

July 9, 2017

City of Pensacola
Planning Services Dept.
P.O. Box 12910
Pensacola, FL 32521-0051

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to respond to the public notice I received, via mail, regarding the request to rezone 109 North "A" St. I understand a beauty salon would like to move into the neighborhood. I firmly oppose that notion.

This is a reasonably quiet residential neighborhood where retirees and working families live their lives with little outside interference.

The gas stations on Cervantes and Garden Streets respectively, with the family store on Jackson and A, are quite enough businesses in the area.

There is already an inordinate amount of traffic on "A" Street without having another business bring more. Not to mention the potential for other influences to come into the area.

I hope you will take my concerns into consideration before you make your decision. Thank you.

Betty Bishop

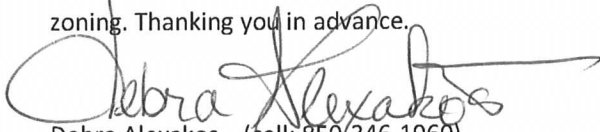
July 18, 2017

Our names are George & Debra Alexakos. We own our home located at 111 North "A" Street. Our next door neighbor, Strong Street Studio, 109 North "A" Street, a house and garage building in use as an art glass-blowing workshop factory, are requesting rezoning which is scheduled for discussion at the August 10th public hearing. My husband and I are both disabled and unable to attend the meeting. Please accept this correspondence on our behalf allowing us this opportunity to defend and express our concerns opposing that request. It is our belief that the current R2 zoning should remain in place without change.

At the present time the R2 zoning is allowing the use of hazardous flammable gasses which are apparently required for their glass-blowing workshop. I shudder to consider what other hazardous materials any new zoning, with even less restrictions, would introduce to our neighborhood not only now but in years to come as the property is sold and resold as it always occurs. My husband and I have come to accept the dangers involved with the glass-blowing industry since our purchase of the home in 2015. Our purchase was out of necessity due to its location across the street (see pics) from Southern Oaks Nursing Home (600 West Gregory Street). My health is declining and at times leaves me unable to care for my paralyzed, bed-ridden, stroke patient husband who is 100% dependent on me for all aspects of his care. My hospitalizations are sudden at which time I must acquire immediate care for my husband while I am incapacitated and/ or recovering. Buying this home with its location and the existing zoning restrictions is a win/win situation for us. Simply put, my husband and I are just not healthy enough to even consider exposure to additional dangers or hazards i.e., , fumes, chemicals, engines running, diesel, additional flammables or gasses, outdoor paging system, bright lights, annoyances, obnoxious odors, etc., anything that any new zoning could potentially allow or introduce. None of which any of the proprietors of the Strong Street Studio, 109 North A Street, would want or even consider allowing next to their East Hill family residence.

While this neighborhood does not presently have the esthetic appeal of our East Hill neighbors, it certainly has enormous potential and contains some very old homes with interesting history. Just like East Hill, this is also an old neighborhood which deserves more than just being a foot-note in Pensacola's history simply because commercialization destroyed its charm. Our home was built in 1929 and in 12 short years, will be 100 years old (see pics). It would be ashamed to see it in 20 years with a historical marker planted in the front yard explaining the location history yet the only remnants of the home was now an engine repair or welding shop.

While I can't boast of having family employed with the City of Pensacola, or those serving as property realtors, property investors or property managers, in short, I lack the community clout considered helpful when trying to present and/or defend such issues within city (or any) government. Therefore, I humbly and respectfully ask this board to make the right decision and NOT grant any zoning changes to 109 North A Street. I believe we need to trust in the wisdom and judgment that our wise city forefathers expressed when they established the current zoning. Thanking you in advance.



Debra Alexakos (cell: 850/346-1960)

111 North A Street

Pensacola, Florida 32502







TAKEN in front of my house looking At A & Garden St red light

NORTH A ST. →

109 N. "A" ST. →

111 N. "A" ST. →



109 North A ST.

111 North A Street





109' North
A Street
Side of
building
with shower

My backyard
Yard and swing to
111 North 'A' St.



TAKEN ON
my porch
111 N.'A' St.

600 W. Gregory St.
Southern
OAKS Nursing
Home

Garden St.
red light



← North A'ist →

Just thought I would point out
how beautiful our newly paved
road looks. It makes citizens take
pride in their homes when they see the
city cars