

Good Evening Mayor and Council Members,

I return tonight to speak about the use of portable toilets in the uptown district. Thank you for taking the time to address this issue.

My property is a historic farm house built in 1923 by Nellie(nee Holt) and Bill Hebert, original settlers to Oakridge. It was purchased from their daughter Dorothy Hinkmeyer in 2002, sold as single family residence and according to the Appraisal was used as such with home based businesses. There was a barn and an apartment that the City Administration required be removed to be considered single family use, this was done.

In 2021 portable toilets were used by the Bistro, the reactions experienced were eye, throat and mouth irritation, Asthma and reactive airway disease requiring daily medication and treatment. My health care provider recommended to avoid offending agent. Since then, I was diagnosed with a heart murmur and Thyroiditis. These are serious problems that I have never had before. When away from the area, as recommended my symptoms are reduced or relieved. I am also very concerned for the long term effects.

Measures I've taken to alleviate the problems include daily medication, keeping windows and doors closed, using two air purifiers, ionizer and air conditioners. I've cultivate plants that are known to remove chemicals. Beyond the physical, it is costing me: daily medication \$45 / month, additional electric \$25 / month, other \$50 / month and possible long term health effects unable to calculate at this time.

Portable toilets were across from my property in 2009 or 2010, resulting in same symptoms, City council reviewed, I had a letter from Dr. Cordis, my medical doctor, who recommended that they be moved away, The City agreed and they were removed alleviating the problem.

The Material Safety Data Set (MSDS) state "Inhalation Vapours may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea." and "Human health: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause the following adverse effects: Redness. Irritation. Eczema/contact dermatitis. Dryness and/or cracking. Oil acne. Vapours may irritate throat/respiratory system. A single exposure may cause the following adverse effects: Coughing. Difficulty in breathing."

I understand that I am the first complaint. The portable toilet is across from me, the predominant wind patterns are from the Bistro to my home. Most people are only exposed for few minutes and one has the choice to use or not, personally I avoid them. Workers use would be limited to 8 hours 5 days a week then recover for 16 hours, I'm exposed 24 hours 7 days a week, without any choice or time for recovery.

According to companies portable toilets are only intended for temporary use such as events, weddings, and construction, etc, Some City Ordinances limit use to 1 to 2 weeks only.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mr Yarbrough is using portable toilets. 1<sup>st</sup> year of use portable toilet were placed for 5 or 6 months but Bistro use for only 2 or 3 months. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year 4 months but only open for 6 days in total. Mr Yarbrough is aware of problems it is causing and could have made alternative plans. There are non chemical portable toilets and other options that could be used.

I ask that the council limit use of portable toilets in the uptown area and direct Mr.Yarbrough to stop using or at least move further away until council can decide this matter.

Sincerely,

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reference:

<https://aztecchemicals.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Chemical-Toilet-Additive.pdf>