

CV23-010: Statement of Hardship for Council Variances at 5200 Winchester Pike, Strait and Lamp Lumber Plant (Existing parcel numbers - 535-307599 and 535-307600):

The applicant seeks rezoning approval for the properties located at 5200 Winchester Pike as they relate to both an existing lumber processing plant and a planned plant expansion on +/-27.4137 total acres that have been annexed to Columbus. The applicant's rezoning application has been filed in conjunction with this Council Variance application to allow the expansion of the lumber facility and employment growth to be serviced by Columbus utilities. A hardship is present in that the conditions subject to the variance requests of outdoor lumber material storage and the more objectionable lumber yard and production facility uses within less than 600 feet of residential districts already exist as this facility has been built and operating under township zoning for many years. Likewise, existing parking lot areas and drive-aisle surfaces, and building locations driving variances relate to long-term existing conditions. The dumpster variance request relates to unique production and wood scrap disposal/recycling needs. Within the proposed site plan, adding protective buffering and screening from existing residential dwellings and outside views mitigate the impacts of the ongoing operations and facilities expansion.

Upon annexation to the City and in order to receive City services, the existing conditions and planned facility upgrades must be varied under the City zoning code for beneficial manufacturing operations and income producing jobs to continue and expand as now located in Columbus. The proposed plant expansion will support approximately 75 to 100 permanent, well-paying jobs and support residential and commercial construction growth throughout Columbus and the region. Without such variances, such beneficial uses, operations and employment expansion would not otherwise be allowed in the City as one uniform site operation under the Columbus Zoning Code.

List of Variances under this Council Variance Application CV23-010

Variances requested herein and under the accompanying rezoning application:

1. Variances from section 3311.28(b) to allow the more objectionable uses of a lumber processing, planning and millwork under section 3363.12 within 600 feet of residentially-zoned property.

The new lumber facilities to be located on parcel number 535-307600 will construct buildings within approximately 220 feet of a residential property line on parcel number 181-000152-00 (Darr property) and within approximately 150 feet

of a residential property line on parcel number 180-000303-00 (Forquer property) In both cases, significant buffering is present, with existing tree screening that is to remain between the proposed new facilities and parcel number 181-000152-00 (Darr property) and a retention pond and additional screening between the proposed new facilities and parcel number 180-000303-00 (Forquer property).

The existing lumber facilities located on parcel number 535-307599 include existing buildings within 147.61 feet of a residence. (PN 180-000968-00- Forquer property). This condition has existed for many years with an existing opaque fence to be fully extended around the Forquer property perimeter on the west and north for screening.

- 2. Variance from section 3363.41(a) to allow open/outdoor storage of finished wood trusses, wall systems and storage of lumber materials within 100 feet (at a distance of 25 feet) of rural residential parcel numbers 010-255276-00 and 430-271216-00. This condition has existed for many years.
- 3. Variance from section 3312.43 to allow existing parking, maneuvering and drive aisle areas to remain as they are and new areas to be allowed, as hard-packed limestone (304) that is permeable and not asphalt. Much of the site, including parking, loading and maneuvering areas have been hard-packed limestone surfaced for many years, supporting large equipment, truck traffic and material storage. The new development in Subarea B includes standard asphalt and concrete parking and drive aisle surfaces.
- 4. Variance from building setbacks section 3363.24 to allow the existing building location to remain. The existing building location for Subarea A in the southwest corner of the site is requested for variance from 3363.24(E) and the required 60 foot setback from the right of way. The current building is as close as 7.32 +/- feet from the Winchester Pike right of way. These existing conditions were built prior to annexation to Columbus and changing this location would be disruptive to the business and site operations, and create a hardship based on building reconstruction and impact on production facilities.
- 5. Variance is requested from Columbus Code section 3321.01 Dumpster area Section (A) and the requirement to screen the dumpster from view on all sides. A specialized dumpster is designed to handle large lumber scraps for recycling and is serviced by skid loaders and other large equipment that require direct access to the sides of the dumpster without interference. Thus, the typical screen wall or fencing for conventional sized dumpsters will not work for the

larger wood scrap recycling needs on this site. The dumpster shown in Subarea B (see plan sheet 4) is located in the center of the site and substantially screened from outside view based on existing buildings in Subarea A to the north, the new buildings to be constructed in Subarea B between the dumpster and Winchester Pike, and landscaping screening on east and west borders of Subarea B. All other provisions of Section 3321.01 (A) are met with conventional waste dumpster within Subarea B.

6. Variance is requested from Columbus Code section 3312.27(2) - Parking setback of 25 feet from street right-of-way. This variance is to allow a parking/pavement setback of zero feet for Subarea A from the Winchester Pike right-of-way based on city dedication requirements and the existing parking and pavement conditions.

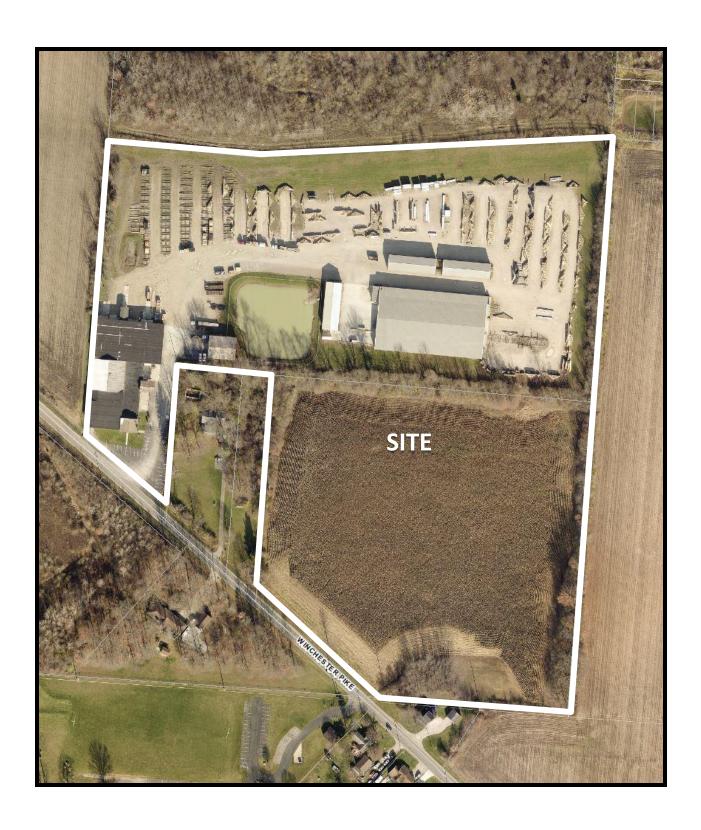
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Standardized Recommendation Form

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