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Exalted Ruler/CEO Michael Henry
James L. Crawford Elks Lodge
220 Sunset Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Re: Zoning Issues: 220 Sunset Road

Dear Mr. Henry;

Planning staff recently became aware of use of the Crawford Lodge for the Elks Neighborhood Kitchen Soul Food and Live Jazz use on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. As described in the annarbor.com article and on the ENK Facebook page, this is essentially a restaurant/cabaret use. We also are aware that alcohol is being served under the club license to non-members.

The Elks Lodge is located in the R4C multiple-family residential zoning district. The zoning allows for a “club headquarters” use that meets the following standards: 1) is used only by members and guests, 2) lodging is not permitted, and 3) the service of meals, except as necessary for club activities, is prohibited.

While the original ENK use may have started out as an extension of the Lodge’s membership activities, it appears that it now has reached a scale where it is out of compliance with the zoning for the property. I would appreciate it if you contacted me right away to discuss options for resolving these zoning violations. I may be reached at 734.794.6000 x 42606 or wrampson@a2gov.org.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Rampson
Planning Manager

c: Chris Cheng, City Planner
Mary Fales, Assistant City Attorney
Ralph Welton, Building Official