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## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF VARIANCES

APPLICATION: CV22-013
ADDRESS: 514 Taylor Avenue
PARCEL: 010-023277 and six other parcels
OWNER: Central Ohio Community Improvement Corp.
APPLICANT: NK Development Partners LLC
ATTORNEY: David Hodge, Underhill and Hodge
DATE: September 9, 2022
This site is located on the east side of Taylor avenue, just south of Leonard Avenue and Interstate 670. The site is comprised of seven vacant parcels which will be combined as part of this development.

The property is currently zoned R-3. Properties to the north, south, west, and east are also zoned R-3. There is property across Taylor Avenue zoned CPD for a medical center and its expanded parking lot.

The site is not a historic site and it is not located within a commercial overlay. The site is within the boundary of the Near East Area Commission and the Near East Area Plan. The Plan's development strategy for this Taylor Avenue corridor recommends lower and medium density residential uses. Taylor Avenue serves as a visible edge of the adjacent neighborhoods and will spur further revitalization. Consideration may be given to rowhouses or other market-rate multifamily and some neighborhood based retail at some locations. Future development should reflect the existing new and renovated Taylor Homes housing and/or the housing design guidelines presented in the Plan.

The development shall include the addition of a mural on the north facing façade, subject to review and approval by Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT)

The Applicant proposes rezoning the site from R-3 to AR-2 to allow the construction of a marketrate multifamily residential development. The development will provide approximately 48 studio, one-, and two-dwelling units. The Applicant is committed to the submitted Site Plan and building design which is substantially similar to the submitted Elevations.

The permit the development as proposed, the Applicant requests the following companion area variances:

1. $3312.21(\mathrm{~A})(1)-$ Number of interior parking lot landscaping trees. The Applicant requests a variance to reduce the minimum number of interior parking lot landscaping trees from 6 to 5 .
2. $3312.21(\mathrm{D})(1)$ - Parking lot headlight screening. The Applicant requests a variance to eliminate the requirement that headlight screening be provided on a landscaped area at least 4 feet in width. 3. 3312.49 - Minimum number of parking spaces required. The Applicant requests a variance to reduce the minimum number of parking spaces required from 72 to 53 .
3. 3333.18 - Building lines. The Applicant requests a variance to reduce the minimum building line from 25 feet to 5 feet from the Taylor Avenue right-of-way.

The proposed development promotes policies and strategies set forth by the Near East Area Plan. In particular, this development will promote revitalization of a residential area by filling vacant land with a residential use. The Applicant utilized a strategy set forth by the Near East Area Plan to work with the City's Land Bank to secure vacant land for redevelopment. Another strategy set forth by the Near East Area Plan is to focus the development of higher density apartments within and adjacent to commercial districts. This development promotes that strategy because property across Taylor Road is zoned CPD. While the development proposes a density that is higher than recommended by the Plan, this density is appropriate with the evolving housing market and consideration should be given to the incorporation of Near East Area Plan design standards.

The Applicant requests these area variances in conjunction with a request to rezone the property from R-3 to AR-2. The Applicant suffers from unusual and practical difficulties in the carrying out of the AR-2 district due to conditions of the lot. The requested area variances will not seriously affect any adjoining property owner or the general welfare. Rather, allowing the property to develop as proposed will improve the adjoining property and the general welfare by developing a desired use for the neighborhood.

The property will not yield a reasonable return without the requested variances. The site is wide but not particularly deep. The property needs to be developed as proposed to yield a reasonable return. However, in order to develop the property as proposed, certain area and landscaping variances are necessary to make the best use of the property.

The requested variances are not substantial. The reduction of interior one interior parking lot landscaping tree is necessary to provide as much on-site parking as possible but this landscaping elements will be accommodated elsewhere on the site or just off the property line. The request to reduce the building is also not substantial because the development will still provide a substantial front yard in addition to multiple community green spaces along Taylor Road. The request to reduce the landscaped area for headlight screening is not substantial and will not cause detriment to any adjoining neighbors. The Applicant proposes providing a fence along the parking lot perimeter which will screen headlights. A 4-foot wide strip of landscaped area is not needed to provide headlight screening for a fence. The proposed fence will be located along the property line so the spirit of this screening requirement will be met without the necessity of a wide landscaped area.

The requested variances allowing the development as proposed will not substantially alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor cause adjoining properties substantial detriment. The neighborhood is predominantly residential in character. There are some commercial and manufacturing properties and a school within a couple of blocks from the site.

The requested variances will not adversely affect the delivery of governmental services. The Applicant submits that the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirements would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the requested variances.

Respectfully submitted,


David Hodge
Attorney for the Applicant


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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES

## Standardized Recommendation Form

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## LIST BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

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Signature of Authorized Representative
Recommending Group Title fable tran 5:4

Daytime Phone Number


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.

## Council Variance Application

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Parties having a $5 \%$ or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application.
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## STATE OF OHIO <br> COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) David Hodge
of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) Underhill \& Hodge LLC, 8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 260, New Albany, OH 43054 deposes and states that (he/she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is a list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities 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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| NK Development Partners LLC | Central Ohio Community Improvement Corp. <br> 752 Forest Street <br> 845 Parsons Avenue <br> Columbus, Ohio 43206 |
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