

Cutts rd. speed limit

CHRIS ANDREWS <[REDACTED]>

Tue 10/26/2021 3:49 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Good afternoon council,

My name is Chris Andrews and I live at 3 Deer Ridge Lane. I'm writing to you to have the council reconsider putting the speed limit on the approx. 1/16 of a mile of Cutts Rd. that is straight and only has 12 house and 1 construction yard off of it back to 35mph. To me and many people that travel this stretch, that this is an unnecessary drop in speed limit from 35 which has been the speed limit up until a few years back due to complaints, I'm sure because of speeders. Since it has been 25 multiple times during the week at very early in the morning hours (5am) police are patrolling the road and to me seems unnecessary. I'm sure if police were present as much now as it was when it was 35, the limit would have stayed 35. Haley Rd. changed from 35 to 25 back in the early 80's and now a 2+ mile stretch heading south from Rt1 has been brought back to 35 which has multiple curves and hills and 11+ roads off of it and I'm sure close to 50 or more houses on that stretch, which is fine. But to have a straight stretch of road less than an 1/8th of a mile long reduced because of complaints rather than enforce the limit given does not make any sense.

Thank you for your time and your consideration in this request.

Chris Andrews

Meeting Agenda

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Thu 10/28/2021 10:29 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Good Morning,

My name is Dakota Greenblatt. I am newer resident and homeowner of Kittery. I have recently been interested in taking the opportunity to use one of my apartments as a short term rental only to realize I need a license per town ordinance/code. To comply with this requirement I applied for a license. However, I am 25 on the list. In talking with the town code enforcement officer, there are only about 8 new licenses a year and everyone who already has a license has renewed theirs. It seems I would not have a license until 2024. I am well versed in what the ordinance says and I understand that licenses cannot be revoked and no more than 8% more licenses per year can be given out. I also understand that in the Fall of 2022 this ordinance will be reviewed. My concern is this. When this ordinance was put into effect, about 100 licenses were given out (based on the fact that about 8 new licenses are given out every year after). However, it doesn't take much research to realize that there isn't anywhere near that number of short term rentals being utilized. I simply searched for short term rentals in Kittery on Craigslist, Facebook, Airbnb, VRBO, etc. and saw very few. In just a year since this became a requirement, it is clear that there is an issue that needs to be resolved much sooner than Fall 2022. It is unfair that newer property owners cannot use their homes as short term rentals because of this ordinance while many (if not most) of the residents who already have a license don't actually have a short term rental. I request that this issue be brought forward/reviewed/added to the agenda. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

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