Agenda Item 24-1567 (Lewis Kuhlman)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Special Multiple Dwelling District, allowing for low-density residential housing at 818 Vine Street.

General Location

Aldermanic District 9, Downtown Neighborhood, on the southwest corner of Vine St. and 9th St. N., as depicted in Map 24-1567. Adjacent uses include single-unit and multi-unit residential and an office.

Background Information

The primary building appears to have two distinct parts—a two-story structure that was likely historically used as a neighborhood commercial building, and a single-story addition that appears residential in nature. The applicant states the addition has always been residential. Since it is zoned C1 and has not been used as a residence for over 12 months, it lost its legally nonconforming status. The number of units is unclear from the application, but it appears that it would be converted to 3-4 total units. The applicant intends to improve the property and general appearance. R-6 would allow up to 21 units on a lot this size.

Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions

None.

Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan

The Future Land Use Map indicates that Low-Density is acceptable for the Downtown Neighborhood; Medium-Density Residential is desirable when it fits the scale and character of surrounding housing types. There is also a need to increase affordable housing, and a desire for smaller-format commercial uses.

Staff Recommendation

Approval—the desired rezoning would be consistent with past residential use and desired future land use, while reusing an existing building.

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BASIC ZONING DISTRICTS

R1 - SINGLE FAMILY

R2 - RESIDENCE

WR - WASHBURN RES

R3 - SPECIAL RESIDENCE

R4 - LOW DENSITY MULTI

R5 - MULTIPLE DWELLING

R6 - SPECIAL MULTIPLE

PD- PLANNED DEVELOP

TND - TRAD NEIGH DEV.

C1 - LOCAL BUSINESS

C2 - COMMERCIAL

C3 - COMMUNITY BUSINESS

M1 - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

M2 - HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

PS - PUBLIC & SEMI-PUBLIC

PL - PARKING LOT

UT - PUBLIC UTILITY

CON - CONSERVANCY

FW - FLOODWAY

A1 - AGRICULTURAL

EA - EXCLUSIVE AG

City Limits

SUBJECT PROPERTY



40 80 160 Feet

