

Council Variance Application

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

Application No. CV23-023

Columbus City Code Section 3307.10 - Variances by City Council.

City council may grant the following zoning variances:

- A. Permit a variation in the yard, height or parking requirements of any district only in conjunction with a change in zoning or a use variance and only where there are unusual and practical difficulties in the carrying out of the zoning district provisions due to an irregular shape of lot, topography, or other conditions, providing such variance will not seriously affect any adjoining property or the general welfare.
- **B.** Permit a use of the property not permitted by the zoning district established on the property if such use will not adversely affect the surrounding property or surrounding neighborhood and if council is satisfied that the granting of such variance will alleviate some hardship or difficulty which warrants a variance from the comprehensive plan.

Before authorizing any variance from the Zoning Code in a specific case, city council shall first determine that such variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent property, unreasonably increase the congestion of public streets, increase the danger of fires, endanger the public safety, unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, or in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

In granting a variance pursuant to this section, council may impose such requirements and conditions regarding the location, character, duration, and other features of the variance proposal as council deems necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Zoning Code and to otherwise safeguard the public safety and welfare.

List all sections of Code to be varied and explain your reasoning as to why this request should be granted.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to identify all variances required for the project. If any necessary variances are not included, a new application (and applicable fees) will be required.

I have read the foregoing and believe my application for relief from the requirements of the Zoning Code contains the necessary hardship, will not adversely affect surrounding property owners, and will comply with the variance(s) requested as detailed below (use separate page if needed or desired):

See Exhibit B

Signature of Applicant David Housing Nethoric

Signature of Attorney David Mark Date 2/21/23

Date 2/21/23

Exhibit B Statement of Hardship CV23-023 3245 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43224

The 1.98 +/- acre site is part of PID: 010-005553, locate on the south side of Morse Road, 125' +/- west of Dunbridge Street. Rezoning application Z23-016 is pending to rezone the 1.98 +/- acres to AR-1, Apartment Residential for development of up to 60 dwelling dwellings. This variance application is submitted in conjunction with Z23-016 for variances as noted below. Applicant, Community Housing Network (CHN), owns and operates the adjacent apartment building to the west (PID: 010-204257). CHN will develop, own and operate the apartment building proposed with this application, but the parcels can't be combined due to financing. Since the site cannot be combined with the abutting parcel to the west, the development site does not have frontage on a public street.

Applicant operates over 1,200 housing units for disabled individuals and special populations. With decades of experience, CHN has found meeting the City's parking requirements is unnecessary because only a small percentage of residents own cars, as will be the case with this apartment building. Twenty (20) parking spaces are proposed for 60 dwelling units. The proposed parking is more than adequate based on decades of operating experience and recent CHN applications/developments supported by the City of Columbus. Very few of the residents will own cars. Public transportation is available on Morse Road. Based on the development's funding, CHN will be required to operate the building as special needs housing for at least 30 years. Providing full code required parking for a use that doesn't need it is a large unnecessary expense and unnecessarily increases storm water runoff and parking lot maintenance costs. Applicant requests a reduction in parking from 90 spaces for 60 dwelling units to 20 spaces. If less than 60 dwelling units are built, applicant may adjust provided parking at the same ratio as 20 spaces for 60 dwelling units.

Applicant has a hardship as well as a practical difficulty with compliance with the referenced code section. The request is not substantial in the context of the population to be served, the parking reduction will have no effect on the neighborhood and, in fact, will have a positive effect by reducing unused pavement and storm water runoff, and preserves the spirit and intent of the parking requirement by requiring/providing parking based on anticipated demand. Meeting the parking space requirement is simply a large unnecessary expense for parking that CHN has considerable experience in knowing actual parking demand will not require 90 parking spaces.

Applicant requests the following variance:

- 1). Section 3312.49(B), Minimum Numbers of Parking Spaces Required, to reduce parking from 90 spaces (1.5 space/DU) to 20 spaces for 60 dwelling units.
- 2). Section 3333.16, Fronting, to permit an apartment building without frontage on a public street.



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Standardized Recommendation Form

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Case Number	Z23-016 & CV23-023		
Address	3245 MORSE ROAD		
Group Name	NORTHEAST AREA COMMISSION		
Meeting Date	May 17, 2023		
Specify Case Type	☐ BZA Variance / ☐ Council Varian ☐ Rezoning		
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Recommendation (Check only one)	✓ Approval☐ Disapproval		
LIST BASIS FOR RECO Concerning Z23-016: Commission approved re		C-4 and AR-12 to AR-1, Apartment Residential.	
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Vote		6 yes, 0 no	
Signature of Authorize	ed Representative	Commissioner Elenora Moore	
Recommending Group	Title .	Northeast Area Commission	

Please **e-mail** this form to **the assigned planner within 48 hours of meeting day**; OR **FAX** to Zoning at (614) 645-2463; OR **MAIL** to: Zoning, City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, 111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

614-519-2195



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PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	AI	PPLICATION #:	CV23-	023

Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subjec	t of this application.			
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NOTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.				
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN				
Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) Donald Plank of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) Plank Law Firm, 411 East To	own Street, Floor 2, Columbus, OH 43215			
deposes and states that (he/she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR DI a list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities havi application in the following format:	ULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is			
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1. Western Insurance Co; 250 E 200 South, Ste1250, Salt Lake City, UT 84111; # Cols-based emps: Zero (0) Contact: Tina Zinkgraf, (509) 990-2007	2. Community Housing Network; 1680 Watermark Dr, Columbus, OH 43215, # Cols-based emps: 114 Contact: Laurie Sutherland, (614) 906-3418			
3.	4.			
Check here if listing additional parties on a separate page. SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this	of Debutar 2023			
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	My Commission Expires Notary Seal Here			
MaryAlice Wolf				

MaryAlice Wolf Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires October 24, 2023

fect Disclosure Statement expires six (6) months after date of notarization.