

Ken Parsons statement to Supervisors 2-17-16+

Related to the RV issues in Pinal County I would like to focus on the **“complainers”**.

I requested and obtained the 2014 list of all complaints from Code Enforcement. After focusing on this complaint log, a few things became apparent.

Some of the complaints were very legitimate. Examples would be “occupied trailer on lot with debris”, “trailer using 50 gallon barrel for septic”, “occupied RV and property a mess and pulling down land values.” All current ordinance violations.

However, the majority of the 72 active complaints or those noted for the county’s follow-up action stated **“too many residences on property”** I could not find any description of RV as **Residences or Residences as RV**. The complaints did not identify ANY other violation like sewer leakage, vision obscured, or debris. We know that over half of these complaints regard properties that are neat, clean, no debris, no TRUE safety or health issues. The property is being used for pleasure with visiting friends during a part-year period. I submit that we must stop to assess the reason someone would drive streets like in the Thunderbird Farms area or Arizona City looking for violations. I see that one individual submitted 20+ complaints in one day in Thunderbird Farms. It would seem that complainer is driving by and not an immediate neighbor who is truly impacted by the complaint. Actually I was told that a man at the Commission

hearing bragged he drove 8 miles to seek out violations. What is wrong with this picture?

I personally met with two of my complainers. Neither one lived in sight of my residence and up to a mile away. Their words to me were shocking. 1) They didn't like to look at an RV anywhere either occupied or stored. 2) They didn't like Canadians buying and owning property in Pinal County. This discrimination is appalling and should not be tolerated.

I believe that Pinal County Planning Department, in an endeavor to stop these complaints, attempted to identify some law that could be interpreted to eliminate RV Guest Housing Issues. Of great concern to us...Pinal County Planning is choosing to use Arizona Administrative Code Title 9, Chapter 8, Article 5 (two or more trailer coaches make a trailer coach park) to encourage Canadians and other families with RV's to SELL their property here and not return. Planner Steve Abraham pointed to that Article 5 indicating the wording of "other" to encompass recreation vehicles. It should be noted that in the description of vehicles in the preamble of Article 5, the description does not mention recreational vehicles. We would encourage the supervisors themselves to look at this article and see for yourselves if using the word "other" is not an over-reach of the intent. Please know that our Citizen's Committee is referring this issue to Governor Ducey's Office for their comment.

It is up to you, the Supervisors, to look for the TRUTH. Are unincorporated areas of Pinal County better off by allowing short term guest housing in RVs? If one were to drive thru areas like

Arizona City or Thunderbird Farms you would see properties with RVs are neat, clean, orderly and not health or safety risks. Many are neater appearing than their neighbors. There are thousands of Code Violations in Pinal County that could bring attention. Why are good citizens harassed? We feel that time and money is being wasted for someone's personal agenda.