



### COUNCIL VARIANCE APPLICATION

City of Columbus, Ohio • Department of Building & Zoning Services
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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

See Exhibit B

Signature of Applicant Date 12/27/12

### **EXHIBIT B**

## **Statement of Hardship**

362 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

Council Variance # CV12	

The site consists of 24 parcels on both the north and south side of East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue between North Fourth Street and North Grant Avenue. All of the buildings are vacant and boarded. All of the buildings are in the New Indianola Historic District. All of the parcels are zoned AR-4, Apartment Residential, except 393-395 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 394-396 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 397-403 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which are zoned C-4, Commercial. Twenty-three (23) of the 24 parcels are developed with apartment buildings that will be completely renovated for market rate housing. The 24<sup>th</sup> parcel has a building, but it will be razed. The total number of dwelling units is 90 and the number of dwelling units per building, as itemized on the submitted data table, corresponds to the use of record for each building. Applicant proposes to permit the dwellings in the C-4, Commercial District and develop new and expanded parking areas to provide a total of 186 parking spaces or 2.06/DU. Development of the parking areas requires variances to site development standards due to property lines and proposed parking space stacking. All of the buildings are on separate parcels and need to remain on separate parcels.

Given working with the existing buildings and maintaining the existing separate parcels, applicant has a practical difficulty with literal compliance with parking lot design standards, while, in effect, code requirements will be met through common ownership and easements where applicable. Applicant also has a practical difficulty in complying with applicable development standards to an area of Columbus where many properties don't comply with current design standards since these properties and the area were developed before the current design standards existed. Applicant believes a hardship exists in that there is no zoning district to which the property could be rezoned to conform the parcels and buildings to applicable current zoning regulations. Applicant believes the proposed variances meet the criteria contained in City of Columbus form, "Statement of Hardship", which form is hereby incorporated by reference. It is the intention of this application to permit the proposed project and to grant all applicable variances for existing conditions so the project is conforming to the zoning code by variance, as applicable.

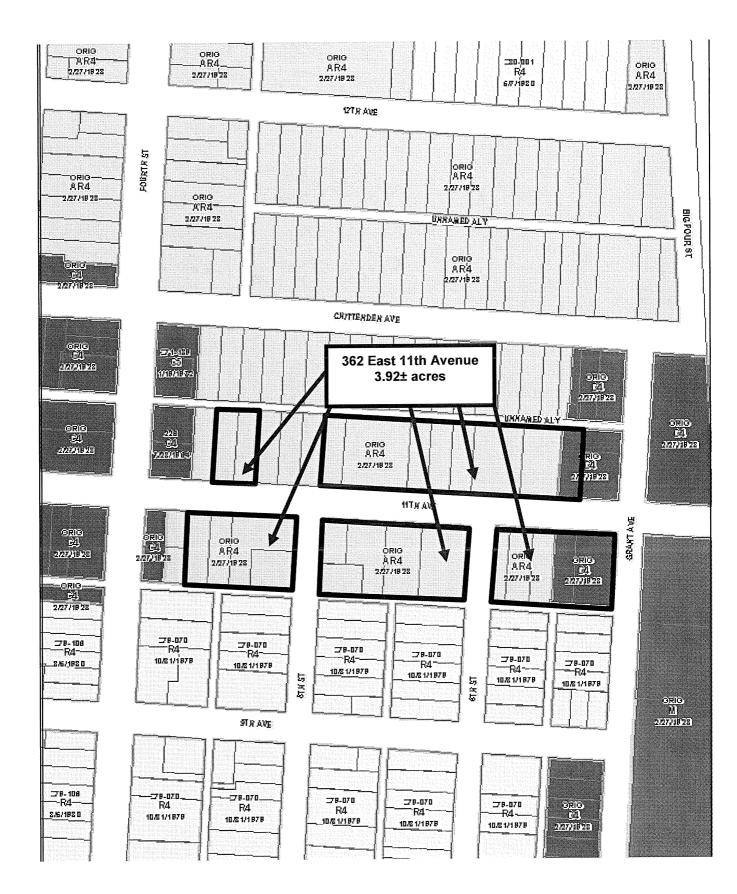
Applicant requests the following variances:

