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**Subject:** Letter to Palm Beach  
Town Council

Dear Mayor Moore,

I am sending the letter below to you and your fellow members. I want to suggest a solution as well. You will note in my letter that we oppose this variance UNLESS the Council adopts it with the express language that makes clear you are approving it “ as a variance for a one story, split level house and this action in no way sets a precedent for two story houses on Sandpiper Drive” That gives the Guests what they want above the garage while avoiding setting a destructive precedent. We have no two story houses on our Drive and we residents are unanimous in not wanting any.

If you and your colleagues  
could adopt this variance with  
this language, both sides will be  
happy!

John Dyson

831-238-7000

**Subject:**  
**re**  
**250**  
**Sandpiper**  
**ARC-**  
**22-**  
**056**  
**(ZON-**  
**22-**  
**061)**  
**March**  
**25,**  
**2022**  
Dear  
Members  
of  
the  
Town  
Council

We  
are  
writing  
to  
oppose  
the  
granting  
of  
any  
variance

for  
250  
Sandpiper  
Drive  
to  
allow  
construction  
of  
a  
bathroom  
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bedrooms  
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Commission.  
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house  
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on  
Realtor.com  
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sold  
As  
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the  
house  
further  
as  
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bed

and  
2  
1/2  
bath.  
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new  
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the  
Guest  
Family,  
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full  
well  
what  
they  
were  
buying.  
Now  
they  
seek  
a  
variance  
to  
add  
bedrooms  
in  
the  
space  
over  
the  
garage  
currently  
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habitable!

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and  
I  
are  
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residents  
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the  
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road  
and  
the  
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of  
one  
story  
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adds  
to  
the  
feeling  
of  
space  
and  
open  
air  
and  
sunlight  
that  
our  
Drive  
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and  
was  
a  
major  
reason  
for  
our  
purchase  
of  
this  
house  
in  
February

of  
2021.  
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fact  
Sandpiper  
is  
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wide  
as  
the  
next  
street  
north  
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is  
24  
feet.

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our  
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shared  
by  
many  
neighbors,  
allowing  
this  
variance  
amounts  
to  
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camel's  
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and  
bedrooms  
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garage,  
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ask  
for  
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be  
two  
stories,  
doing  
great  
damage  
to  
the  
nature  
of  
our  
quiet  
neighborhood  
and  
its  
tasteful  
architectural  
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years  
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application  
for  
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variance  
over  
the  
garage.  
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ARCOM  
agreed  
to  
this  
variance  
over  
the  
objections  
of  
many  
of  
our  
neighbors.  
Indeed,  
no  
one  
on  
Sandpiper  
supports  
such  
a  
variance.

The  
reason

is  
simple.

We  
enjoy  
one of  
the few  
single  
story  
historic  
streets  
left in  
Town.

We  
urge  
you to  
turn  
this  
application  
down  
as it  
would  
create,  
absent  
some  
written  
policy  
by this  
Council,  
a  
precedent  
for the  
destruction  
of our  
open,  
sunny  
and  
airy  
Drive.

We  
would  
like  
to  
ask  
you  
to  
keep  
our

special  
drive  
as  
it  
is  
for  
now  
and  
the  
future  
by  
declining  
this  
application  
for  
such  
a  
variance.  
Keep  
Sandpiper,  
once  
part  
of  
the  
Dodge  
Estates,  
“Rich  
in  
history...  
Rich  
in  
Service...  
Always  
Exceptional”!

With  
kind  
regards,

John  
and  
Kathe  
Dyson

970  
N.Ocean  
Boulevard

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