

# THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

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## **Council Variance Application**

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES

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#### STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

Application No. CV24- 010

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 Den Blen, Ngert Date 1-19-2024

Signature of Attorney Deal Real Real Date 1/19/24

# Exhibit B Statement of Hardship CV24-010, 3375 Refugee Road

The undeveloped 6.0 +/- acre (gross) site is located on the south side of Refugee Road, 720' +/east of Schwartz Road and is zoned R, Rural from annexation in 1974. By application Z24-005, applicant proposes to rezone the property to the L-M, Limited Manufacturing District. Refugee Road is a major east/west arterial right of way appropriate for non-residential uses, as reflected in the non-residential zoning of many of the parcels on both sides of Refugee Road. By this variance application, applicant proposes to reduce the setback for outside storage from a residential district from 100' to 0' due to the setback being measured as per Section 3363.19(D), Location Requirements, "Distance separation as required in this section is measured from the closest point on a property line containing the permitted use and the closest point on a property line containing the district or use it is to be separated from.", while the setback is actually: 1). 120' to the west due to 25' west setback on-site and a 95' wide commercially zoned (L-C-4) parcel to the west, then a residentially zoned parcel farther west, 2) actual setback of 110' to the east due to the east setback and location of the outside storage, but the site abuts a parcel zoned R. Rural to the east and 3) actual setback of 400' +/- to the south, while the parcel abuts an undeveloped parcel zoned R-1, Residential from annexation (1974). The site plan titled "Zoning Site Plan, Howard Concrete Pumping", hereafter Site Plan, dated 05/16/2024 is the site development plan for the site.

Applicant has a hardship and practical difficulty with compliance with the cited Zoning Code Section due to how outside storage separation is measured. The 100' setback is provided to the east, west and south as measured from the proposed location of outside storage on the site and, additionally, buffering is committed to with the Site Plan.

Applicant requests variances from the following sections of the Columbus Zoning Code:

Section 3363.41(a), Storage, to reduce the east setback for outside storage from 100' to 25', as measured from the property lines, and as depicted on the Site Plan.



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**Daytime Phone Number** 

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## FOR USE BY: AREA COMMISSION / NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP (PLEASE PRINT) **Case Number Address Group Name Meeting Date Specify Case Type BZA Variance / Special Permit Council Variance** Rezoning **Graphics Variance / Plan / Special Permit** Recommendation **Approval** (Check only one) **Disapproval** LIST BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: Vote Felicia A. Saunders Signature of Authorized Representative **Recommending Group Title**

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



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### PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICATION #: CV24-010

Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject 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 Town Street, Floor 2, Columbus, OH 43215	
deposes and states that (he/she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is	
a list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities having a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this application in the following format:	
Name of Business or individual (including contact name and number) Business or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code Number of Columbus-based employees (Limited to 3 lines per box)	
1. The America Cross Learning Cut I 2255 D. C.	2. Howard Concrete Pumping; 2327 Hill Church Houston Road,
The Amazing Grace Learning Ctf, Inc; 3375 Refugee	Canonsburg, PA 15317
Rd, Columbus, OH 43232; # Cols-based emps: 7	# Columbus-based employees: Zero (0)
Contact: Grace Dufie, (614) 373-0538	Contact: Frank Howard, III; (412) 257-1800
3.	4.
Check here if listing additional parties on a separate page.  SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT  SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT	
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this	
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	Notary Seal Here
STOTAL TODAY	My Commission Expires

MaryAlice Wolf
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires:
October 24, 2028

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