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Comments And Evidence: Hearing File No. Cu 23-06

March 15, 2023

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
Attn: Jaclyn Normine
230 Strand Street
Saint Helens, OR 97051

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to enter new evidence in regards to Zack Watson of Watson Motorsports Home Occupation application. This letter includes photo evidence to not only back the findings of the staff report from the planning department, but to also give my personal testimony of new occurrences that have happened since the first hearing.

I would like to point out that this application was only initiated because of a neighbor compliant on Mr Watson. Not because he was following the counties policies and procedures on approval PRIOR to opening for business. Mr Watson continues to demonstrates that he doesn't care about following the guidelines for the type 1 permit he's applying for. He is being constant in noncompliance and breaks the terms for his permit before even being approved. The following violations include: having multiple employees, operating outside the hours of operation, number of customers per day, number of deliveries per day, and other offenses I will include with photo evidence. Currently Mr. Watson continues operations after his cease and desist.

I had to set up a security camera system on my property due to Mr. Watson's customers using my property for a turn around and waiting area. And through this video documentation, my security cameras time stamps, it is very clear and apparent that the employees show up at the same time everyday Monday through Friday and stay through out normal operating business hours. They drive straight to the South shop and open the bay garage doors. We have seen them working on cars outside of the existing shop and inside the shop when vehicles are on a lift. Neighbors and I have witnessed employees driving Mr. Watson's private cars to come to work.

I would also like to add the proof of degradation of the road. I have provided photos of Berry Hill Lane (the private road that we share with Mr. Watson and two other neighboring properties). You will see the photo taken by planning staff and how much deterioration since that photo was taken. People that are driving

Berry Hill Lane and Landreth Lane, including Mr. Watson's traffic, are now driving on the edge of neighbors private properties to get around very deep and large potholes. Watson Motorsports traffic is absolutely altering the characteristic of the area.

Contrary to what the applicant states, this business and its operations can be witnessed from almost all of the surrounding area. The operations of this business can be seen and heard from my home's bedroom window, back yard and up to a quarter mile away, from all neighboring properties as well as both roads. (Photos provided) It's obvious by his rebuttal to the community letter Mr Watson is trying to create a narrative where everything beyond what he's allowed traffic and business wise is personal. He continues to create a narrative where he can't be held accountable.

I would like to bring attention to further hazardous findings we have witnessed. On at least three occasions, during heavy rains, myself and another neighbor have seen oil running down the front of the Watson property entry gate. I have included photos of this.

I respect an individuals right and honest desire to support their family as an entrepreneur. However, at the burden of everyone that lives around them is unreasonable. Mr. Watson has been lashing out towards my family since we have voiced our opinions. He is going out of his way to be intrusive towards our family and home. From driving recklessly, sending gravel over the fence hitting my home. To disturbing my families sleep by revving his car as loud as possible in front of my home then peeling out up to this South shop while revving his engine in front of our bedroom windows late at night. I feel this is not only extremely disrespectful and also a fine line of harassment towards me and my family. None of this had taken place prior to these hearings. I feel this is all in retribution to our vocalization of this matter.

If the commsission would like to view more of our traffic evidence this can be submitted upon request. We are greatly thankful for your time in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan Huckaby

