

CITY COUNCIL – ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT COUNCIL VARIANCE

APPLICATION: CV24-111

Location: 1351 KENT ST. (43205), being 0.18± acres located on the south

side of Kent Street 200± feet west of Miller Avenue (010-

019192; Livingston Avenue Area Commission).

Requested Zoning: R-3, Residential District (H-35). **Proposed Use:** Multi-unit residential development.

Applicant(s): Joshua Tomey; 161 N. 4th Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Property Owner(s): Homeside Renovations, LLC; 754 Fox Hollow Parkway, Marieta,

GA 30068.

Planner: Dane Kirk; 614-645-7973; DEKirk@Columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

 The 0.18± acre site consists of one parcel developed with a single-unit dwelling in the R-3, Residential District.

- The requested Council Variance is necessary to allow a three-unit dwelling in the R-3,
 Residential District and to reduce the required lot width from 50 feet to 40 feet.
- North and west of the site are single-unit dwellings in the R-3, Residential District. South
 of the site is a religious facility in the R-3, Residential District. East of the site are multiunit and single-unit dwellings in the R-3, Residential District.
- o The site is located within the boundaries of the Livingston Avenue Area Commission, whose recommendation is for approval.
- Staff recognizes that there is a practical difficulty in complying with the required lot width of 50 feet.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

The requested Council variance will allow a three-unit dwelling in the R-3 district and a reduced lot width. Staff notes the proposed density is greater than the Plan recommendation of "Medium Density Mixed Residential (6-10 du/ac)". *Columbus Citywide Planning Policies* (C2P2) Design Guidelines recommends projects that are proposed at a density higher than that of the recommended land use may be supported if they include a high level of site and architectural design. Additionally, staff recognize existing higher density residential uses to the east, preservation of the existing home, and the site's proximity to the East Livingston Avenue corridor as mitigating factors for support of the proposed use.



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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.		
Yes No		
2. Whether the variance is substantial.		
Yes No		
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		

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4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, refuse services		
. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction. Yes \square No		
The property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.		
6. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance		
☐ Yes ✔No The property owners predicament cannot be obviated through some method other than a variance.		
v. 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 behind the zoning requirements would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance. The intent of the current zoning is to produce a vibrant residential neighborhood, which our project will contribute to.		
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):		
Please review additional documentation		
ignature of Applicant MMMA & James Date 88/27/34		

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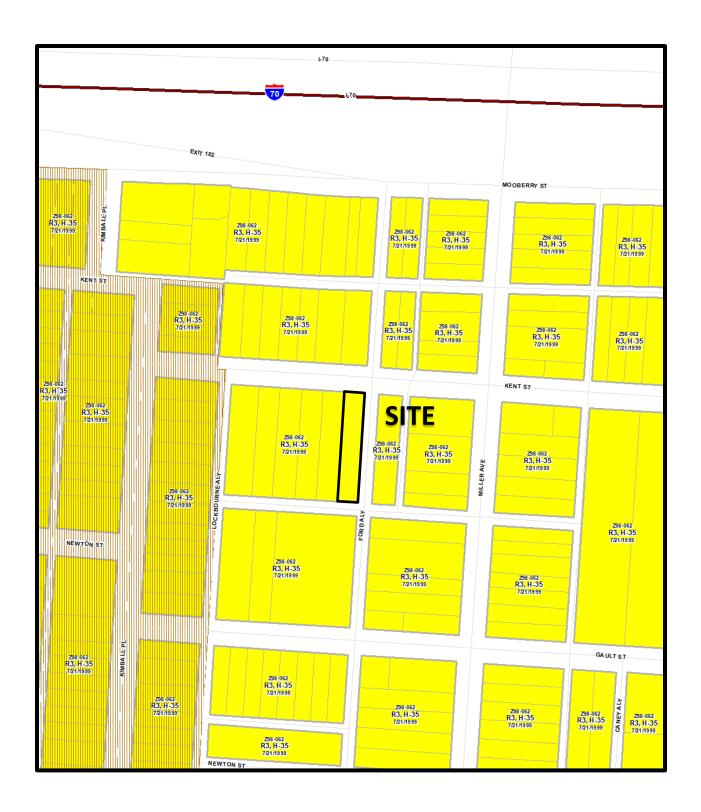
Statement of Hardship

This project aims to create a vibrant residential neighborhood located in the South Side Area, by converting the partially finished single family home into a 3-unit building.

