

April 30, 2019

To: Franklin City Zoning Board

From: Chuck and Nancy Wenning  
510 N. Main St., Franklin, IN

Re: Development of property located at 405 N. Water Street, Franklin, IN

Please be advised that as homeowners living in the area of the property located at 405 N. Water St., Franklin, IN, we are opposed to the development of a storage business at this location.

- Why does there need to be a prison like fence around the property? If the owners feel the fence is necessary because it may attract thieves, vagrants, and /or vandalism, then as residents, we don't want a business in our neighborhood that would attract these types of people.
- This area is not only a residential area; it is a registered historical district of Franklin. A security fence is not complimentary to the neighborhood and homes in this area. We feel that it will decrease the value of our property.
- We have learned that this area would be used to store large vehicles such as motor homes, boats, trailers, etc. Would you like to look out your window and see something like this near your home?
- In recent years, there has been revitalization to the area. Allowing a business like this would make the neighborhood look trashy. This business is in complete contrast to the revitalization and beautification that has been taking place in our city.
- We are concerned about security lighting flooding the area. Lighting like this would shine into neighbors' windows. This could make it hard to sleep, watch TV, etc. No one wants that every day of the year for 24 hours a day.
- Martin Place is a beautiful historical street. Imagine turning onto the street and the first thing you see is a prison like barbed wire fence and a bunch of RVs, boats, trailers, etc. right in front of you. Wouldn't it be better to see a pretty green area with trees, flowers and walkways like a park setting?

This area is visible from our home and we do not want to see other people's things that they don't have room for at their own homes. Putting it in our back yards is not the answer. Businesses like this need to be in a more commercial area, not in an area where there are parks and homes.

We hope you will deny the request for this development in our neighborhood.