

CITY COUNCIL – ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT COUNCIL VARIANCE

APPLICATION: CV25-003

Location: 1558 E. LONG ST. (43203), being 0.16± acres at the northeast

corner of East Long Street and Parkwood Avenue (010-017873:

Near East Area Commission).

Existing Zoning: R-3, Residential District.

Proposed Use: Two single-unit dwellings on one lot.

Applicant(s): Sarah Heard; 1558 East Long Street; Columbus, OH 43203.

Property Owner(s): The Applicant.

Planner: Joe Rose; 614-645-3526; jmrose@columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

 The site consists of one parcel developed with two single-unit dwellings in the R-3, Residential District. The requested Council variance will conform the existing carriage house on the north side of the lot and allow for its expansion.

- A Council variance is required because the R-3, Residential District does not allow two single-unit dwellings on one lot.
- To the north, south, east, and west are single-unit dwellings in the R-3, Residential District.
- The site is located within the planning boundaries of the Near East Area Plan (2005), which does not include a specific land use recommendation at this location.
- 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 the proposed use with regards to the reduction in required parking, lot width, building setbacks, vision clearance, lot area, side yards, and rear yard.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Approval

The requested Council variance will conform the existing carriage house on the north side of the lot and allow for its expansion. Staff supports the request as the proposed use is consistent with the residential character of the neighborhood and does introduce an incompatible use to 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:

 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
Existing garage does not meet code.
2. Whether the variance is substantial. Yes ✓No
The variance is not substantial. It is a minor change to meet code. There will only be expansion of the 1st floor
garage.
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
This will not affect adjoining properties nor change the aesthetics of the neighborhood. The house immediately
across the street has the identical setup, with an entrance to the driveway and garage from the street.

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This will not affect delivery of any services. 5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction. Yes No We were unaware that the garage could not fit both of our vehicles upon purchase and therefore did not know that is not in compliance with Zoning Laws.	-
Yes No We were unaware that the garage could not fit both of our vehicles upon purchase and therefore did not know	-
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6. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance ☐ Yes ☑ No	- е.
Without the variance this property will be in noncompliance with Zoning Laws. We would like to bring the	
property into compliance and improve personal and property safety.	_
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7. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance. Yes No	
The new garage will be improved and brought into compliance, and safer	_
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ist all sections of Code to be varied and explain your reasoning as to why this request should be granted. [OTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to identify all variances required for the project. If any necessary ariances are not included, a new application (and applicable fees) will be required.	
have read the foregoing and believe my application for relief from the requirements of the Zoning Code ontains the necessary hardship, will not adversely affect surrounding property owners, and will comply ith the variance(s) requested as detailed below (use separate page if needed or desired):	
Variance for Vision Clearance 3321.05(B)(1): Variance to reduce the 10-foot required triangle to 3'-0"	
Variance needed for 3332.22 Building lines on corner lots. Variance to reduce from the required 8.9' to 2.6'	•
'ariance needed for Maximum Side Yards 3332.25: Variance to reduce from the required 8.9' to 4'	•
ariance needed for Minimum Side Yard 3332.26: Variance to reduce from the required 3' wide to 2.6' on the	•
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count for at least 25% of the lot, 3332.27; whereas the south dwelling has a 20% Rear Yard and the north dwelling unit has a 0% Rear Yard. 3312.49. Off-street parking spaces: 2	off-street par

