The City of Burleson Texas
Zoning & Site Planning
Burleson, Texas

July 1, 2024

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ila Perkins. I live at 619 NW Renfro in Burleson. I have lived in this home and at this residence since 1974, 50 years at this same address. I am now 87 years old. 50 years ago, our home was the only residence on the west side of this block. It was zoned Residential single family/duplex or small business at that time.

While trying to refinance my mortgage in June 2024, I learned that my residence is no longer zoned as Residential, but General Retail. I had no knowledge of a change to the zoning until this time. My husband passed away in Feb. 2011, so I cannot ask him about it. I have refinanced my home at least 2 times in the previous 20 years, and no one at the City, or any banks or mortgage companies or my husband (when he was alive) have advised me of any zoning change. I am now unable to complete the current refinance with FHA with current zoning of General Retail, which make me ineligible for a new loan with FHA unless I can get my home's zone changed back to "Residential".

I live on a very minimal fixed income. Since 2020, with increased cost of food, necessities, utilities, medical expenses, etc. my cash outlay has increased almost 50% more monthly. I've had to use credit cards to pay for some of these increased costs or go without. I don't have enough income to cover these increases any longer. I now need to rely on cash from my homes equity to pay off these credit cards, pay cash for monthly bills and reduce my expenses overall.

I respectfully ask that the City decision makers vote in favor of this exception of my home zone changed back to "Residential" in order for me to finalize my loan and complete this business.

Thank you, Persen

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P.S. - My home address was 617 NW Renfro until 2016, when then the address was changed by the City Fire Department request to 619 NW Renfro due to me selling one of my lot's next door and a new duplex was built on it by the new lot owner. .