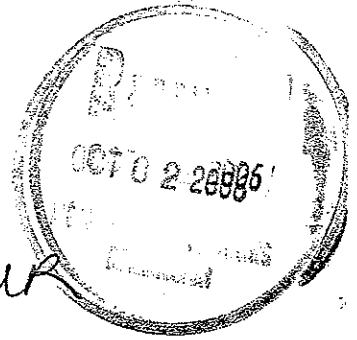
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I am writing regarding Christina Horn, who has been my daughter Anna's piano instructor for over a year. It took us a long time to find a piano instructor as gifted and sensitive as Christina. She has brought out the best in my daughter Anna, and it would be very detrimental to our daughter's musical development to have her training interrupted. .

In terms of Christina teaching in her home, we always drive very carefully and slowly in the neighborhood, to avoid any walkers, or pedestrians. We always park in the driveway. On the rare occasions that we have parked in the street, we have been careful not to block any driveways, and to be courteous to neighbors. The kind of students and parents Christina teaches are respectful and serious students and should not ever pose any kind of risk or annoyance in the neighborhood.

Christina Horn is a delightful and kind person and a great teacher. I hope the zoning commission will allow her to continue the vital work of teaching young people in this community. The arts are good for everyone and should be encouraged in any way possible. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

*Karen L. Hoffman
12726 Heathland Drive
Knoxville Tenn. 37934*



September 30, 2006

Mrs. Kelly Schlitz
Knoxville/Know County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Mrs. Schlitz,

I writing you in behalf of Christina Horn. I understand there is to be a Use on Review hearing regarding giving pianos lessons from her home.

I have been acquainted with Christina for a number of years and have observed her teaching methods, style, and results. She typically teaches one student at a time in her home with the parent in attendance. These lessons occur in the afternoon hours. This is the traditional method used world wide to obtain optimum musical skills with beginning students.

Christina does have adequate parking in her driveway and has constantly reminded the parents (vocally and by email) to park in her driveway. My grandchild is a student of Christina so I have observed this firsthand.

I ask that you find in favor of Christina. She is doing an admirable job with her young piano students and is not a detriment to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Mayhew Sr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Dennis Mayhew Sr.
7700 Old Clinton Pike
Powell, Tennessee 37849
938-5440

MARY AND TREVOR MARTIN

10-C-06-UR

October 4, 2006

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Metropolitan Planning Commission
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Ms. Schlitz:

This letter is in support of Christina Horn teaching piano in her home. My husband and I are residents of Timbercrest Subdivision. Since Ms. Horn is our neighbor we wish to show our endorsement of her business. We have a young son and hope to be a client of Ms. Horn someday.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mary and Trevor Martin
679.4659

cc: Christina Horn

From: "Elizabeth C. Phillips" <ecphillips@knology.net>
To: <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>
Date: 10/6/2006 9:03:15 AM
Subject: Use on Review-Christina Horn file 10-C-06-UR-

Dear MPC,

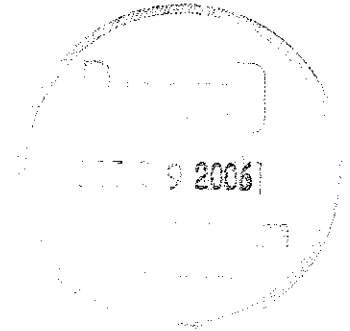
I live right next door to this residence at 5405 Yosemite Trail. Christina has been the perfect neighbor and I APPROVE of her giving piano lessons from her home. This will not create any adverse conditions in our neighborhood. The children come one at a time and the parents who pay for these lessons are not usually the type to be troublemakers. They were parking on the street and not causing any problems for my family. This is America and Ms. Horn has the right to make a living.

The renters who lived in the house before her were horrible neighbors. They had loud parties outside our bedroom window at all hours of the night and threw beer bottles into our yard. If she is not allowed to teach, we will probably get some bad neighbors again. I do not want my family to suffer through that again!

Please approve her use on review. If you lived next door to a rental house you would appreciate a good quiet neighbor.

CC: <mkokkor@knology.net>

8837 Nubbin Ridge Road
Knoxville, TN 37923



October 1, 2006

10-C-06-WR

Kelly Schlitz
Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Ms. Schlitz:

My son, Joseph, has been taking private piano lessons from Christina Horn for three years. Miss Horn has always maintained a high level of professionalism, as well as consideration and respect for her neighbors. Each year she goes over her policies regarding parking in her driveway. She also follows up with reminders via e-mail before each semester begins. I feel Miss Horn has gone the extra mile in communicating to the parents of her students the importance of driving slowly through the neighborhood and parking in her driveway.

