



Zoning Meeting January 28, 2015

To Zoning Board:

As a small business owner in this community since 1978 I am recommending that you pass the requested zoning change to use 438 Third Street as a duplex rather than a small business. I feel like this would be a win-win for everyone. The overall traffic and noise in the Old West Side would be reduced from existing levels. Here is a brief summary of the carpentry business in the last 10 years.

1. Average number of employees varied between 5 -10 people, more in the 80's.
2. Average number of vehicle's parked to get to work: 5 – 10.
3. Average number of business vehicles left at shop overnight: 3
4. Commercial vehicles used for business: Two vans, Ford F-550 diesel truck, diesel dump truck, Chevy S-10, 24' and 26' trailers for hauling heavy equipment.
5. Business traffic such as sub-contractors, clients, etc. coming during the day to the shop.
6. Noise from work tools/equipment being used in the shop or yard.

I feel that approving the zoning request would be an improvement in the neighborhood by reducing foot and vehicle traffic as well as the noise created from a business. In addition, a duplex fits into the character of the neighborhood better than a business.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

John F. Stafford