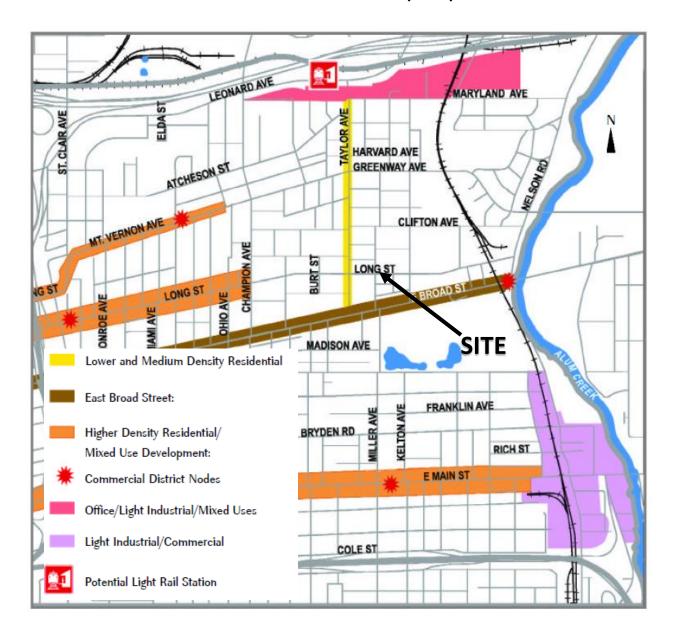
LIST OF VARIANCES FROM STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP REITERATED BELOW FOR CLARITY:

- <u>3321.05(B)(1)</u>; Variance needed for Vision Clearance: There is a 10-foot clear vision triangle at the new corner of the lot. Variance is needed to reduce the 10-foot triangle to 3'-0".
- <u>3332.22;</u> Variance needed for Building lines on corner lots. Variance to reduce from the required 8.9' to 2.6'.
- 3332.25; Variance needed for Maximum Side Yards: Variance to reduce from the 8.9' to 4'.
- 3332.26; Variance needed for Minimum Side Yard: Variance to reduce from the required 3' wide to 2.6' on the west side and 1.4' on the existing east side.
- 3332.035; R3 Permitted Uses, to allow two 1-unit dwellings on 1 lot in the R3 district.
- <u>3332.13</u>; R-3 area district requirements, requires each single-unit dwelling to have a lot of no less than 5,000 square feet; and only a portion of a skinning lot like this can count toward density Per <u>3332.18(C)</u>, therefore the variance request is to allow two 1-unit dwellings on a 5,914sq' lot.
- 3332.05(A)(4); Lot Width, 50-foot wide lot is required, whereas the existing lot is 44.4' wide. Rear Yard: The rear yard for each dwelling needs to account for at least 25% of the lot,
- 3332.27; Rear yard, whereas the south dwelling has a 20% Rear Yard and the north dwelling unit has a 0% Rear Yard.
- <u>3312.49</u>; Required parking, 2 off-street parking spaces are required per dwelling; whereas as there is currently only 1 off-street parking space for the entire lot required. We are requesting 1 additional off-street parking space within the garage (two total spaces).



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NEAR EAST AREA PLAN (2005)



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Standardized Recommendation Form

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FOR USE BY: AREA C (PLEASE PRINT)	OMMISSION / NEIG	SHBORHOOD GROUP	
Case Number	CV25-003		
Address	1558 E LONG STR	REET	
Group Name Meeting Date	NEAR EAST ARE. 2/20/2025	A COMMISSION	
Specify Case Type	 □ BZA Variance / □ Council Variance □ Rezoning □ Graphics Variance 		
Recommendation (Check only one)	M Approval ☐ Disapproval		
LIST BASIS FOR RECO	OMMENDATION:		
Vote		12-0-1	
Signature of Authoriz	zed Representative	Nathan It yo	un
Recommending Grou	ıp Title	NEAC	
Daytime Phone Num	ber	614-753-3894	

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	
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PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	APPLICATION #: CV25-003
Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the	
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NO	OTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	
For Example:	Name of Business or individual Contact name and number Business or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code Number of Columbus-based employees
1. Sarah Heard 614-402-2245 1558 E. Long St, Columbus, OH 43203 (0)	2.
3.	4.
Check here if listing additional parties on a separate positional parties of AFFIANT Sarah Heard	
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this	day of January, in the year 2025 7 21 2029 My Commission Expires

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

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