

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Congregation Ahavath Achim, a Jewish synagogue located at 3225 SW Barbur Blvd. Members of the executive committee of the synagogue met a couple of weeks ago with Joan Frederiksen of the City of Portland, and she recommended we send this email to this email address.

We would like to request a zone change for our property from its current zone of residential, to commercial, as part of the new comprehensive plan your office is developing. That would be more in keeping with its actual use. Additionally, as it appears that some of the trail and other transportation initiatives being discussed may adversely impact the security of our continued use of our property as a synagogue, such a change would enhance our ability to sell our property to allow us to relocate to a more secure location. As you know, Jewish religious properties are under threat of attack due to extremists around the world.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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