

Beware setting a precedent (38)

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Another consideration has become apparent. The Council will be setting a precedent for petitioners to write their own exception to the ordinances, let alone the corner store. Anyone can use 1326 amendment to get in front of City Council. The most dangerous, Air B and B. Mr. Brew has two corner properties. He has the same law firm as Rij. Who's to stop Brew from making his own "cut and pastes" to the corner store ordinance once a precedent is made.

A no vote tells the public you cannot change an ordinance this way. If they set a precedent, suits of discrimination will follow. They will have to answer: why I chose this petitioner and not the other.

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