



January 31, 2019

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Lake Elmo City Hall
3880 Laverne Ave. N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

To The City of Lake Elmo;

My name is John Schiltz, the owner of The Lake Elmo Inn and The Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. Last year I applied for a permit with the City of Lake Elmo to build a parking lot on the North West corner of Lake Elmo Avenue and 34th Street. The permit was approved by the City Council to construct a parking lot on that property. After the approval process, it became evident that my company was not in a financial position to build the lot, partly due to the expenses of the city sewer project. The Watershed districts requirements, lighting, street appeal and additional costs also came into play with our financial situation. Last year was not a good year due to a combination of all of these other factors and we just could not pull it off. The permit approval is for one year and that will be expiring on the 20th of February. It is very obvious that I am not going to make the February 20th 2019 deadline.

I have talked through my concerns with one of our city councilman, asking him if there was a way the city could be involved in providing parking to the city businesses. I believe this is a much larger issue than not enough parking for the Lake Elmo Inn, but there is not enough parking for all of our Lake Elmo businesses. I asked his opinion about the city buying this piece of property and putting in a public parking lot for everyone to use. We discussed many options and he seemed interested, but at the end of our conversation it was left up in the air.

I am requesting a time extension of at least one year, if that is possible, so I can explore possible parking resolutions. These resolutions may or may not include city involvement. I would like to continue to work toward a solution that is best for everyone involved.

Please let me know what you decide. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Schiltz".

John Schiltz
Owner and Chef
Lake Elmo Inn and
Lake Elmo Inn Event Center