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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

**Chapter 3307 of the Columbus Zoning Code
Section 3307.10 Variances by City Council**

- A. Permit a variance 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 or unusual hardships 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 the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Columbus.

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.

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 requested as detailed below:

SEE ATTACHED

Signature of Applicant JK [Signature] Date 4/12/04

**New Covenant Believers' Church
3400 Kohr Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43224**

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As indicated, Destiny House is a Christ Centered, residential drug and alcohol recovery center. Our focus is to provide a positive direction for trying times in the lives of men who have been trapped in the web of very conducive to recovery. It is in the heart of a drug and crime infested neighborhood, and serves as a struggle everyday for our men to stay clean alcohol and drug addiction. Currently our men are housed in an area that is not. The ideal property needs to be within close proximity of New Covenant Believers' Church, the hub for many of the weekly activities.

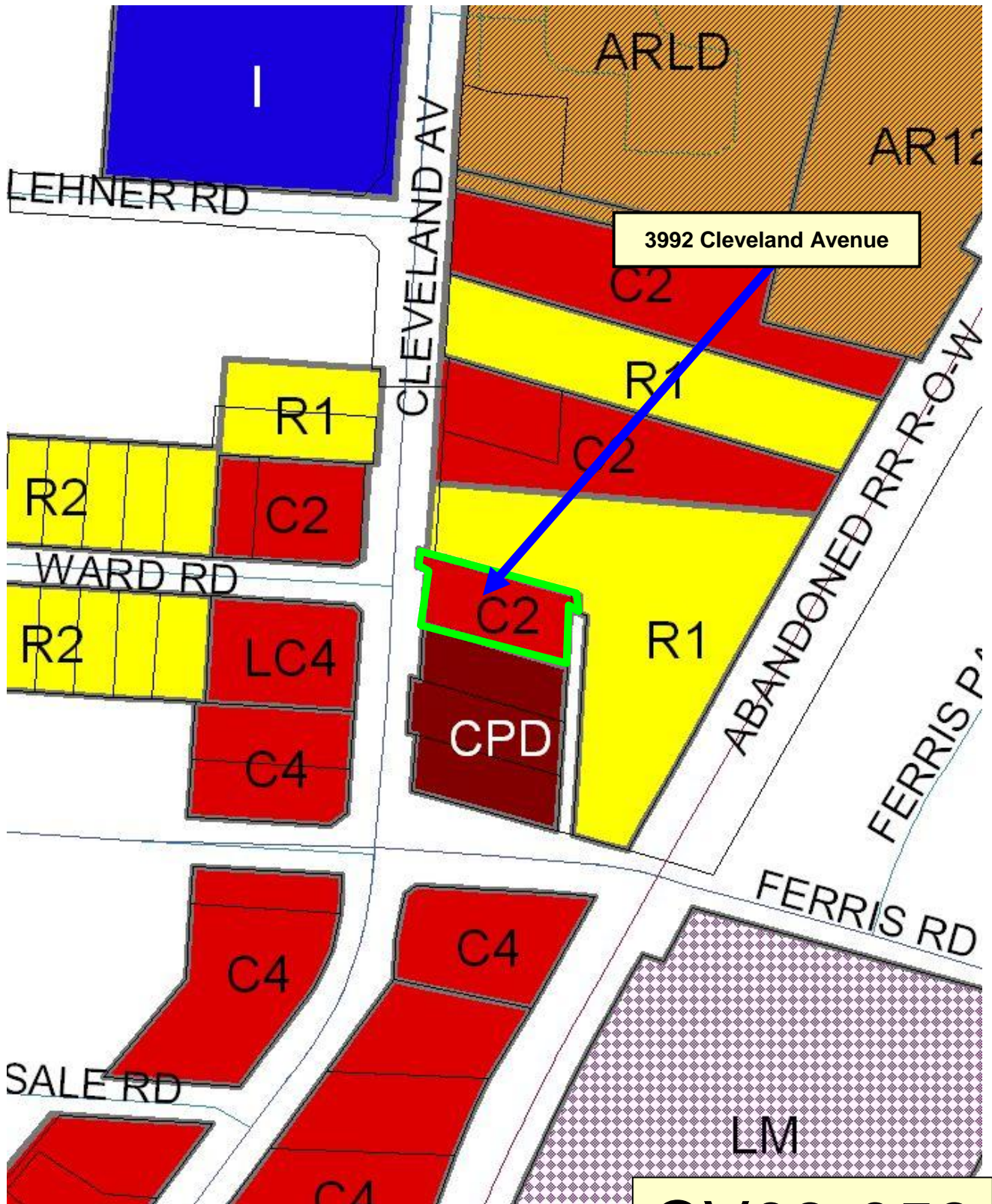
After several months of searching we have found property that will meet all the necessities for the Destiny House program. The location of the property that we are applying for is exactly 2.0 miles from the church. That equates to a 4 minute drive. The housing provides not only an opportunity for us to help more men, but to provide them with an environment that is safe, clean, and drug and alcohol free. Our men will be able to go outside, walk to the store and not be propositioned by drug dealers or prostitutes.

