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Good afternoon!

I am not sure who to go to with my questions/concerns about the proposed air regulation changes. For the record, I did live in Missoula in the early 1980's when the air could at times best be described as horrific during stage 2 & 3 alerts. I am now and have been a long time resident of Potomac outside of the proposed M zone.

Perhaps you could answer/address my questions or concerns, if not, could you please advise me who to go to? In order to understand better:

1) Can provide the science or direct me to it which conclusively provides evidence that *wood smoke specifically from fireplaces or woodstoves* in the Potomac Valley has (key word "has", not "may" or "the potential to") had a negative impact on the air stagnation zone in Missoula?

2) If the permit system gets enacted. What would the cost be? Would this be a one-time or annual fee?

3) What would the violation fines be?

Three years or so ago, I built a new home here in Potomac. I installed a "Tulikivi" masonry woodburning stove as the primary source of heat and we bake with it a lot. It was an expensive part of the building project, but I included it based on a long-range return. It is a central part of this house. Another critical factor for choosing this unit is that it is very efficient & clean-burning. As I understand it, under the proposed new regulations, this unit in this house *could be* "grandfathered in."

4) That said, if something happened to me or my wife (we're just working class) and one of us had to sell would the next owner also be grandfathered in?

5) If there is a possibility of NO for #4, would the next owner get some form of property tax relief considering the substantial expense of the unit & increased heating costs for not being able to use it?

Thank you!

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