

# Do you shop at GreenLife?



Does any of this look “screened by landscaping”?



A view from my house.

GreenLife has chosen to disregard the UDO (e.g. law) and be a bad neighbor by:

- \* Locating their loading dock and dumpsters on a residential street despite having other commercial streets options.
- \* Removing parking spaces on Maxwell St. to allow 70' trucks to maneuver and park.
- \* Sometimes 16 trucks per day and up to 70 feet long to come up and down Maxwell St, often before 6 am.
- \* Trucks park on the sidewalk, blocking traffic, and unloading on the street, turning a residential street into a loading alley.
- \* Parking trucks on the street which grossly exceed the maximum length and weight allowed.
- \* Not properly soundproofing / locating the refrigeration units on their roof disturbs the peace of the homes.
- \* Making driveways 2x as wide as allowed without seeking a variance at a public hearing.
- \* Blocking sight triangles with trucks and fences which cause a hazard to drivers and pedestrians.
- \* Using the landscape buffer area for parking trucks, storing dumpsters, piling mounds of trash bags.
- \* Putting up an ugly fence too close to the street and without the required landscaping in front.
- \* All of this was approved administratively, without a public hearing or public notice.
- \* Their whole loading area just doesn't fit.

Dear Asheville resident:

As a resident of Asheville, we are well aware of the constant struggle within our neighborhoods to clean them up and make them the best place to live for our families and our neighbors. Many times we have public struggles to get the best design for our communities and better the overall character of our neighborhood. Often times designs are brought in that compromise the quality of what we ask for in our City. We attend public meetings and we ask the best of our City leaders. Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose. We all share the value of expecting the best of our government, we deserve no less.

I appeal to everyone that this flyer reaches to look into my situation on Maxwell Street and see what my neighbors and I have had to live with since GreenLife opened. If you shop at GreenLife, take the time to look at how this business has treated our neighborhood. Look at the loading bay and ask yourself if this is better than the 20 foot wide landscaping that is required by Code. They have effectively turned our residential street into a loading alley. I have exhausted a tremendous amount of time and resources bringing these issues to the City's attention only to have my hearings dismissed and be told that everything is OK. Can anyone of you imagine having 70 foot long tractor trailers in front of your house 7 days a week? The landscaping was removed and the loading bay was installed and somehow this is an 'improvement'. There was no public hearing to do this and no public hearing to approve this design. It was approved by City Staff even though there exist zoning code to state the design should be otherwise. **This Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first public presentation on this project before City Council since GreenLife opened over a year ago.** I ask for your support as a resident to attend this meeting as a show of support for my neighborhood and to underscore what we as citizens expect from our government for accountability, a fair public process and customer service. For more information see [www.ourasheville.org](http://www.ourasheville.org)

Sincerely,  
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