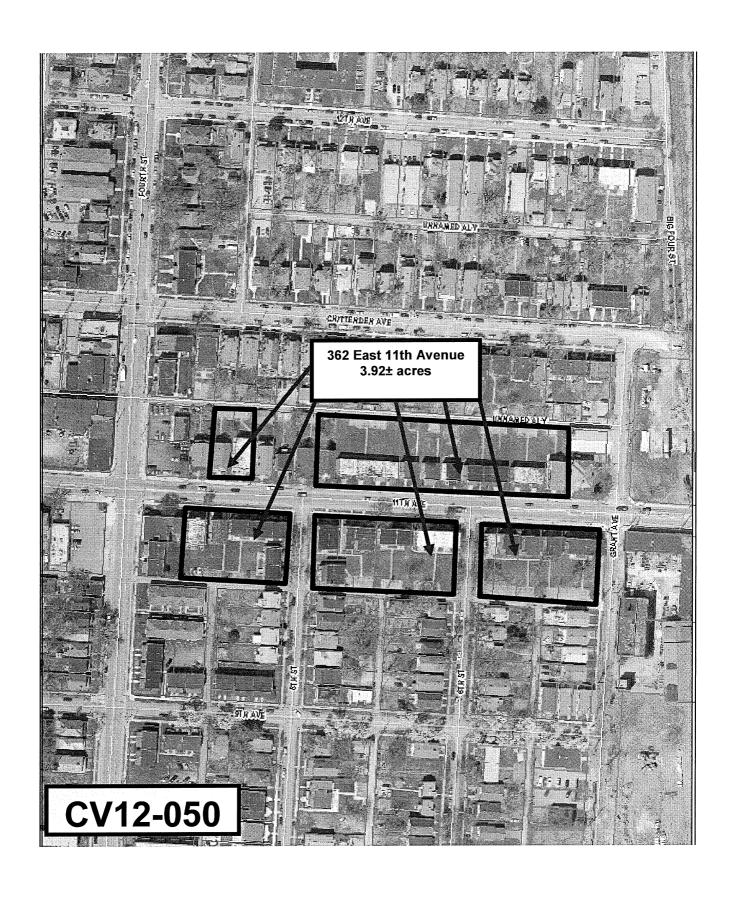
1) 3356.03, C-4 Permitted Uses, which Section does not permit buildings used exclusively for residential purposes or any ground level residential use, while 393-395 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 397-403 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 394-396 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue were built before this current use limitation of the C-4 district, are exclusively used for residential purposes

- and contain four (4), four (4) and two (2) dwelling units, respectively, and applicant proposes to permit the residential use of these buildings as a permitted use by variance in the C-4, Commercial District.
- 2) 3333.12, AR-1 and AR-4 Area District Requirements, which Section requires 1,200 square feet of lot area/dwelling unit, other than corner lots, while certain existing parcels with existing buildings and no change in number of existing/permitted dwelling units don't comply with 1,200 square feet of lot area/dwelling unit.
- 3) 3333.22, Maximum Side Yard Required, which Section requires 20% of the lot width to be provided in side yard, while 20% of lot width does not exist in total side yard on various parcels with the existing buildings.
- 4) 3333.23, Minimum Side Yard Permitted, which Section requires a five (5) foot minimum side yard, while buildings in the project have existing side yards of less than five (5) feet.
- 5) 3312.09, Aisle, which Section requires a minimum of twenty (20) foot aisle for 90 degree parking spaces, while applicant proposes to develop new parking areas at the rear of existing buildings on existing parcels and certain aisles will be divided by existing property lines, thereby creating aisles on each side of a property line that are less than twenty (20) feet, as well as certain parking spaces will be configured in a stacked arrangement, while the overall aisle width will meet or exceed twenty (20) feet and easements as applicable will be provided for the aisle to function as a single aisle divided by a property line and stacked spaces will be assigned in pairs to the same dwelling unit.
- 6) 3312.13, Driveway, which Section requires a twenty (20) foot wide driveway, while applicant proposes to develop new parking areas at the rear of existing buildings on existing parcels and certain driveways will be divided by existing property lines, thereby creating driveways divided by property lines with each part of the driveway less than twenty (20) feet wide, while the overall driveway width will meet or exceed twenty (20) feet and easements as applicable will be provided for each driveway to function as a single driveway even though divided by a property line.
- 7) 3312.17, Parking Setback Line, which Section requires a minimum parking setback line of ten (10) feet, regardless of permitted calculated building setback, while applicant proposes a parking area at 361-369 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue that is behind the established building setback (2') on North Sixth Street, but five (5) feet from the North Sixth Avenue right of way.
- 8) 3312.25, Maneuvering, which Section requires a minimum of twenty (20) feet of maneuvering area for 90 degree parking spaces, while applicant proposes to develop new parking areas at the rear of existing buildings on existing parcels and certain maneuvering areas will be divided by existing property lines, thereby creating maneuvering area on each side of a property line that is less than twenty (20) feet and applicant while the overall maneuvering area will meet or exceed twenty (20) feet and easements as applicable will be provided for the maneuvering area to function as a single maneuvering area divided by a property line.
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- 10) 3321.01, Dumpster Area, which Section treats dumpster boxes as a structure, while the location of certain dumpsters may be across existing property lines and, for purposes of locating dumpster boxes, property lines will be disregarded and no parcel combination shall be required.

