

Hello Mr. Mayor Lance Westcamp and all the City Counsel.

As you are aware I have sought to acquire a use variance to publicly sell flowers and produce seasonally on the weekends. Primarily the full day would be Fridays. We go to church the first half of every Sunday and after the 1st of June, Saturday mornings we would be selling at farmer's markets.

Evidently this has stirred an uproar with some of my neighbors. Primarily the business neighbor across the street, and also some residential neighbors. I also have received a lot of positive feedback from businesses and residents who live both on and off of Main Street. I too could have started up a petition, as some of my supporters suggested. Ultimately, what good would that do? I want good neighbors and I want to be a good neighbor.

I have sent out an open letter to the residence adjacent to my property and beyond. I expressed that my wife and I are sociable and to contact us if there's an issues with what we are doing in regards to selling flowers from our home. We went to Rebecca Little, who lives at the north east corner of Main and West St, to hear her concerns. I do believe we have addressed her concerns. Communication can go a long way. I do know that some 'will never be happy'. I know this when the personal attacks start. When complaints having nothing to do with a use variance, such as my three year old daughter playing "too loudly", or issues with my two rescue cats start. That's when I know, 'some will never be happy'.

My wife, Myrna, has worked very hard outside. The finger pointing, jeers, cackles and whispers have taken a toll on her. It's to a point of feeling very unwelcomed here in Groveport. I have to look out for my wife. At this point we have decided to withdraw our application for a use variance. Maybe we will reapply at another time. We will continue to have a garden and do farmers markets. Unless we have an occasional garage sale, we will always keep our two front yards with a residential look. No tables, no tents and no signs. Sorry for any trouble we have caused.

Sincerely,

Brian and Myrna Casserly
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Hello fellow residence of the West Street, Main Street and Cherry Street area.

Respectfully we would like to apologize for any inconvenience we have caused by selling flowers and produce out of the front of our home at 385 Main St. We have sought the city to acquire a use variance, to sell seasonal flowers and produce on the weekends. The zoning commission passed this variance. However, since then we have met with Rebecca Little who lives across the street. She expressed that our appearance looked "commercial like", all the time. Michelle Baker/Cuthbert was also there. Michelle is not currently a resident on Main St, but rather uses her residential home as a business. She expressed her dislike for a garage sale sign we used and other personal issues that don't pertain to the use variance. Since that meeting my wife and I decided to take a better approach. We both listened to understand the concerns of our neighbors. We want good neighbors and to be good neighbors. Even to nonresident business owners, as they are neighbors too. We will no longer have tables, sale signs or tents set up at all when we are not open. We will not allow anyone to park on the East side of West Street in front of our neighbors David and Chelsea Starn's house. Basically Friday would be the only full day we are open after June 1st when the farmer markets start up. On Saturday's and Sunday's, if we are open at all, it will be after 1pm. Our intent is to make our two front yards keep a residential look. My wife, Myrna, really enjoys making planters and hanging baskets. Mostly Myrna enjoys making fresh cut flower bouquets. If there is anything that we do that is really bothering you, please let us know. We try to be social with everyone. Even if we are unsuccessful in attaining this use variance we will continue to have a garden. We just won't be selling *publicly at our home*. Regardless we will keep a residential look in our two front yards. Feel free to come and tell us if there are any problems.

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