Teaching piano from the home has been a long standing American tradition; one we hope will continue. Miss Horn maintains a high standard of excellence not only in her business practices, but also in her level of teaching. She has received several professional awards for her teaching. It is my hope that Miss Horn's neighbors will recognize the treasure they have in their neighborhood and the asset she is to the community at large.

Sincerely,

Dottie Penney

Dottie Penney

Alicia Randisi-Hooker
741 Largo Vista Drive
Knoxville, TN 37922

10-C-06-UR

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of my daughter's piano teacher, Christina Horn, at 5504 Yosemite Drive, Knoxville, TN. Ms. Horn has consistently demonstrated professionalism of the highest order in the running of her lessons, especially with respect to helping move her students in and out of their lessons in a timely way and providing adequate parking on her property for each student. Students take a private lesson, one at a time, and have plenty of room to enter and exit her driveway without causing a traffic problem on her street.

She is considerate of her neighbors in that she makes certain that the flow of cars to and from lessons has no negative impact on her neighbors. She has gone to a great deal of trouble to discuss parking with her students and make sure that they abide by the guidelines she has established.

We greatly value "Miss Christina" as a vital part of our daughter's life, and feel she makes an immeasurable contribution to the children of Knoxville as a whole as well as to her own neighborhood. Her presence in her neighborhood as a music professional should be regarded as inspiring to the children who live there, and to the Timbercrest community as a whole. Her business creates not disturbance to the peace and tranquility, and in fact is less invasive than many a barking dog.

It is our hope that she will continue to be able to teach from her home. As a professional musician, I feel strongly that we be able to pass a love for the arts to all our children, teaching from our homes without having to rent prohibitively expensive space which necessitates fees too high for the average family to pay. The discipline and skills developed in studying a musical instrument are important to the functioning of a civilized society.

Sincerely,

Alicia Randisi-Hooker

10-C-06-WR

1725 Capistrano
Knoxville, TN 37922

Attn: Kelly Schlitz
Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

I am writing to ask you to allow Christian Horne to continue providing piano lessons in her home. Private music instruction is a very valuable thing, and quality teachers are hard to find. When I found Christina as a teacher for my children, I knew how lucky I was. She was able to offer my children caring, high-quality, personalized instruction, and, because she was able to offer the lessons in her home (like generations of music teachers before her!), the price of the lessons was within my reach.

We have been with Christina for 3 years now. From all my observations, she is a very good neighbor: her home is well-maintained and fits well into the residential area (there are NO signs or architectural features that announce it as a place of business.) She has a large driveway and has asked us to be considerate of her neighbors by always parking in the driveway. The music room, in the basement, has no windows facing other houses, so there is no "noise" to disturb the neighbors. The parents who bring their children for lessons there treat the neighborhood with respect, driving slowly and quietly in and out. In fact, in the past, I know that some of Christina's students have lived right in her neighborhood.

The tradition of private music lessons in the home is a long-standing one of great value. I myself took lessons at the home of my teacher, and many children all over Knoxville are doing so right now. The tradition of teaching in the home puts these lessons within reach of children who otherwise would not be able to afford them. I hope that you will weigh the benefit of the service Christina is providing against the complaints of a few, and find a compromise that allows her to continue providing instruction in her home.

Sincerely,


Laurie Knox

To : Ms. Kelly Schlitz, Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City/County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

From: Rev. John Bluth Gill
714 Wesley Road
Knoxville, TN 37909

RE: Hearing regarding the use of a home for piano lessons

October 8, 2006

Dear Ms. Schlitz,

I am writing to you in support of Ms. Christina Horn, my daughter's piano instructor, who lives in the Timbercrest neighborhood at 5401 Yosemite Trail (Knoxville, 37909). I was very surprised to hear that Ms. Horn is having problems with her neighbors in the area. Ms. Horn has been very careful to request (verbally and in writing) that parents of her students park in the driveway if they plan to stay for the lesson. I can honestly say that I have never seen more than ONE car in her driveway (let alone in front of her house) except for the brief transition time when one student is finishing a lesson and another is beginning. Believe me, many of my neighbors in West Hill often have more cars outside their homes for a variety of different reasons.

My two daughters have studied with a total of four different teachers over the past 8 years, all of whom taught in their homes and one of whom lived in the exact same neighborhood as Ms. Horn. NONE of them ever had any problems with their neighbors. As someone who lives and works nearby (I serve a church at the corner of Weisgarber and Lonas Roads), I too care about quality of life in the neighborhood and can see no reason why Ms. Horn's piano lessons would be viewed as either a threat or an inconvenience to her neighbors. In general, instrumental music teachers do not make a lot of money, yet contribute a great deal to the wider community by sharing the joy of music with children and teaching them a great form of personal discipline. It would be a shame if we begin to make it difficult for them, of all people, to live and teach in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Rev. John Bluth Gill 714 Wesley Road Knoxville, TN 37909 (865) 584-4387