Potholes on Berry Hill Drive

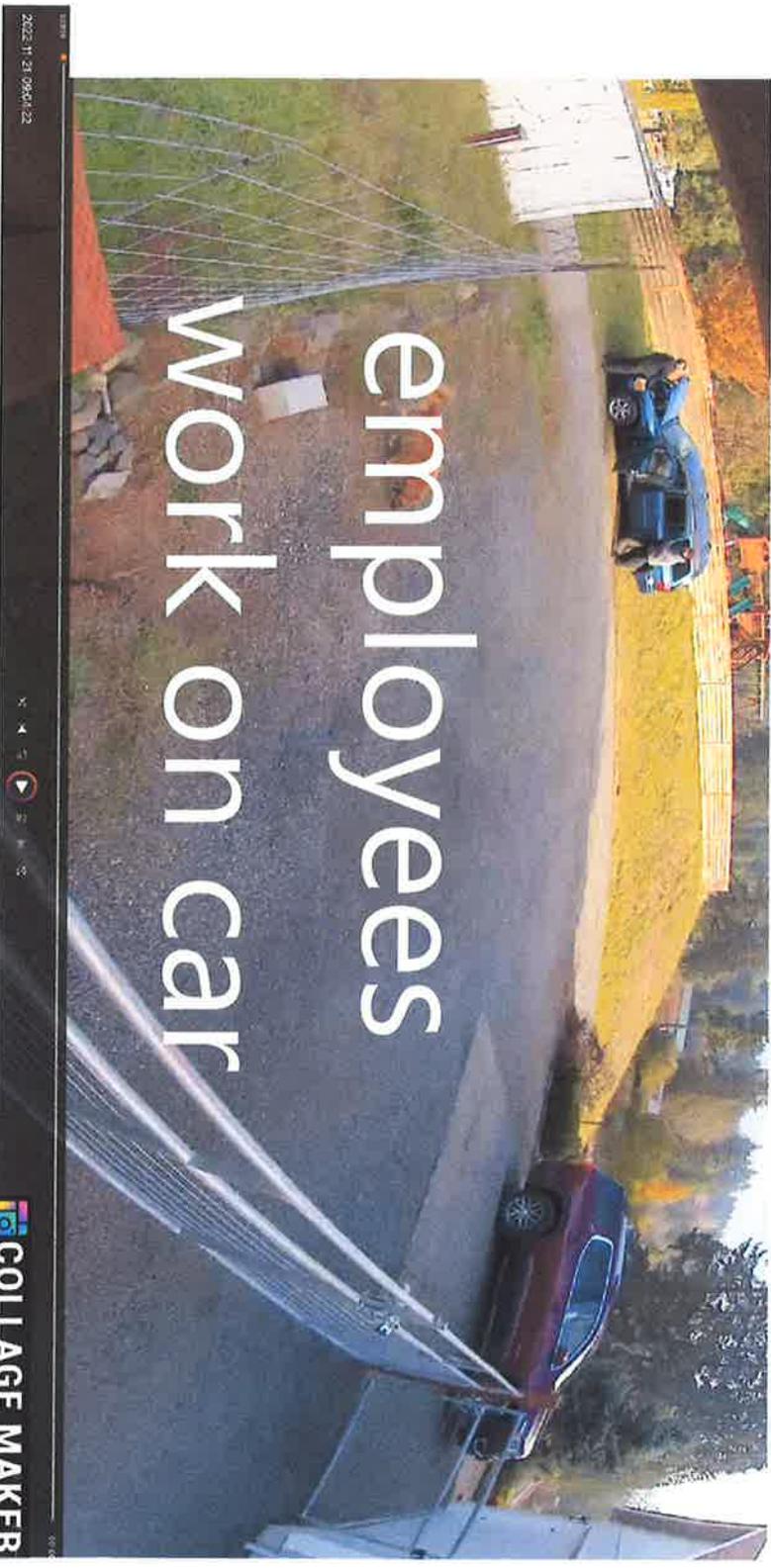
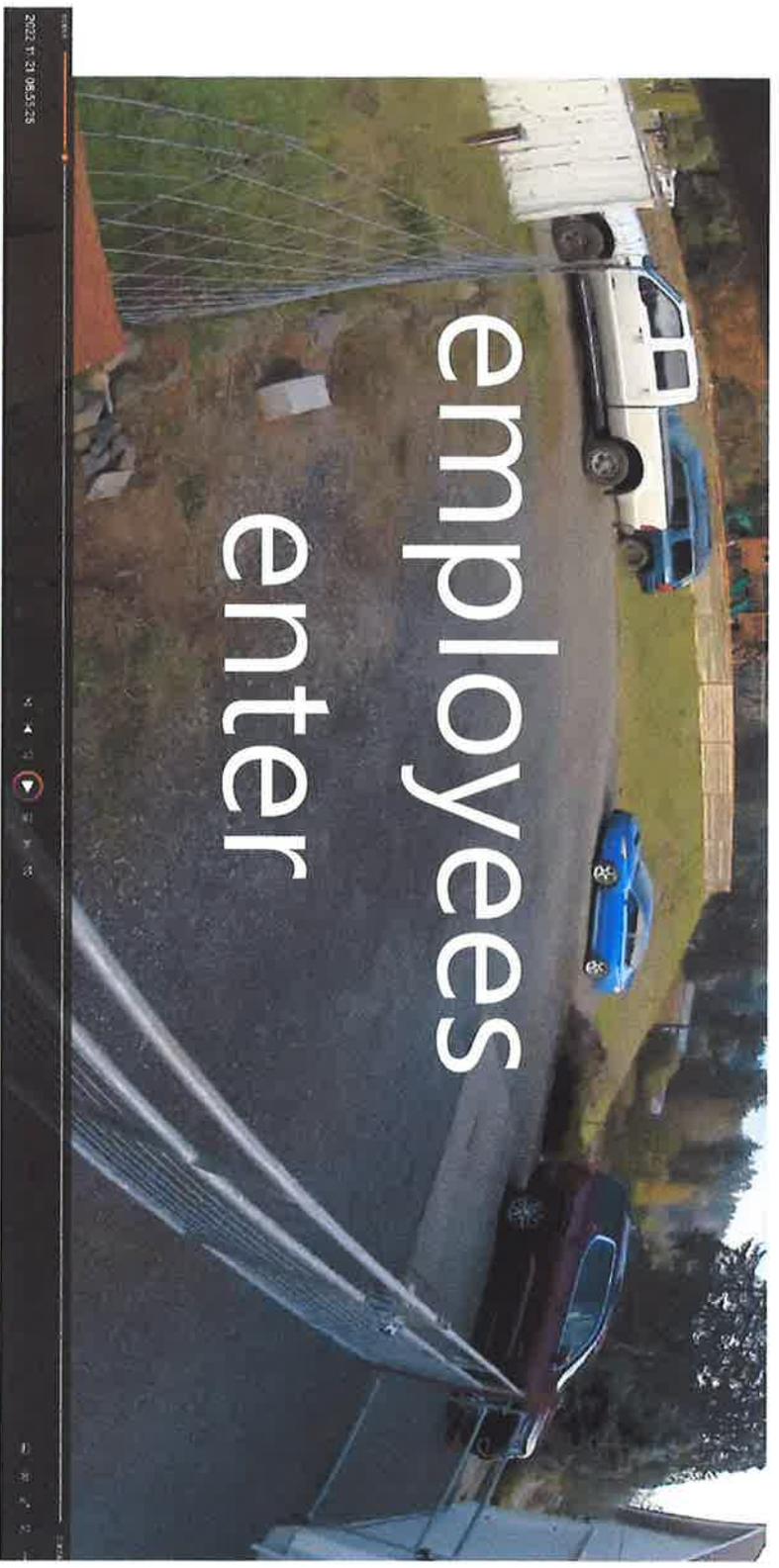


