

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Johnson, Kathy  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** 'Cathy Hudson'; CouncilMail  
**Cc:** 'Howie Feaga'; 'Lynn Moore'; 'Keith Ohlinger'; 'Georgia Eacker'; 'Barb & Ted Schmeckpeper'  
**Subject:** RE: CB 78 has a major problem

Just a heads up. Councilperson Sigaty is trying to set up a meeting either Wednesday or Thursday with some of us to discuss CB78

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**Cc:** 'Howie Feaga' <howie@merryacresfarm.com>; 'Lynn Moore' <lynnpmoore@verizon.net>; 'Keith Ohlinger' <kohlinger05@verizon.net>; 'Georgia Eacker' <geacker@umd.edu>; 'Barb & Ted Schmeckpeper' <holliebjs@gmail.com>; Johnson, Kathy <kljohnson@hceda.org>  
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I would request that the additional words (WOOD CHIPS OR HOGGED MATERIAL, INCLUDING NATURAL WOOD WASTE) not be added. I don't think that it solves any problems and it certainly creates many more.

Thank you for all your hard work on this.

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3 flammable nature which creates or tends to create a fire hazard endangering life or property or 4 which may interfere with emergency operations or endanger fire service personnel.

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Definition from CB-60

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Thank You Cathy, you have made some really good points. HOWIE

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