

August 13, 2020

City of John Day  
450 East Main St.  
John Day, OR 97845

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter to express my support of a local small business owner in John Day, specifically Ashley Stevick of "Ashley Stevick Yoga."

In the spirit of supporting small businesses and "shopping local" it's more important than ever to support the livelihood of those who have chosen to live in our towns, buy homes, pay taxes, and contribute to the mental and physical well-being of their community.

When businesses were shut down due to COVID Ashley worked diligently to continue to offer her classes to her clients and community. We were able to attend classes via live Zoom meetings and online recorded videos. As we all have encountered during this time, it's challenging but Ashley did a great job creating and accommodating the needs of her customers.

For these reasons I just want to say how important I feel her practice is to all of us who make the John Day Valley our home. Please support Ashley as she supports us by approving her Home Occupation Application.

Thank you,

Donna Becker

**From:** [Jessibru@yahoo.com](mailto:Jessibru@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Daisy Goebel](#)  
**Cc:** [City of John Day](#)  
**Subject:** Home occupation permit application -Ashley Stevick  
**Date:** Saturday, August 8, 2020 7:37:55 AM

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Hello, I am writing in favor of you granting Ashley Stevick a home occupation permit for her yoga studio and classes. I and my 8-year-old daughter attend her classes regularly but haven't been able to for several months due to COVID. Allowing Ms.Stevick to hold classes outdoors at her home is a great way to keep small businesses open during the coronavirus pandemic. We would be able to safely attend her classes while maintaining social distance in the outdoors, thus increasing our safety during fitness routines.

Yoga is a quiet, peaceful activity that creates far less disturbance than a backyard barbecue and less even than mowing your lawn. Typically about 6 people attend a class, so excessive traffic and parking isn't an issue (and some of us bike to yoga). Granting this permit is an excellent and simple way to support a local, woman-owned small business during a global pandemic.

Thank you,  
Jessi Brunson  
John Day resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kati Dunn](#)  
**To:** [Daisy Goebel](#)  
**Cc:** [City of John Day](#)  
**Subject:** Ashley Stevick Yoga outdoor permit  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:23:21 PM

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Good afternoon,

I write to express my support of Ashley Stevick gaining permission to teach yoga in her yard.

1- yoga is a healing practice. it helps so many of us during this hard time

2- Ashley is an incredible asset to our community. I want her to stay here in Grant County.

She brings something very special to this community, and if we lose her, we are losing a draw, we're losing a professional who makes it more liveable - we don't have to go to Bend to do yoga. Ashley is in a very difficult economic spot due to COVID as are many. But if you'd permit her yard practice, it would ameliorate the problem

3- it is safe. Being outdoors and 10 or more feet away from each other but still together - it feels wonderful to gather outdoors. These are lonely times

4- It does not need to bother the neighbors. Ashley's classes are calm, quiet and early in the day and evening. her voice is not amplified.

Please allow her to do this.

There are so many good reasons to allow it, and no downside.

I thank you greatly for your consideration.

Kati Dunn  
Prairie City

**From:** [Rachael Vaughn](#)  
**To:** [Daisy Goebel](#)  
**Cc:** [City of John Day](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Ashley Stevick  
**Date:** Saturday, August 8, 2020 5:23:22 PM

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To whome it may concern,

This letter is being written to request that the City of John Day please provide the Home Occupation permit for Ashley Stevick to provide yoga classes from her backyard to members of the community of John Day. I believe in the valuable service Ashley is providing to this community. She not only provides a range of yoga classes for a wide range of abilities, she also provides a tool for each of us to strengthen our bodies and to releive stress and anxiety. This is something intensely needed in this community during these difficult times.

Though she has been offering online classes, I have been unable to attend due to a lack if space for the activity in my own home. During a time when it is safer to be outdoors and socially distanced, an outdoor venue is an excellent alternative for her to continue this service.

We could all benefit from this important practice in our lives. Please consider providing this permit to Ashley.

Thank you for your consideration of her application.

Sincerely,  
Rachael Vaughn  
522 SE Hillcrest Rd, John Day, OR 97845

**From:** [Amy Charette](#)  
**To:** [Daisy Goebel](#)  
**Cc:** [City of John Day](#)  
**Subject:** Ashley Stevick Yoga  
**Date:** Saturday, August 8, 2020 8:11:22 AM

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I am writing in support of Ashley Stevick Yoga's home occupation permit application. I feel it is beneficial to allow her to teach outdoor fitness in her backyard. It is challenging times right now and safe access to exercise is important. Her classes add value to the community and I appreciate her efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Charette

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