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Hello! I have been living in my house since 2001 and specifically bought the house anticipating it would get zoned commercial to provide for my retirement. I have been a independent plumber for 30 years and I am now 65 years old.

I am also a homebrewer and have made my basement into a gathering place for friends and beer geeks 4 nights a week. My place, officially called "Dean's Scene", has become quite famous in the beer world. It has been featured on a international beer show, I have brewed with the commercial brewery across the street (Alameda Brewery) for a beer event and been written up in Willamette Week's Beer guide and bar guide all because of the unique nature of my gathering place.

I remodeled the back of my house and basement in 2007 to accomodate my friends and the project was totally permitted and approved by the city of Portland. Both the police and liquor commision have checked me out and approved of what I'm doing. So the logical next step would be to go commercial and open a real pub. I have plans turning commercial or not to enlarge my basement to provide access with a ADA ramp and a street entrance to enlarge my gathering place. I intend to build this basement addition completely to commercial code.

My neighbors are fine with my situation as by 10PM nobody goes outside to hang out and we close all windows. I have been to PSC meetings in the past year to plead my case and will be at Tuesday meeting. The building next to my house was grand fathered in as commercial and I know that my house and house on the corner we're originally planned to go commercial on your new plan.

Please, I need to retire and have no other options to make a living. I have doing this now for 15 years and with such positive publicity and fame for running the coolest and most comfortable gathering place I beg you to give me commercial zoning.

Yours truly Dean Pottle

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