

COMMENTS on the ALNA DRAFT MINING ORDINANCE dated 8/4/25 by S. Graham

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My comments follow and reference the draft text by Steve Graham.

### **Summary of Committee Consensus**

Last paragraph, last sentence... "while permitting existing operations to continue largely unchanged." That is not the way I recall it. I thought there was substantial support for tightening up the existing regulations.

### **Proposed Starting Point**

I support the pathway [b] but think the final phrase... "operate under the status quo." Needs clarification and needs to be clear that existing operations are subject to these proposed rules and regulations.

### **Article I, Section 2. Purpose**

Paragraph 3. "...ensure a fiscal base for public services." What is that about? The Town has a very generous tax assessing policy towards the one commercial mining operation in Town. It produces only \$2,938 in tax revenue.

Paragraph 4. Gratuitous; remove it.

### **Article I, Section 3, Findings**

This is excellent.

### **Article II, Section 2, Administration**

Shouldn't the CEO duties be defined here?

### **Article III, Section 1, Threshold Criteria**

Paragraph 2. Change to read ...Any **existing** quarry or any **existing** mining operation...

Paragraph 4. This paragraph seems to conflict with paragraph #1.

### **Article III, Section 2, Applicant Categories**

Paragraph B. Last word. Define expand. Is it horizontally, vertically, or hauling more material from the mine?

### **Article V, Exempt Activities**

Paragraph 2. Non-commercial activities. Define. What are these?

Paragraph 4. On the owner's site where the soil, gravel, or rock comes from. Not the owner's remote property.

## **Article VII, Performance Standards**

### **Paragraph E. Noise**

The workday noise limit in a residential area is set at 75 dB[A]. Can you provide a real world practical equivalent? Is

it equal to, say, a window AC unit?

### **Paragraph G. Secured Vehicles**

Please expand this to require wetting and covering the load.