Our goal is, through appropriate housing, to help men reintegrate back into society as sober, healthy, productive, pro-social and spiritual individuals. We desire to show them that you can live life to its fullest without having to use mind and mood altering substances. This new housing will in fact greatly enhance our success rate.

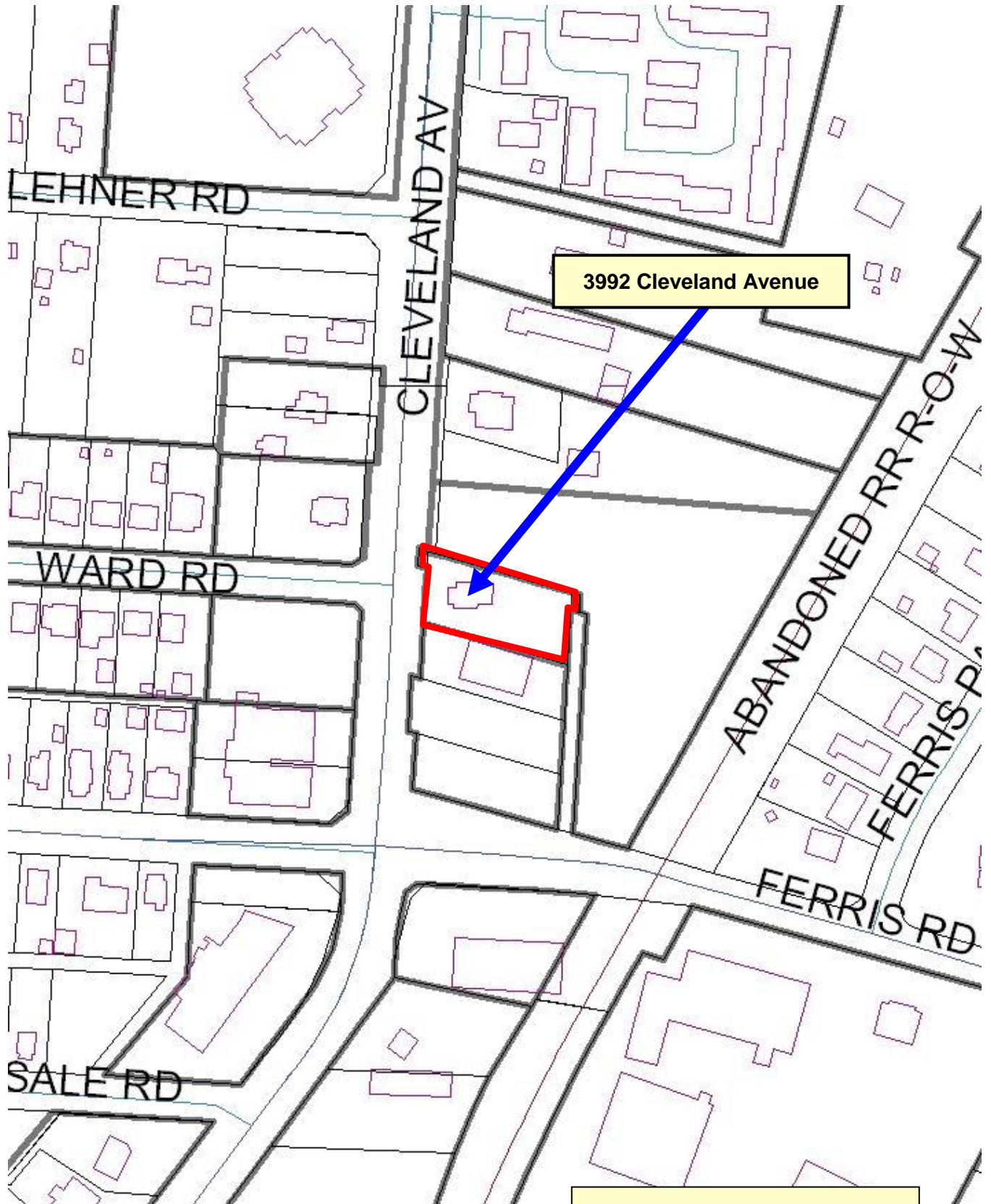
There have been random gun shoot outs that have taken place in our current neighborhood. I believe that it is evident why relocating serves in the best interest of our men.

