

### CITY COUNCIL – ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT COUNCIL VARIANCE

APPLICATION: CV24-170

**Location:** 798 SEYMOUR AVE. (43205), being 0.12± acres located at the

northeast corner of Seymour Avenue and Gault Street (010-

014012; Livingston Avenue Area Commission).

**Pending Zoning:** R-4, Residential District. **Proposed Use**. Residential development.

**Applicant(s):** Rob Ellis; 485 Brickell Avenue, #2303; Miami, FL 33131. **Property Owner(s):** SP For Better Living, LLC; 2764 Dale Avenue; Bexley, OH

43209.

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 0.12± acre site consists of one undeveloped parcel in the R-2F, Residential District. A concurrent rezoning to the R-4, Residential District (Z24-079) has been recommended for approval by the Development Commission and City Staff. The requested Council variance will allow reduced development standards for a proposed three-unit dwelling as demonstrated with the submitted site plan.

- The requested Council variance includes variances for required parking, vision clearance, lot width, and lot area.
- North, south and west of the site are two-unit dwellings in the R-2F, Residential District.
   East of the site is a single-unit dwelling in the R-2F, Residential District.
- The site is located within the planning boundaries of the Near Southside Area Plan (2011), which recommends "Medium Density Mixed Residential" land uses. The Plan includes early adoption of Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2) Design Guidelines (2018).
- The site is located within the boundaries of the Livingston Avenue Area Commission whose recommendation is for approval.
- Staff concurs with the applicant's analysis of the seven practical difficulties in achieving the proposed three-unit dwelling at this location.

#### **CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

The proposed Council variance will allow a three-unit dwelling that is consistent with the land use recommendation of the *Near Southside Area Plan*, C2P2 Design Guidelines, and the existing development pattern of the area.

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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:

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3332.05 - to reduce the required lot width from 50' to $\underline{^{36.5}}$	_because of an existing condition

3321.05(B)(2) to allow front covered porch to encroach into the 30x30 clear vision triangle.

3312.49 - to reduce required parking from 6 spaces to 3.



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Near Southside Area Plan (2011)

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### **Standardized Recommendation Form**

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## FOR USE BY: AREA COMMISSION / NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP (PLEASE PRINT)

Case Number	Z24-079 & CV24-170
Address	798 SEYMOUR AVE.
Group Name	LIVINGSTON AVENUE AREA COMM.
Meeting Date	1/21/25
Specify Case Type	<ul> <li>□ BZA Variance / Special Permit</li> <li>□ Council Variance</li> <li>☑ Rezoning</li> <li>□ Graphics Variance / Plan / Special Permit</li> </ul>
Recommendation (Check only one)	Approval Disapproval

### LIST BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL: 8; DISP	APPROVAL: 0; ABSENT: 1
Signature of Authorized Representative	
Recommending Group Title	PRESIDENT Dur Sechnan
Daytime Phone Number	614-599-0106

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 #:_	CV24-170
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STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN		
Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME)	rt Ellis	
of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 485 Brickell Ave	#2303 Miami FL 73131	
deposes and states that they are the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR		
list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities h	naving a 5% or more interest in the project which	is the subject of this
application in the following format:		
For Example:	Name of Business or individual	
	Contact name and number	
	Business or individual's address; City, State, Zip	Code
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1. Jeff Wulkan 614-400-8762 PD Box 12128 Miam: FL 33101	2. Joe Maranzani G14-400-8762 PO Box 12128 M O employees	lam: FL 83101
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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this23	day of December, in the year 20	)24
Bruce Toledo	09-08-2026	Notary Seal Here
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This Project Disclosure Statement expires six (6) months after date of notarization.