

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: January 11, 2019
Re: Rezoning request for 117 E. Harris Street

The City of Charlotte has received a request to consider rezoning the parcel of property at 117 E. Harris from OS-1 Office Service District to B-1 Local Business District. This request comes from a potential purchaser of the building, now a small church, who would like to use it as a retail shop.

The potential buyer has a purchase agreement for the site, pending the approval of this rezoning action. He would like to create a retail space for crafts and artisan products similar to an existing shop he owns in Portland, MI.

This property has been for sale for a long time and is not attracting any interest for uses currently allowed in OS-1. Furthermore, the City Council and Planning Commission recently took identical action for a neighboring property in this block, to specifically allow for retail use in this area.

I am recommending the City Council approve the first reading of the attached resolution, to allow for a public hearing and recommendation from the Planning Commission on this issue.