09/30/12







City of Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman

# **University Area Commission**

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November 14, 2012

TO: Dana Hitt

757 Carolyn Ave. Columbus, OH 43224 Ph: 614-645-2395 dahitt@columbus.gov

RE: Council Variance CV12-050

362 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Dear Mr. Hitt:

This letter is to inform you that the University Area Commission voted to approve the recommendation by the Zoning Committee regarding the request for Council Variance for the properties on East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, certified address of 362 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The request for council variance allows the existing residential units to remain as residential in a C4 zone, and also includes the parking variances that would allow the creation of required parking spaces to the rear of the renovated residential units.

The Commission commended the applicant for this project which will help improve a significant gateway entrance to the University District.

The vote was **13** yes, **0** no, and no abstentions. The request for council variance was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Keeny UAC Zoning Committee C: (937) 479-0201





# HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

# **HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION**

This is a recommendation to the appropriate regulatory body as identified per City Code. It is not a zoning clearance or a building permit. This document does not relieve the applicant from the responsibility of filing for and obtaining any required zoning clearance and/or building permit from the City of Columbus Department of Building & Zoning Services (645-6090 / 757 Carolyn Avenue) and following all other applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Columbus

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 362 East Eleventh Avenue /Multipl APPLICANT'S NAME: Weinland Park Properties, LLC. (A) APPLICATION NO.: 12-11-11	Properties New Indianola Historic District Community Properties of Ohio III, LLC. (O) COMMISSION HEARING DATE: 11/15/2012
The Historic Resources Commission hereby certifies that the application for on file with the city's Historic Preservation Office. The Commission has re with Columbus City Code 3116 & 3117 and the architectural guidelines:	the above referenced property and a copy of this Recommendation are viewed the application and taken the following action(s) in accordance

⊠ Varianc	e or Zoning Change Request	
	Rezoning Parking Variance Change of Use Lot Split	Special permit Setbacks Other

### TYPE(S) OF ACTION(S) REQUESTED:

Recommend approval of Application #12-11-11, 362 East Eleventh Avenue /Multiple Properties, New Indianola Historic District, for ten (10) variances, as submitted.

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MOTION: Clark/Rowan (4-0-0) RECOMMENDED

RECOMMENDATION:		•
RECOMMEND APPROVAL	RECOMMEND DENIAL	NO ACTION TAKEN
THIS RECOMMENDATION IS FOR CON FOR THE ACTION(S) REQUESTED AS I		REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Randy F. Black	- CH	

Randy F. Black Historic Preservation Officer



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# PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application. THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NOTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.

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STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN					
Being first duly cautioned and sworn [NAME]	Donald Plank				
Of [COMPLETE ADDRESS] Plank Law Firm, 145 East Rich Street, FL 3, Columbus, OH 43215 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 \$\overline{a}\$ 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this application in the following formats					
	Name of business or individual Business or individual's address Address of corporate headquarters City, Sate, Zip Number of Columbus based employees Contact name and number				
1. Community Properties of Ohio III LLC c/o Susan K. Ziegler 88 East Broad Street, Suite 1800 Columbus, OH 43215 # of City of Columbus Based Employees: 50 Contact: Susan K. Ziegler, (614) 228-8446	2. Weinland Park Properties LLC 575 West First Avenue, Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43215 # of City of Columbus Based Employees: 0 Contact: Joe Williams, (614) 545-3688				
3. Harrison Park Ventures LLC 575 West First Avenue, Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43215 # of City of Columbus Based Employees: 0 Contact: Joe Williams, (614) 545-3688	4.				
Check here if listing additional parties on a separate page.					
SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT Subscribed to me in my presence and before me this 1st day of OCTOBER, in the year 2012 SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC Power C. Power C.					
My Commission Expires: AUGUS	51 3, 2015				
Notary Seal Here  BARBARA A. PAINTER  Notary Public, State of Ohio  My Commission Expires AUCUST 3, 2015  This Project Disclosure Statement Expires six months after date of notarization.					