

July 16, 2024

Dear Columbia Heights City Council,

Hello we are [REDACTED] We are requesting that the City Council grant a rental license exception to the property located at 4302 2nd Street N.E., Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

Our parents, [REDACTED] purchased this property as their retirement home in 2005. They loved this home and they loved this neighborhood. Our Mother passed away on January 19th of 2020 and our Dad passed away on December 21, 2023, at age 92. The property was left to us. We are updating the home with fresh paint on the interior, a new furnace and air conditioner (to be installed in the next 45 days), updated trim, new carpeting, some exterior updates and some new electrical. We would like to rent this property for a few years starting this fall or winter to give us time to potentially sell to one of our 2 sets of daughters or possibly even a granddaughter or grandson. There is also the possibility that one of us may decide to retain the property.

Three of our four girls have college degrees and the fourth is studying for her public adjusters license. We have met with many of the neighbors to this property over the course of several years while caring for our parents. Some are renters, some own their homes. This community has been wonderful to our family and we would like to share and keep that strong neighborhood community alive. We feel it is a safe and caring environment.

We have a vested interest in updating and upkeep of the home and look forward to working with the City of Columbia Heights to meet any requirements, updates or safety needs to be a viable rental home in the community.

We thank you for your consideration.

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