

CITY COUNCIL – ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT COUNCIL VARIANCE

APPLICATION: CV25-018

Location: 3041 WEIRTON DR. (43207), being 0.20± acres located on the

west side of Weirton Drive; 60± feet south of Grovewood Drive

(010-125315; Far South Columbus Area Commission).

Existing Zoning: R-2, Residential District.

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

Applicant(s): Stefany Risner; 700 Bryden Road, Office 128; Columbus, OH

43215.

Owner(s): Stephanie Powers; 3041 Weirton Drive; Columbus, OH 43207.

Planner: Brandon Carpenter; 614-645-1574; bmcarpenter@columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

- The site is developed with a single-unit dwelling and a detached garage in the R-2, Residential District. The request will allow the existing detached garage to be converted into an accessory dwelling unit, resulting in two single-unit dwellings on one lot. Variances for a reduction in the required parking from four to two spaces; a reduced lot area from 5,000 square feet to approximately 3,925 square feet per dwelling; no minimum side yard on the south side of the existing carport; and a reduced rear yard from 25 percent to 15 percent for the proposed accessory dwelling unit are also included in the request.
- A Council variance is required because the R-2 district does not allow two single-unit dwellings on one lot.
- North, south, east and west of the site are single-unit dwellings all in the R-2, Residential District.
- The site is within the planning area of the *Tri-South Neighborhood Plan* (2004), which recommends "Single-Family Residential" land uses for this location. Additionally, the Plan includes early adoption of the *Columbus Citywide Planning Policies* (C2P2) Design Guidelines (2018).
- The site is located within the boundaries of the Far South Columbus Area Commission whose recommendation is for approval.
- Staff concurs with the applicant's analysis of the seven practical difficulties in achieving this requested use, and support the variances for reduced required parking, lot area, minimum side yard, and rear yard.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

Although the request is inconsistent with *Tri-South Neighborhood Plan's* land use recommendation of "Single-Family Residential" at this location, C2P2 Design Guidelines note that higher densities may be supported if they include a high level of site and architectural design. The submitted site plan and building elevations are consistent with this recommendation. Additionally, Staff supports the proposed parking reduction variance due to the availability of on-street parking.

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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:

1. Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without a variance. XYes No
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2. Whether the variance is substantial. XYes No
The variance is substantial for homeowner as she would like to be able to co-live with her
daughter by sharing the lot on two different dwellings on site
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
no changes on main home characteristics so the character of the neighborhood will remain

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. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of gov Yes No	vernmental services (e.g., water, sewer, refuse servi
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. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obv	viated through some method other than a variance
. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement v granting the variance. Yes No	vould be observed and substantial justice done by
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OTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to identify all variance riances are not included, a new application (and applicable fo	es required for the project. If any necessary ees) will be required.
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3041 Weirton Dr, Columbus, OH 43207

The subject lot of registration located at 3041 Weirton Columbus, OH 43207, is zoned Residential, R2.

Despite the change, this carriage house will be for residential use, it will be a living space for the homeowner. The existing garage will be turned into a living space. The new living space will be a separate residential unit from the main house

This neighborhood is predominantly 1- family residential. We thought about the proposal for an ADU as the owner would like to be undersized from the main structure and be able to have her daughter reside on main structure

Despite the change, the ADU will be for residential use, it will be a living space for OWNER.

We are adding space to the existing garage to convert it all into a residential space or ADU structure. Our proposal will be to eliminate the use of the garage to accommodate the living spaces

This ADU proposal minimum measures are being considered, and we believe that there will be no major impact on the neighbors we will respect the heights of neighboring buildings and character of the neighborhood

