

My name is Cory Hallett and I would like to take a moment of your time to discuss the proposed zoning change for gyms and activity centres in Regina.

As I understand it this change would push all new, expanded or rebuilt organizations to residential areas within the city.

While I understand that this may be done in the interest of becoming more accessible, I believe that it will have the opposite effect.

My son Fisher attends Spirit of the Dragon Martial Arts School located at 1210 Lorne St. It is a great school and has been developing students and giving back to the community for nearly 25 years. They are a highly regarded school in the province and have students from all over Regina that attend. Moving to any of the residential areas will be likely less convenient for many of our current and future families.

I know that organizations that are currently in operation will be grandfathered in to their current space but if they need to make any changes such as expansion or rebuild due to fire they would have to relocate because of these new zoning rules.

I expect that finding available space with the proper attributes (ex. facility size, high ceilings and ample parking) would be quite difficult and probably cause significant financial strain to the school. This would cause operating costs to increase and drive individual fees up, further impacting access to these programs for all.

Please consider this in your discussions of the proposed change.

Sincerely,

Fisher's dad Cory

Cory Hallett