

CITY COUNCIL – ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT COUNCIL VARIANCE

APPLICATION: CV24-003

Location: 3439 PARSONS AVE. (43207), being 0.34± acres located on

the southwest corner of Colton Road and Parsons Avenue (010-

114975; Far South Columbus Area Commission).

Existing Zoning: C-3, Commercial District.

Proposed Use: Automotive maintenance and sales, tire sales, and food truck. **Applicant(s):** Sabino Rubio; c/o Jeanne Cabral, Agent; 2939 Bexley Park

Road; Columbus, OH 43209.

Property Owner(s): Sabino Rubio; 3439 Parsons Avenue; Columbus, OH 43207.

Planner: Eastman Johnson; 614-645-7979; roejohnson@columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

- The site consists of an existing automotive maintenance and retail facility within the C-3, Commercial District. The requested Council variance will allow the expansion to the existing facility along with the permanent placement of a food truck on the site to be legitimized. The site is subject to a Zoning Code violation for lack of Zoning Clearance for expansions that have occurred to the facility.
- A Council variance is required because the R-3 district does not allow automotive maintenance and retail use along with permanent placement of a food truck on the site. The request includes an additional variances for reduced building line, maneuvering into the right-of-way, and for not requiring a Special Permit from the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the food truck, which is considered to be a portable building when it is not moved nightly.
- To the north of the site is a religious facility in the R-2, Residential District. To the east and west are single-unit dwellings in the R-2, Residential District. To the south is a single-unit dwelling in the C-3, Commercial District.
- The site is located within the planning boundaries of the Scioto Southland Plan (2007), which recommends "Commercial" uses at this location.
- The site is located within the boundaries of the Far South Columbus Area Commission, whose recommendation is for approval.
- The Columbus Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan identifies this portion of Parsons Avenue as a Suburban Community Corridor requiring 100 feet of right-of-way.
- Staff recognizes that there are practical difficulties with the expansion of existing facilities and the permanent placement of a food truck included in the request.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Approval

The requested Council variance will allow the expanded automotive maintenance and sales operation along with permanent placement of a food truck on the site to be legitimized. Staff

supports the proposal as it is consistent with the *Scioto Southland Plan's* recommendation for "Commercial" land uses at this location and also includes a commitment to limit vehicular access to Parsons Avenue to those vehicles entering or exiting the existing garage door facing Parsons Avenue.



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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.

List all sections of Code to be varied and explain your reasoning as to why this request should be granted.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to identify all variances required for the project. If any necessary variances are not included, a new application (and applicable fees) will be required.

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(s) requested as detailed below (use separate page if needed or desired):

Variance from 3355.03 C-3 Permitted Uses to allow the continued use of the parcel as car repair and tire sales, to allow for expansion of the building after obtaining the variance and a Special Permit Variance for a food truck. All future development to also be car repair and tire sales. To allow use of site for overnight parking of company trucks and other company vehicles inside the fence. To allow current site access from Colton Road and Parsons Ave without closure. Reducing access to Colton Road with a 35 ft. curb cut would restrict all manueverability to the historic parking for customers and access to the overhead garage door.

This has been, since the beginning, a car repair facility with tire sales and does not adversely affect the surrounding property owners. The future expansion will be to the south of the existing building and will not affect the sight lines from Colton Rd. and Parsons Ave. This will also bring more of the activities inside the building and under a roof. Parsons Avenue is a mixed use street with industrial, service companies, fire departments, houses, and many other car repair businesses. The site is fenced.

Signature of Applicant

Date 4-26-23

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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

4-24-25

3439 PARSONS AVE.

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PARCEL 010-114975

C-3 ZONING

The subject property is currently zoned C-3. It is a parcel with an existing automotive building at the SW corner of Colton Rd. and Parsons Ave.

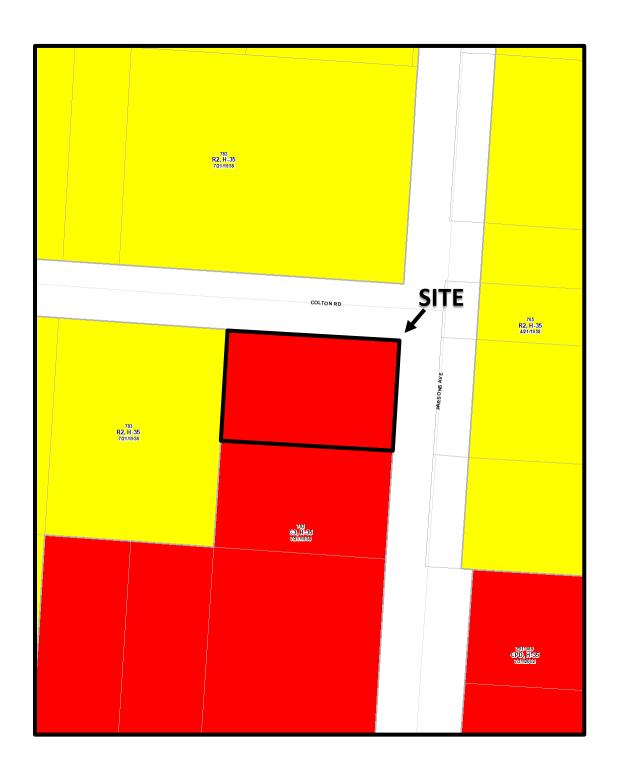
Automotive uses have been in place since 1949. The owner wishes to continue the automotive use, add on to the building and allow a Special Permit for a family owned food truck to remain on the property overnight.