Destiny House is an outreach ministry of New Covenant Believers' Church, a local assembly in Columbus, Ohio since 1989. NCBC maintains an excellent reputation not only in the community, but in the city of Columbus as well. It has been the mission from the onset of this parent ministry to reach out to hurting people, bringing lives into focus with the Word. This new housing will aid us in this endeavor.

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Program Description

- Our goal is to house 9-12 individuals
- We will employ several administrative people and one full-time Resident Manager. The Resident Manager will not live on site but will be on call 24 hours a day.
- The program will include the following courses:
 - ***Thinking Errors/Renewing the Mind pt 1 – Orientation*** This course will show how a person's best thinking, while in active addiction was chaotic, and led to the destruction of his life. The resident will be taught how to now transform his life, by reprogramming his mind based on Romans 12:2.
 - ***The First Step – Orientation***
The very first step in recovering from addiction is to realize that there is a grave problem at hand. This course teaches the participant about denial and that supernatural empowerment to overcome addiction is derived by admitting powerlessness based on II Cor. 12:9, 10.
 - ***Thinking Errors/Renewing the Mind pt 2 – Phase II***
This course continues to place emphasis on right and wrong thinking, and the vital process of renewing the mind. It introduces the idea of not only being open to God's Word as the means, but it teaches trust and how to take advice from others.
 - ***Understanding God and Self – Phase II***
In this course, the participant will begin to receive the basic elements of who God is, their relationship with Him, and who *they* are in Him. The goal of this course is to encourage a deeper relationship, and to develop the fruit or character of Christ.
 - ***Crack Busters – Phase II***
The nature of crack-cocaine addiction is insidious and often time requires a devised, and specialized plan of attack for permanent deliverance. This course systematically lays out the strategies for victory over crack.
 - ***Relapse Prevention – Phase II***
Inevitably, there are always signs that lead to relapse. This course is designed to help make the participant aware of his or her own individual triggers and signs and to prepare a plan of escape.
 - ***Emotions – Phase III***

Addicts use drugs and alcohol to cover up feelings, as well as to celebrate them. Now that they are free of any mind or mood altering substance, it's often difficult to cope. This course teaches how to deal with anger, love, fear, joy, envy, and the emotions that accompany achievement without having to use.

- **Money Matters – Phase III**

Mismanagement of money can ultimately lead one to use. Not only will this course teach methods to avoid being triggered by money, but will instruct on how to set-up a budget and a checking/savings account for planned spending.

- **Family Matters – Phase III (Family is encouraged to Participate)**

Often those in recovery are side tracked, and disrupted by the care and concern for family members outside. This course will teach both the resident and his family how to focus on self while fostering good family ties.

- **Reaching Out – Phase III**

The 12th step of Alcoholics Anonymous has saved the lives of many addicts. Not only is reaching out an age-old belief, It is the heart of God. In this course the participant will learn how to establish an outreach ministry, and will be taught the rewards and benefits of doing so.

- **Job Club – Phase III**

In this course, each participant will learn the successful skills of proper resume writing, telephone networking, and job interviewing. This course will teach how not to be trapped by the past, and will help the participant to get the job of choice, regardless.

- **The Leader Within – Phase IV**

We need positive and productive role models in the home, in the church, and in the community. *The Leader Within* will help residents who are serious about being all that they can be, to tap into that latent potential and influence others for Christ.

- **Sober Support – Non Residential Graduates**

This group is designed to provide those individuals who move into their 5th Phase with guidelines, and structure outside of treatment. This group will be lightly supervised, and provide a forum for graduates to share their challenges, struggles, solutions, and victories.