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VIA EMAIL

Public Safety Committee
Municipality of Skagway
Skagway, AK 99840

ATT: Steve Burnham, Jr., Clerk

Re: Parking zone change request for 5th Avenue South

To: Deb Potter-Chair; Dan Henry and Orion Hansen, Members

We are petitioning the Committee for a change in the Parking Zone designation for the south side of 5th Avenue from 2-hour parking to 20-minute parking. I note that in the original Resolution (No. 17-22R) the plan for the south side of 5th Avenue was for 20-minute parking: "g. South side of 5th Avenue commencing from the corner of State Street and continuing east for 230 feet ending 70 feet from the corner of Broadway – 20 minute parking." (P. 3)

We have found that local residents who regularly shop at Grizzly's General during the summer are having difficulty finding a parking spot close by where they can run into the store and pick up the items they need. This was not as much of a problem in years past when we operated that space as the Broadway Video/Radioshack store. However, since we have converted the store to a convenience store that carries groceries, sundries, and other products we have found that the demand for short-term parking has increased many fold. Most of the parking spots on both the north and south sides of 5th Avenue during the visitor season are taken by people who do not move their vehicles often enough to make short-term parking available for the Grizzly's store. We also have seen that the 20 minute parking on Broadway in the vicinity of 5th Avenue has also exacerbated the situation by having more people park on 5th Avenue who need to shop for longer on Broadway. This is especially true in the summer when there is a long wait to get an ice cream cone at the Kone Kompany. I believe other businesses on 5th Avenue share my concerns.

I would be happy to discuss this further, or to answer any questions you have. My email is [REDACTED], or my cellphone is [REDACTED].

Very truly yours,

/s/

Karla Ray
Owner