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Hello Mr. Eggebrecht,

This email is to object to the plans of our neighbor to add an Apiary (permit) for 1721 East Paloma Court.

As we have said over the last couple of years, we oppose the construction/installation of an Apiary at 1721 E. Paloma Ct, Appleton. Last year we exchanged multiple correspondance, with our neighbour trying to explain our viewpoints. I am attaching one of our correspondence that explains our position.

I will be glad to stop in and talk to you about this. Please do acknowledge the receipt of this email.

You can email me or call me at 920-858-5722.

Regards

Arti Uberoi  
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Hello Steve,

We have been in our current home for almost seven years. We chose to live here because we felt our home would provide a safe and harmless environment for our children, a place they could freely play outdoors without any hesitation, worry or trepidation.

Last year our decision to oppose your City of Appleton apiary license was based on careful research on the apiary's implications on our lives. We felt that you would understand our position and respect our decision and, frankly, were very surprised when you asked us the same thing again this year.

My father, was hypersensitive to bee stings. I and our kids have grown up with him telling us how he reacted to getting stung. In addition to the fact that we might have the same hypersensitivity, we have developed what is called Melissophobia. In our yard or anywhere outside, if we do come in contact with bees or wasps our reaction is to go indoors. Our house architecture and habitat has always made it prone to beehives, as well as hornet nests. Multiple times we have called professionals to safely remove these, as it increased the bee activity around our house, resulting in us staying indoors, and restricting us from being able to enjoy our own yard.

An apiary so close to our house (within 50 to 100 feet) will undeniably increase the bee activity around our house. Our house would be in the bee flight path, and be ideal for forage and water. I can say this with great confidence having studied various papers related to honey bees. Typical foraging distances for honey bees is 1 to 3 miles. First, the placement of our houses is such that our driveway/garage opening and SE yard borders your back yard. According to apiary placement recommendations, a healthy apiary should face South/South west (for ample sun). Regardless of where you physically place your apiary (on the far back side from Paloma or the side of Apple Creek), the mouth of it will be towards the South or SW. Therefore our yard, driveway and garage will be in the bee flight path. This is where our boys frequently play basketball, tennis, etc.

Additionally, our property is in a low lying area where most of the year we have standing water. Honey bees are known to fester over any water source during hot summer months or when they don't have an adequate supply to satisfy their needs.

Further, every year we plant multiple flower pot gardens in our front, back and side yard. Also we have a large in-ground flower garden in our back yard. Honey bees are efficient foragers and look for the closet food source. Our foliage, in general, will attract them and no one has any control over that.

We are very much aware of the fact that honey bees are dying rapidly and respect your desire for residential apiary as it benefits us in pollination and provides honey. Mohit and I have always found it very important to maintain good relations with all our neighbors. We strive to be understanding and proactive in our actions and often go out our way to offer help. We have spent considerable time reading journal articles to better understand facts about bees and to be able to give you a fair assessment about how we feel. We bought our current property to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our three kids. Although maintaining a good relationship with our neighbors is very important, we value the safety and environment of our kids more (don't you?).

We hope you will re-consider. Thank you and have a nice day.

Arti Uberoi