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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 that 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 commission 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 grandfathered in as commercial and I know that my house and house on the corner were 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 been 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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## Wetland Landscapes: A Review

Urban wetlands are unique ecosystems that are often threatened by urban sprawl and development. These wetlands provide important ecological services such as flood control, water purification, and habitat for various species. However, they are also vulnerable to human activities like pollution, dredging, and habitat loss. This paper aims to review the current state of wetland landscapes in urban areas, their ecological importance, and the challenges they face. It also discusses potential solutions and best practices for conserving these valuable ecosystems.

### Introduction and Definition

A wetland landscape refers to a land area characterized by the presence of water, either surface or groundwater, which creates specific conditions that support distinct plant and animal communities. Wetlands can be natural or created through human intervention. They are often found in low-lying areas, along coastlines, and in flood-prone regions. The presence of water in these landscapes creates unique ecological conditions that support a variety of plant and animal life. Wetlands are often referred to as "the kidneys of the earth" due to their ability to filter pollutants from water and store carbon.

Urban wetlands are located in developed areas where natural habitats have been altered or destroyed. They are often created through human intervention, such as dredging, filling, and creating artificial ponds or lakes. These wetlands can be used for various purposes, such as recreation, agriculture, or as a source of water for urban areas.

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Conclusion and Future Outlook