To the left is the pic taken by the county. Below is current. Notice how fast it has declined in a few short months. Pics are of Berry hill and represent the traffic from only 2 properties. Watson Motorsports with 20 average vehicles a day. The other with 2 Average a day. Video verifiable.



Employees coming to work at Watson Motorsports.

This is a small sample of the hundreds of videos from my security cameras. This is only the entry time. I chose random dates; Some are older and some are during the cease and desist. Dates range from 11/22 - current. Some dates are on the bottom, and difficult to see. More examples are available upon request.



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Feb 3, 2023 at 9:27 AM



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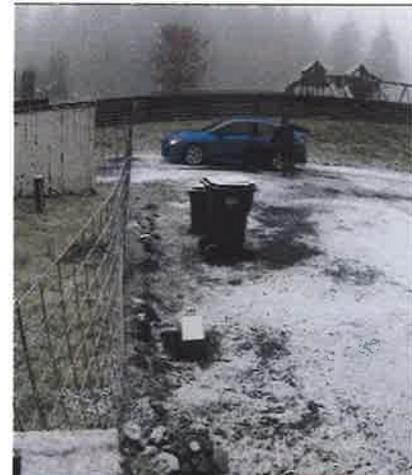
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Feb 12, 2023 at 11:09 AM



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Feb 10, 2023 at 8:55 AM



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Feb 9, 2023 at 8:51 AM



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Feb 8, 2023 at 8:51 AM



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Feb 8, 2023 at 9:01 AM



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Feb 7, 2023 at 9:36 AM



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Feb 6, 2023 at 8:41 AM



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Mar 3, 2023 at 8:41 AM



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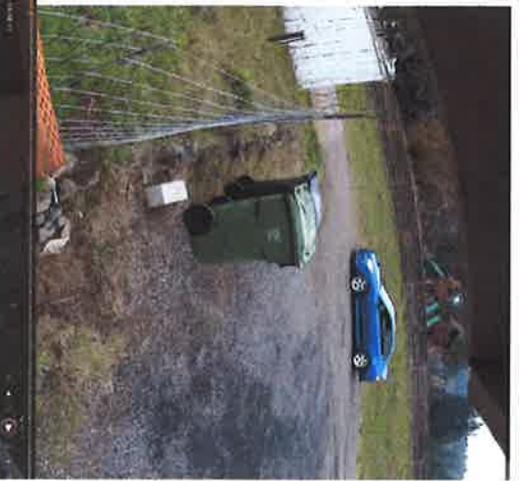


