

CITY COUNCIL – ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT COUNCIL VARIANCE

APPLICATION: CV24-121

Location: 981 OAK ST. (43205), being 0.36± acres at the southwest

corner of Oak Street and South 20th Street (010-020413, 010-

037337 & 010-054730; Near East Area Commission).

Existing Zoning: R-3, Residential District. **Proposed Use:** Two-unit dwellings.

Applicant(s): Blue Chip Homes QOZB, LLC; c/o Dave Perry, Agent; David

Perry Company; 411 East Town Street, 1st Floor; Columbus, OH 43215, and Donald Plank, Atty.; Plank Law Firm; 411 East

Town Street, 2nd Floor; Columbus, OH 43215.

Property Owner(s): Metropolitan Baptist Church, Inc.; c/o Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Kee;

955 Oak Street; Columbus, OH 43205.

Planner: Tim Dietrich; 614-645-6665; tedietrich@columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

 The site consists of three undeveloped parcels in the R-3, Residential District. The applicant proposes to develop each lot with a two-unit dwelling per lot.

- o A Council variance is required because the R-3 district only allows single-unit dwellings.
- North of the site is a single-unit dwelling in the R-3, Residential District. South of the site
 are single- and two-unit dwellings in the R-3, Residential District. East of the site are
 single-unit dwelling in the R-3, Residential District. West of the site is a single-unit
 dwelling in the R-3, Residential District.
- The site is within the boundaries of the *Near East Area Plan* (2005), which does not contain a specific land use recommendation for this location. The Plan does support new infill housing that contributes to a walkable and diverse neighborhood, and includes design guidelines.
- The site is located within the boundaries of the Near East Area Commission, whose recommendation is for approval.
- Staff concurs with the applicant's analysis of the seven practical difficulties in achieving this proposed development.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Approval

The requested Council variance the development of a two-unit dwelling on three undeveloped lots in accordance with the submitted site plan. The proposed use is consistent with residential infill developments within urban neighborhoods and is compatible to the existing development pattern and architecture of the surrounding neighborhood.



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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

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.

The following factors shall be used in determining whether the applicant has encountered practical difficulties in the use of the property. Respond to the following statements:

 Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without a variance. Yes No
Applicant proposes to build three (3), two (2) dwelling unit buildings on 3 separate vacant platted
lots/parcels. The R-3 area of NEAC is characterized by many forms of land use. Many two dwelling
unit buildings by variance in the R-3 have been supported by staff, NEAC and City Council.
2. Whether the variance is substantial. ☐ Yes ✓ No
The Near East Area Commission has a wide range of dwelling unit configurations with many uses
other than single family dwellings in the R-3 District. There is past precedent for approval of variances
for two dwelling unit buildings in the R-3.
3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer a substantial detriment as a result of the variance. Yes No
The essential character of the neighborhood won't be altered nor will adjoining properties suffer a
detriment. The Near East Area Commission has a wide range of residential configurations including
many uses other than single family dwellings in the R-3 District.

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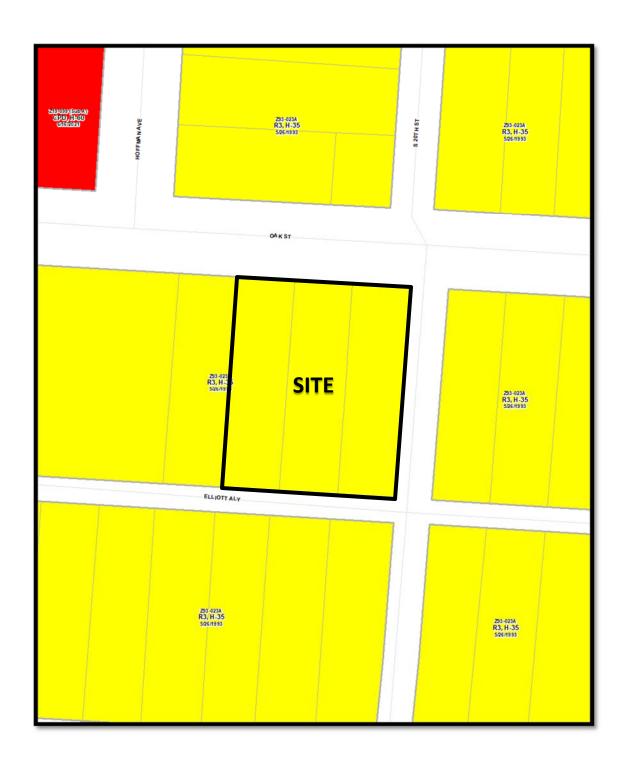
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4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, refuse service) Yes No
There will be no effect on the delivery of governmental services.
5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction. Yes No
The applicant hasn't purchased the property. The need for zoning for the proposed project was
determined during due diligence.
6. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance. Yes No
A variance application is required for the proposed development.
 7. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance. ✓ Yes ☐ No
The spirit and intent of the zoning requirement will be observed and substantail justice done by
granting the variance. A characteristic of the Near East Area Commission area is a wide range of land
uses, including single-family, two-family and multi-family residential land uses.
List all sections of Code to be varied and explain your reasoning as to why this request should be granted.
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):
The site is three (3) separate vacant platted lots/parcels zoned R-3 from a 1993 area rezoning.
Applicant proposes to build a two-family dwelling on each of the 3 parcels. Each of the three
(3) platted lots/parcels meet the requirements of Section 3332.16, Exception for Single or Two-Family
Dwelling, having been platted prior to 1959.
Exhibit B, page 3 for requested variances.
Blue Clip former GOZB, XXC
Signature of Applicant by David & Perry, Part Date 9/25/2024
Signature of Attorney Small / Lauk Date 9/25/24

CV24-121 981 Oak Street, Columbus, OH 43205 Variances:

- 1). Section 3332.035, R-3 Residential District, to permit a two (2) dwelling unit building on each of three (3) parcels.
- 2). Section 3332.05(4), Area District Lot Width Requirements, to reduce lot width from 50' to 37' (existing platted lots).
- 3). Section 3312.49, Required Parking, to reduce parking from 4 spaces to 3 spaces for each of the three (3), two (2) dwelling unit buildings on separate parcels.

11/07/2024



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Standardized Recommendation Form

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FOR USE BY: AREA (COMMISSION / NEI	GHBORHOOD GROUP			
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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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<u>PROJECT</u>	DISCL	OSURE	STA	TEMENT

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Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application.

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	
deposes and states that he is the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR	Town Street, Floor 2, Columbus, OH 43215 DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is a naving a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Name of Business or individual Contact name and number Business or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code Number of Columbus-based employees
1. Blue Chip Homes QOZB, LLC; 1165 West Third Avenue, Suite E, Columbus, OH 43212 Number of Columbus-based employees: Zero (0) Contact: Lonnie Freeman, (614) 571-0910	2. Metropolitan Baptist Church, Inc.; 955 Oak Street, Columbus, OH 43205 Number of Columbus-based employees: 1 Contact: Jeffrey Kee, Pastor; (614) 937-0164
3.	4.
SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this Than Alice Wald	day of Systember, in the year 2004 Notary Seal Here
SIGNATURÉ OF NOTARY PUBLIC MaryAlice Wolf Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires: October 24, 2028	My Commission Expires

This Project Disclosure Statement expires $\sin{(6)}$ months after date of notarization.