Request for an Accessory Dwelling Unit at 429 North Paterson Street

We are requesting approval of an accessory dwelling unit at the location of our current home at 429 North Paterson Street. We have owned the house for over 2 and a half years and lived in the residence for 2 years. When we purchased the house, it did not have any off-street parking. We did go through the process of getting approval for a driveway and are now requesting approval to build a 2-car garage with and studio/1-bedroom space on the upper level.

Our backyard is rather unusual in that we have a dramatic hill in the back yard, and we are at the bottom of it. The houses behind us on Castle street are substantially higher than we are. The proposed building should not affect them much, it won't tower over their yards or block views. We have a substantial amount of erosion that is occurring to the point that one of the garages along the back of our lot on Castle is losing dirt under their garage foundation and it is washing down into our yard. The plan for the back of the garage is to create a support wall to control the erosion issue for all involved.

We are requesting the additional potential unit in our back yard to accommodate our aging parents and potential children as they move away and back home, however, we don't want to rule out the option of having long term rental in it in the future.

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