

To : Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: 436 Third St

Parcel ID:09-09-29-312-012

Appeal:ZBA14-013

11-9-14

I am a neighbor whose back yard borders this property. I am concerned about altering the structure to make residential units. Although the number of units on the property remains the same (4), this additional 3600 square feet can accommodate more people than the present set up.

While the current owners have good intentions to control the number of tenants, once approved, this could change in the future.

Change in this neighborhood with replacement of homes with apartment buildings in the 60's is what promoted the development of this historic district. This neighborhood is heavily impacted by rental property, with more than half the properties occupied by multiple families (even when owner occupied). It is difficult for those in single family homes to have a "neighborhood" with this volume of rental property and frequent turn over of residents.

The additional parking spaces will stress one of the most heavily parked blocks in the old west side. It is often difficult to find a place on this street now, but the additional parking spaces will put more strain on available parking for everyone, especially those with no off street parking. There is a business on the corner and three large apartment buildings on this same block. We are also a parking site for those working and shopping downtown. Because of this, we have resorted to sticker permits, requiring residents to pay to park on their own street. It is almost impossible to find parking on this street as it is now.

I am concerned about the increase in number of tenants on this block that would be permitted.

Thank you

Karen Wallis

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