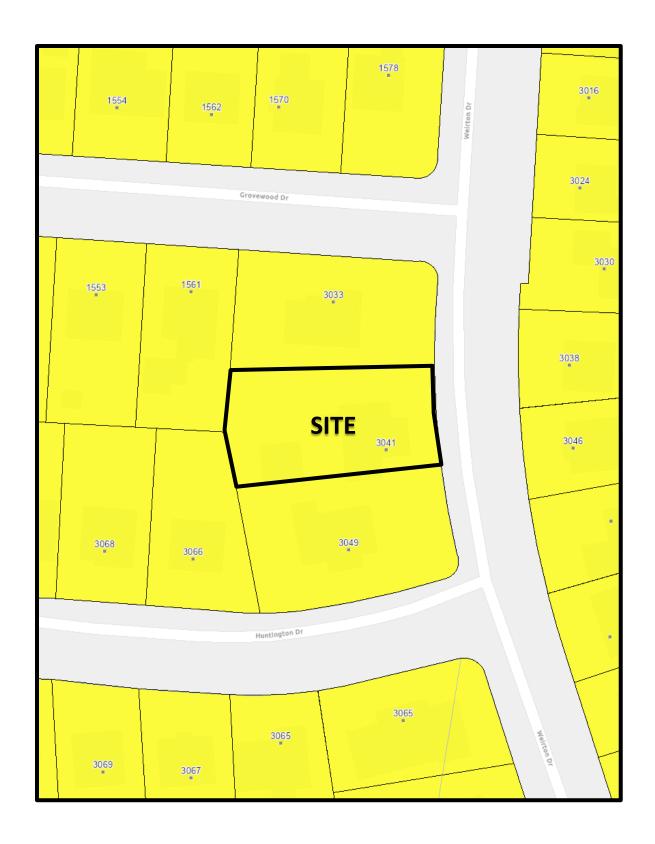
To allow the development as proposed, the Applicant respectfully requests the following variations:

- **1. 3332.033**, **R-2 residential district permitted uses;** —The applicant request is to place two, 1-unit dwellings on one parcel.
- **2. 3312.49 Off-street parking spaces** Applicant requests a variance to reduce the requirement from 4 to 2 off-street parking spaces.
- **3. 3332.27 Rear Yard:** The rear yard for each dwelling needs to account for at least 25% of the lot. we are reugesting a varience for the Adu from 25% to 15%
- 4. 3332.26, Minimum side yard permitted we are requesting varience from 5' to 0' this is in reference of the area of the carport, where we have 0' to property line as noted on site plan
- **5. 3332.12**, R-2 area district requirements, to allow two single-unit dwellings on one 7,850 square foot lot or approximately 3,925 square feet per dwelling, where 5,000 square feet is required per dwelling

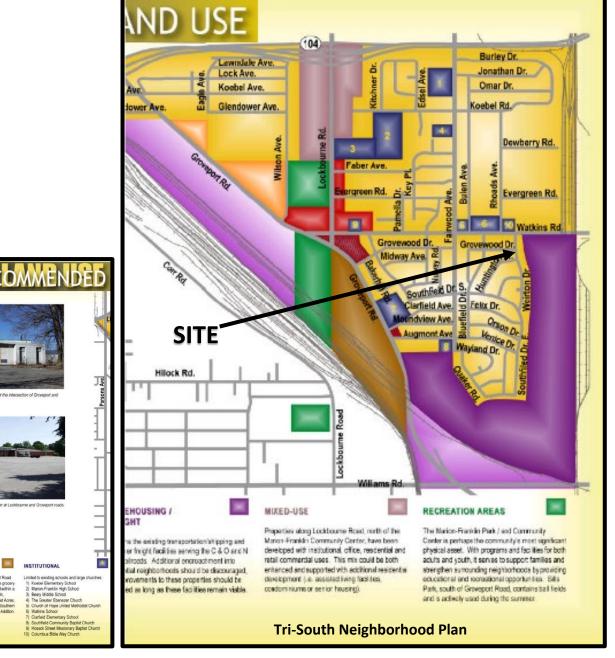
Respectfully submitted,

SVS HOME IMPROVEMENT & DESIGN LLC

Verified by pdfFiller 05/22/2025



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Standardized Recommendation Form

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

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Recommending Group Title

Daytime Phone Number

Address	3041 Weirton Dr	
Group Name	FAR SOUTH CO	LUMBUS AREA COMM.
Meeting Date	4/3/2025	
Specify Case Type	✓ Council Varian✓ Rezoning	/ Special Permit ace ance / Plan / Special Permit
Recommendation (Check only one)	✓ Approval☐ Disapproval	
LIST BASIS FOR RECO	MMENDATION:	
Vote		5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions

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.

614-390-6687

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PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	APPLICATION #: CV25-018
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) POWE	RS STEPHANIE
of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 3041 WEIRTON DR	
•	OR DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is a ities having a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this
application in the following format:	
For Example	e: Name of Business or individual
·	Contact name and number
	Business or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code
	Number of Columbus-based employees
1 POWERS STEPHANIE	2.
3041 WEIRTON DR COLUMBUS OH 43207	
3.	4.
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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this	/ / //
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	Notary Public, State of Ohio

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