In order to fulfill the intended use of the property by the applicant, the applicant requests the following variances:

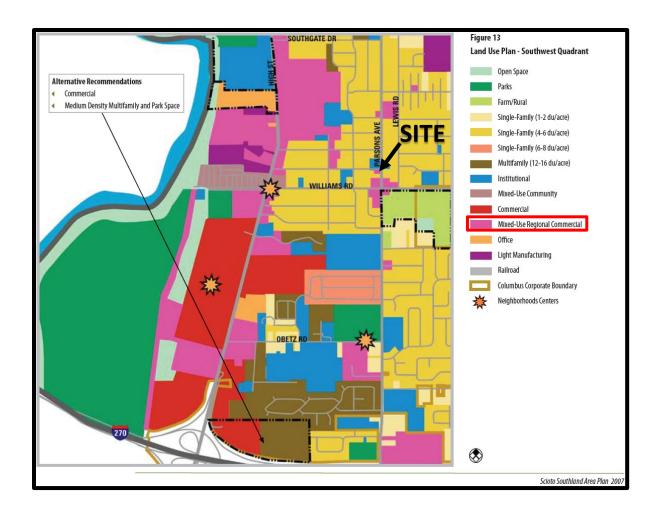
- 1. Variance from Section 3389.12 to allow a food truck to remain on-site overnight.
- 2. Variance from Section 3312.25, Maneuvering, requires parking spaces to have sufficient access and maneuvering area on the lot where parking spaces are located. The applicant proposes to permit maneuvering over parking spaces, over ROW and to cross parcel lines with providing the code required parking spaces.
- 3. Variance from Section 3355.03 to allow continued use of automotive related sales as the C-3 zone does not allow this type of use.
- 4. Variance from 3356.11 (B) to allow the food truck to be set 4 ft. forward of the 25 ft. building setback line and be 11 ft. from the Parsons Rd property line.

The proposed variances will not have any significant impact on the existing conditions of the site as the site is an automotive use and has been so since 1949. All parking requirements, as to number, are being met. Applicant agrees to stipulations not to park in front of the building facing Parsons Ave.

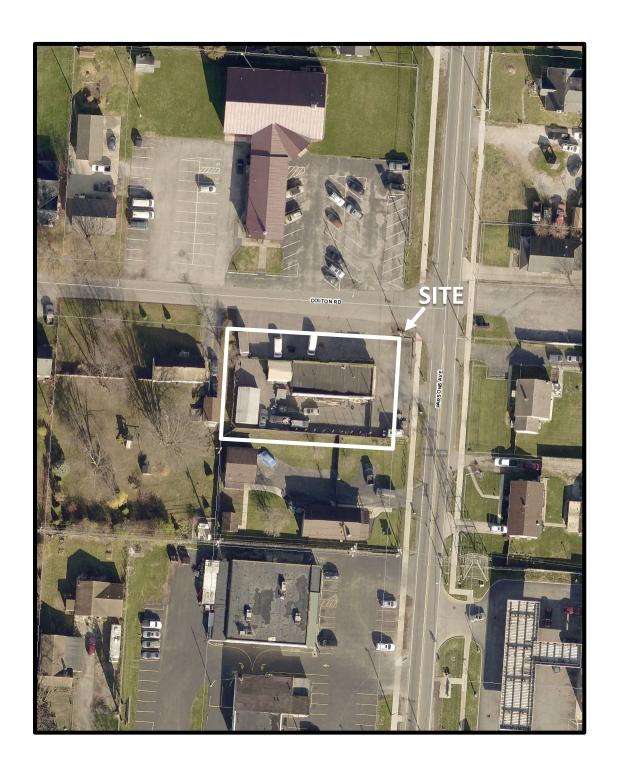
The proposed variances will not be harmful to neighboring properties or contrary to public interest or the intent and purpose of the City of Columbus Zoning Code, nor will the proposed variances impair the supply of light, endanger the public safety, or unreasonably diminish or impair public health, safety, comfort or welfare of City of Columbus residents.



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FOR USE BY: AREA COMMISSION / NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

Department of Building & Zoning Services, 111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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Case Number		
Address		
Group Name		
Meeting Date		
Specify Case Type	BZA Variance / Special Permit Council Variance Rezoning Graphics Variance / Plan / Special Permit	
Recommendation (Check only one)	Approval Disapproval	
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Vote		
Vote Signature of Authorized	d Representative Michael D. Walker, Sr	



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PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the	subject of this application.
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY A	ND NOTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	
Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) Jeanne M.	Cabral
of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 2939 Bexley Park Road (Columbus, OH 43209
deposes and states that (he/she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT	OR DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is
	ies having a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this
application in the following format:	
	Name of Business or individual (including contact name and number) Business or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code
	Number of Columbus-based employees
	(Limited to 3 lines per box)
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Sabino and Lorena Rubio 614-915-6460	2.
3439 Parson Ave. Columbus, OH 43207	
5 employees	
3 employees	
3.	4.
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Check here if listing additional parties on a separate p	aye.
SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT YMMU W	L Cabrel
Sworn to before me and signed it my presence this 215+	day of April , in the year 2625
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	Aug 7 th , 2029 My Commission Expires Notary Seal Here
MATTHEW ALLEN PUTERBAUGH Notary Public State of Ohio My Comm. Expires August 7, 2029	

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