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Dear Business Owner,

The City of Bainbridge Island Planning and Community Development Department invites you to continue our conversation regarding the best path forward for future development of the Business/Industrial (B/I) areas on Bainbridge Island.

On Wednesday, September 20, we will be hosting a work session in the City Hall Council Chambers from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. to delve deeper into some important questions that will help shape our Business/Industrial areas. During the meeting, participants will be asked to break out into workgroups by Business/Industrial area (e.g. Day Road, Sportsman Club, New Brooklyn) and address five questions from the perspective of their geographic area. Additionally, there will be a separate working group for any Bainbridge Island businesses that consider themselves to be a “craft food and beverage” business. The Comprehensive Plan defines “craft food and beverage” as: “small-scale, locally-produced food and beverage products.”

Businesses participating in the workgroups divided by Business/Industrial area will be asked to discuss the following five questions:

1. Should the Business/Industrial (B/I) zone you are located in be reserved for businesses that don't require high foot traffic; OR should your zone allow uses that could thrive downtown, such as restaurants and retail?
2. Should office businesses such as accounting or healthcare be allowed in your Business/Industrial zone?
3. Should businesses that serve children (e.g. preschool, daycare, ballet classes or martial arts) be allowed in your B/I zone?
4. Are there businesses that are not currently allowed, that should be allowed in your Business/Industrial zone?
5. How can the City support business development in your Business/Industrial zone?

The Craft Food and Beverage workgroup will be focused on answering these four questions:

1. Should craft food and beverage businesses be allowed in all commercial zones including Business/Industrial, Downtown, Lynwood Center, Island Center and Rolling Bay?
2. If craft food and beverage businesses are allowed in a variety of zones, should they be regulated differently in different zones?
3. Should complimentary food service be allowed in craft food and beverage businesses that are currently located in the B/I zone?
4. How can the City support craft food and beverage business development on Bainbridge Island?

We look forward to your participation in this upcoming meeting. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to submit your responses to the questions in this letter so that they can be shared with the appropriate working group(s). Comments and questions can be emailed to Jennifer Sutton, Senior Planner, at jsutton@bainbridgewa.gov.

Thank you,



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