

Dear Community Development Department,

I would like to request a zoning change on 204 3rd St SE Oelwein, IA. It is currently zoned commercial but has been a single family residence since 1942. Due to Federal Banking regulations, commercial zoning of single family homes in areas that are adjacent to residential zones can prevent buyers from getting mortgages, which negatively affects property values and ultimately tax revenue for cities, schools and counties.

Due to a pending sale to a family wanting to grow here in Oelwein, we would greatly appreciate it if the Planning & Zoning committee would be willing to move as quickly as possible on this and consider waiving the hearings. We understand this may not be the typical protocol, but we also know that housing availability nationwide has led to a significant increase in zoning reconsiderations.

Thank you,

Drew Suckow