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COLLAGE MAKER



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Mar 10, 2023 at 8:46 AM



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Mar 8, 2023 at 8:56 AM



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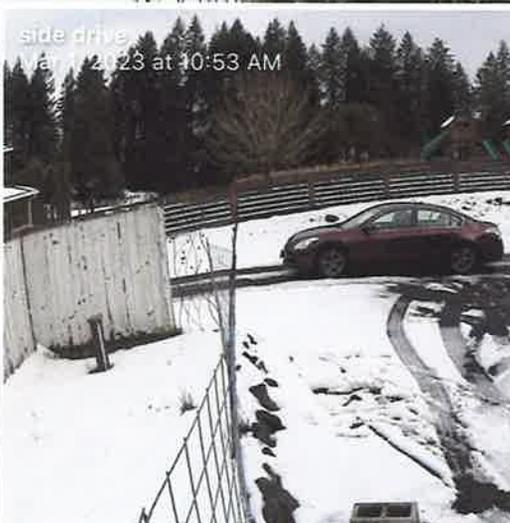
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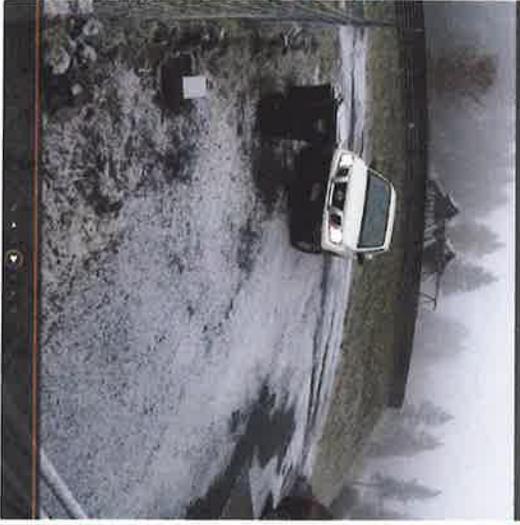
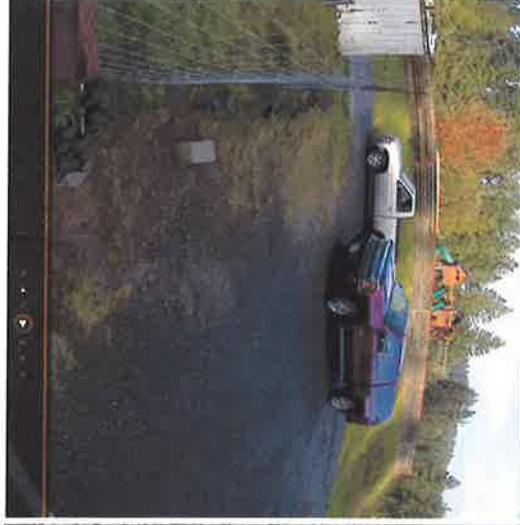
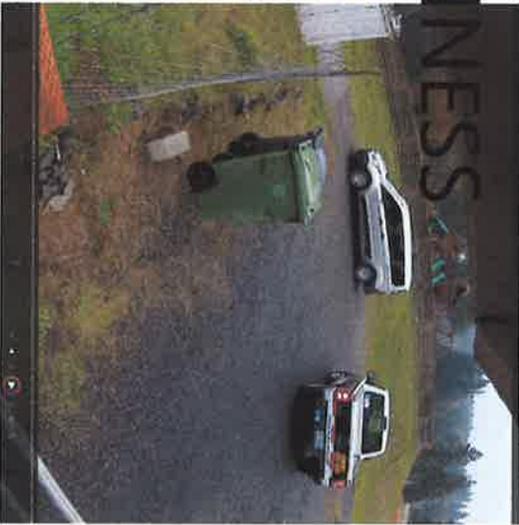
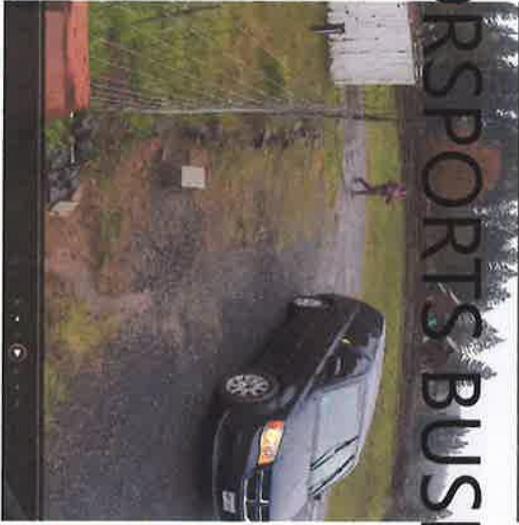
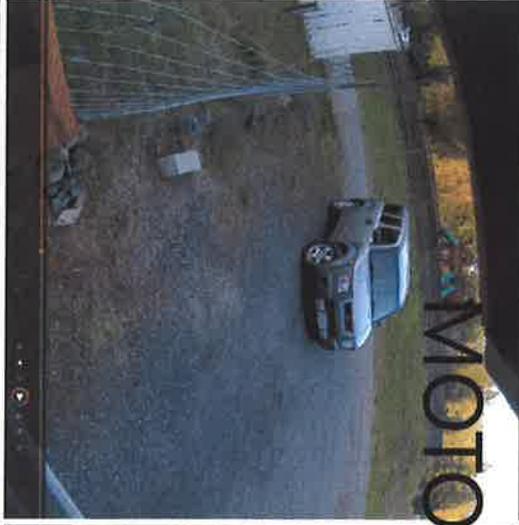
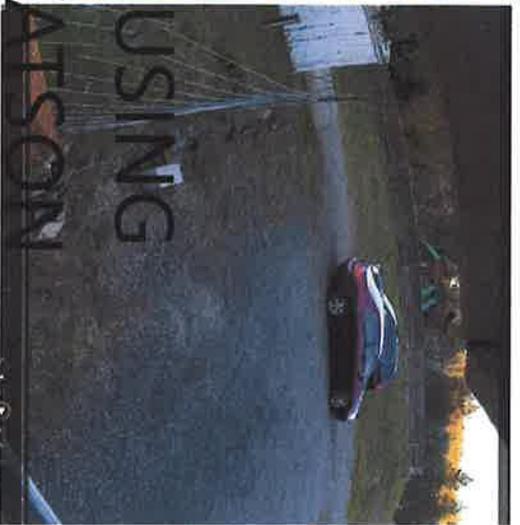
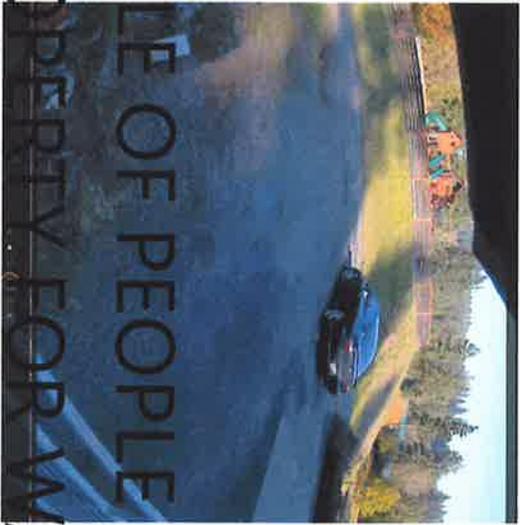
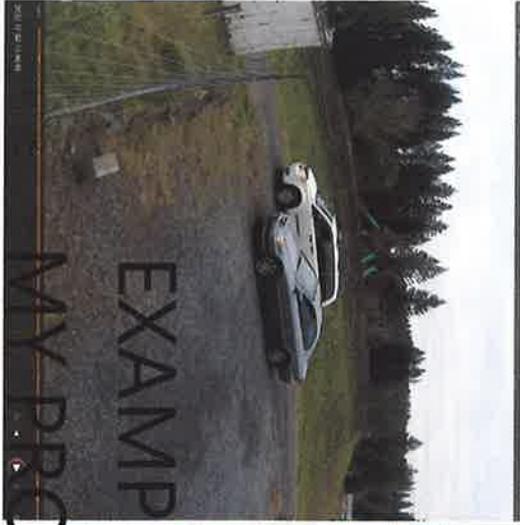


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Mar 19, 2023 at 8:55 AM





COLLAGE MAKER



MY PROPERTY FOR WATSON
EXAMPLE OF PEOPLE USING

MOTORSPORTS BUSINESS

side drive
Mar 4, 2023 at 8:01 AM



Small
sample of
industrial
activities

Above
industrial traffic
taking place
AFTER cease
and desist!

side drive
Feb 6, 2023 at 9:11 AM



The volume of traffic
alone constitutes
commercial/
industrial. By the
counties own
definition this is
grounds for denial.

side drive
Feb 10, 2023 at 12:26 PM





side drive
Mar 9, 2023 at 4:42 PM



side drive
Mar 9, 2023 at 10:28 AM



side drive
Mar 9, 2023 at 3:46 PM



Here are examples of deliveries. Over the allowed permit amount. And after the cease and desist.



Saint Helens
November 5, 2022 10:29 AM

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