

Overview of request

I have always liked the house built by one of my professors at SDSU and completed the year I moved to Brookings in 1966. He told us during class that he built an efficiency apartment above the garage as his mother was going to live with him. I suppose the "owner occupied" was then of no consequence to him.

Subsequent modifications of the conditional use did nothing more than to transfer that requirement to the new owner(s).

My son Jeff purchased the house in 2003 while he was working for us at Central Business Supply and later at ITC. His son and family also lived there for some time while they were living in Brookings. Since that time both have moved but continue to own the property. The "owner occupied" is now a consequence as his mother is not going to live there because for the last 55 years she has lived with me.

I don't know why this was added to the conditional use of the property then but the composition of the neighborhood has certainly changed in the last 50 years. The west half of the block is occupied by Park Place apartments and the area surrounding the house have several multiple rental units.

Additionally, the city 72- hour parking lot is less than 1 block away when necessary for snow removal days. There have never been issues with tenants causing any problems. We also have a supervising tenant who has been living there for the last several owners and is a good friend who keeps Jeff and us in touch with the property.

All three apartments have been inspected for rentals and brought into compliance with city code by adding egress windows in all bedrooms. We have also made some non-mandated improvements to the property.

We are asking that the condition of "owner occupied" be removed from this property so it may be fully utilized as the others in the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Rogers