

*City*

STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP  
COUNCIL VARIANCE APPLICATION  
Chapter 3307 of the Columbus Zoning Code  
Section 3307.10 Variances by City Council  
774 MT. VERNON AVENUE 43203

We are seeking permission to continue operating this building located at 774 Mt. Vernon Avenue, 43203 as the Columbus home of our organization (The Knights of Pythias) and Social Club for our members. We have been at this location since approximately 1982 and have not had any problems with our neighbor namely the Shilo Baptist Church of which some of our members are also members of the church.

When this property was purchased the intent at that time was to create a Lodge Hall and Social Club where our members, both men and women could come together for our meetings and fellowship. We have two Lodges, one Court and two Auxillary Departments who meet at various times of the week and month at the building and we all thought that the right zoning permit was obtained at the time of modifications to the building from a two family home to its existing structure. The building next door to this property at the time was a corner bar and apartment building.

Down through the years we have continued to made numerous charitable contributions throughout the community because this is a very important part of our Fraternal Organization Principles and Requirements.

We have never had a parking problem because we have been good neighbors to the Church, the Urban League and the only other family dwelling in use on that side of the street (north) which is at the other end of the street next to the church parking lot. The other side of the street is a mostly empty apartment complex.

In consideration of the above, we seek your approval of this Council Variance Application to permit the continuance of this building to be used as the Columbus Home of the Knights of Pythias Organization and Social Club for its members.

Herbert M. Strickland  
Grand Chancellor  
Knights of Pythias