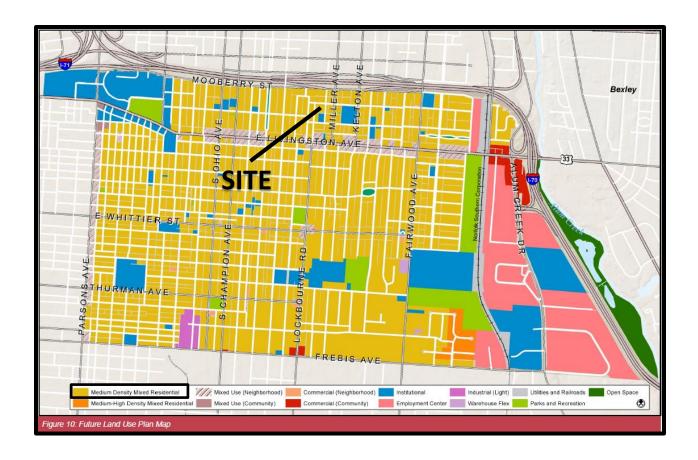
The existing lot is in an R-3 zoning district, which doesn't allow for multi-family development. We are requesting per Section 3332.035 R-3 that a variance be granted to allow for the conversion of the partially finished home into a 3-unit building.

The Lot width per section 3332.05 – Area district lot width requirements, requires the lot to be 50ft for an R-3 lot, but the existing lot dimensions are 40ft in the shorter direction and 208.5ft in the long direction.

We believe that none of these variances will harm existing neighbors or neighborhood conditions and will instead lend towards creating a robust, residential neighborhood.



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Standardized Recommendation Form

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(PLEASE PRINT) Case Number CV24-111

FOR USE BY: AREA COMMISSION / NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

Case Number	CV24-111 1351 Kent St.		
Address			
Group Name	Livingston Avenue Area Commission		
Meeting Date	1/21/2025		
Specify Case Type	 □ BZA Variance / Special Permit ☑ Council Variance □ Rezoning □ Graphics Variance / Plan / Special Permit 		
Recommendation (Check only one)	Approval Disapproval		

LIST BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Vote APPROVAL: 8; DISAPPROVAL: 0; ABSENT: 1		
Signature of Authorized Representative		
Recommending Group Title	PRESIDENT Java Lead 1.11.25	
Daytime Phone Number	614-599-0106	

Please e-mail this form to the assigned planner within 48 hours of meeting day; OR FAX to Zoning at (614) 645-2463; 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 #: CV24-111		
Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subje-			
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NOTARI	ZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.		
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN			
Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	J Tomey Dlumbus of 43215		
deposes and states that they are the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR DUI			
list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities having application in the following format:	ng a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this		
For Example: Na	me of Business or individual		
-	ntact name and number		
Bus	siness or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code		
Nu	mber of Columbus-based employees		
1. Homeside Renovations, LLC Andrew Snyder 678-596-3786 754 Fox Hollow PKWY Marietta, GA 30068	2.		
3.	4.		
Check here if listing additional parties on a separate page.			
SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT JULY JON	of May, in the year 2025		
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this day			
111 104m 1/1/	OGOOY 22, 1029 Notary Seal Here		
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	My Commission Expires \lor		
MCKENZIE LYNN DRAKE NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF OHIO			

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

My Commission Expires October 22, 2029