To whom it may concern,

My name is Heather (Hae-kyung) Shin, and I am the owner of the building 157 Scott Street Winnipeg Manitoba.

This building has two floors, E-mart, a commercial retail store on the first floor, and a residential living space on the second floor. On August 15th, 2021, the building had caught on fire due to an arson causing a total loss in property damage, injuries to my nephew, and the death of my 60-year-old sister-in-law. This event has shattered our families and has left us feeling hopeless and broken.

It is to my knowledge that this store had been running for as long as 50 years. And before passing the business to my extended family, me and my family had been running E-mart for 5 years from 2014 to 2019. If the circumstances were different, I would not be standing where I am right now. Nonetheless, I am very grateful to have been a part of the community and to be able to provide a service to families who loved to come to our store. We really enjoyed talking to each customer as if they were neighbors or even family. I always felt safe in our community, and I loved everyone in it.

After the building was burned down, I felt that the entire community had been affected, and not only was my family in mourning, but the entire neighborhood as well. Hundreds of people gathered around 157 Scott street and left flowers, candles, painted portraits, and letters. Afterword we even did a candle walk around Osbourne village in memories of my sister-in-law. This was not organized by our families at all but was all orchestrated by the community members themselves. Therefore, I believe that E-mart had a strong impact on the community and that they too are waiting patiently for the store to re-open.

Understanding how meaningful this was to the community really helped me understand how significant our store was to them. During the pandemic, E-mart provided a safe alternative place for people to get essentials during their hard times. And not only did it provide essentials to a wide variety of people, but it also provided a service to the elderly who did not have access to transit or commute to farther grocery stores for their living needs. Especially during the Winnipeg winters, going to a farther store is just not a viable option for them. We have numerous of elderly citizens that walk from their homes, and we have always helped them get in and out of the store by hand.

I also strongly believe that the store had positive impacts on our city economy. Although we may not be a large chain department store, we still were successful to the point where employees were needed to run the store to a certain efficiency. By having the retail business available at this property, we were able to contribute to making more jobs available for our city.

Now, moving on to why I am here talking to you, the process of rebuilding has been extremely difficult. Upon applying to rebuild, the city of Winnipeg declined our application with the

reasoning that a commercial property was not allowed to be built due to zoning restrictions. Up until the tragic event, I did not know that this property was a residential only zone. When I pay my property taxes, the taxes indicate and defines it as a mixed commercial zone. When I heard the reasons why the city of Winnipeg would not allow us to build a commercial property, I decided that there was nothing I could do but just build a residential building. However, sometime after, I was given grateful news that the city would love for us to build a commercial property. This made me extremely hopeful and happy, so I went ahead and spent the extra architectural fees, to re-design the building plans once again to commercial. If it was not for the zoning, the start schedule build date would have been April 1st, 2022, and the end date January 2023.

157 Scott Street is my only source of income, and having further delays directly affects me and my living situation. I am in a very financially vulnerable position and as time passes by, my situation becomes worse and worse.

As I stand here in front of you today, I sincerely ask you to let us build a commercial building and waive the zone transition fees of $20,242.67. This building has been grandfathered and has been there for more than 50+ years serving the Osbourne village neighborhood. Please from the bottom of my heart and with the best interest in mind for the community, please waive this fee for us so that me and my nephew can move forward with our lives.

I hope that I have expressed enough and reached you all into understanding what situation my family is in.

Thank you so much for hearing me out again, and I deeply appreciate your time.

Hae-kyung Shin

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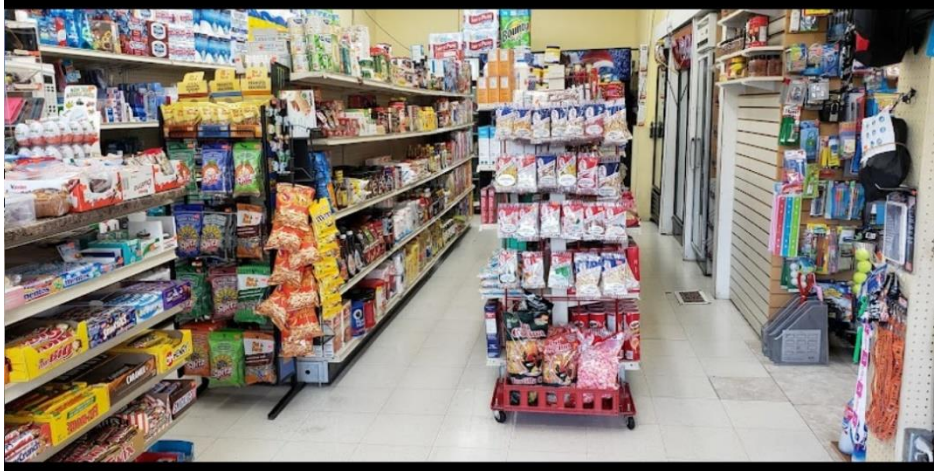
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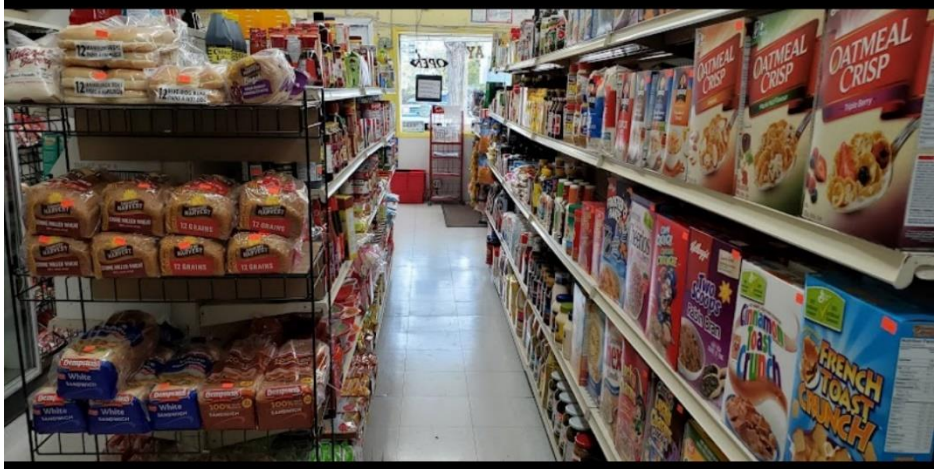
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★★★★★ a year ago

Great little store that I found on a little walk around Osborne Village. The guy working was so friendly and I even found a great pair of sunglasses here!!!! I will be coming back for sure, it's nice to have these cute tiny stores available in residential type areas around the city



Gagan P. Singh
Local Guide · 22 reviews · 6 photos

★★★★★ 2 years ago

This is the best grocery store in Osborne Village. Prices are on point compared to other stores in the area. They have good selection of frozen stuff, drinks, snacks and household items. During the recent shortage of bathroom tissue because … More

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Sadly it will be getting demolished likely.

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