



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES

#### 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 conjuction 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 the variance requested as detailed below:

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## **Department of Building & Zoning Services**

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CV16-035

## STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

Proposed Carriage House 1497 Perry Street Columbus, OH 43201

### VARIANCES

1. CC3332.039 - one single family dwelling; allow second dwelling in form of a carriage house

2. Section 3332.15 - R-4 area district requirements, requires that a dwelling containing three (3) or four (4) dwelling units shall be situated on a lot with an area which equals or exceeds 2,500 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit, while applicant proposes to maintain a two-unit dwelling and to construct a new single unit carriage house dwelling on a 7,439 ±square foot lot, totaling 2,479.7± square feet of lot area per dwelling unit (proposed is 99.2% of 2,500sqft requirement)

3. CC3332.19 - to eliminate the requirement, with respect to the proposed carriage house, that each dwelling on the property shall front on a public street (Alley).

4. Section 3332.27 - Rear yard, requires a rear yard totaling no less than twenty-five (25) percent of the total lot area. Proposed rear yard will equal 25.3% of property area behind the existing house, but the applicant proposes no rear yard for the carriage house dwelling.

5. Section 3372.542 - Maximum Lot Coverage, to allow the buildings to cover 2,368 square feet of the lot or 31.8 percent, whereas code requires a maximum of 25 percent or 1,860 square feet allowed by code (only in the University Impact District, otherwise 50% coverage is allowed by code).

6. Section 3372.544 - Maximum Floor Area, the maximum total calculated floor area permitted on any lot shall be determined by a 0.40 floor area ratio, while applicant proposes 0.61 floor area ratio.

7. Section 3332.28 - to add a side yard obstruction to allow 2 parking spaces in the existing parking pad next to the proposed new construction carriage house.

Owner and Applicant requests relief from Title 33 Zoning rules and requests permission to build a new construction carriage house located at property address 1497 Perry Street, Columbus, OH 43201. This property is located in the University Area Commission district, which serves to guide variance requests and as an architectural review board. This property currently has a two unit, side-by-side duplex, which will be maintained in its current form alongside the proposed carriage house.

Creating a new construction reproduction of a historic carriage house that is architecturally compatible with the existing home on this property, and architecturally compatible with the other historic carriage houses and garages in the University Area Commission is not possible without some relief from Title 33 Zoning Code, of which the code is applicable to more typical residential districts. The unique architecture and historical character of the University Area Commission and surrounding historical districts does not typically conform to

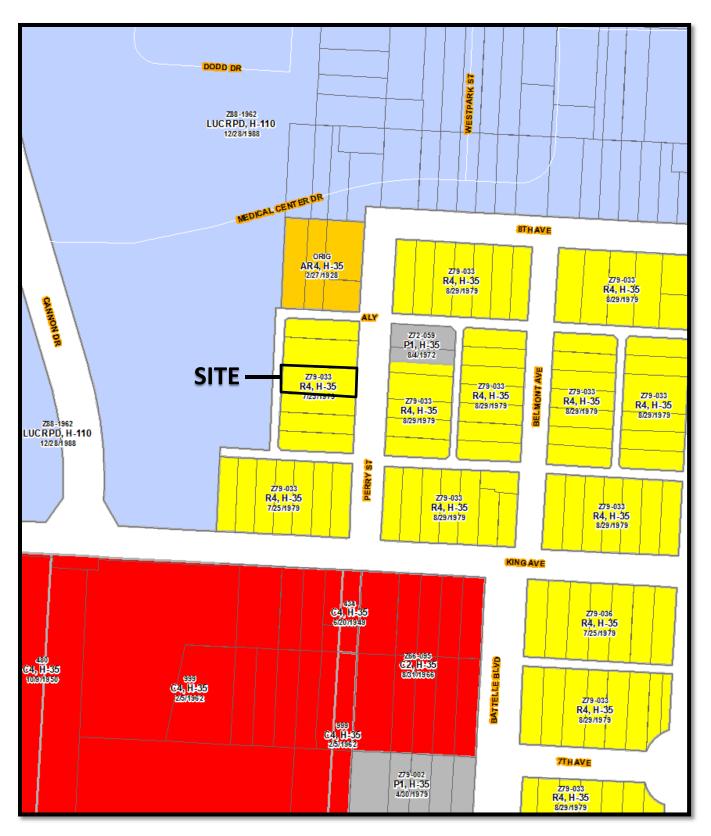
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Title 33 Zoning Codes and therefore casts special circumstance and constraints onto property owners in this district and other historical districts.

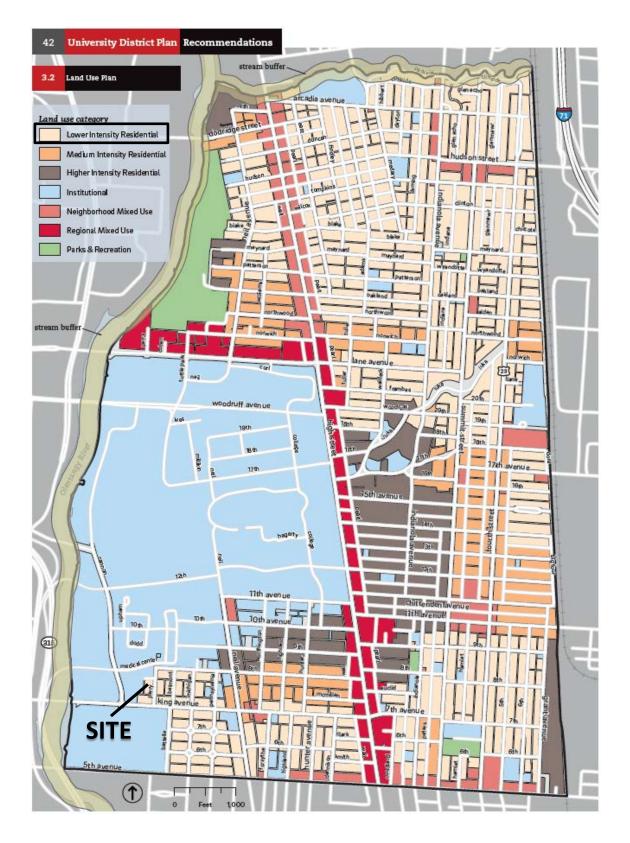
It is beneficial for the property owner, the University Area Commission community, and the City of Columbus to allow variances to certain zoning restrictions to allow for a high quality, architecturally sensitive carriage house. The Applicant could build a room addition connected to the rear of the house with an additional dwelling unit that would comply with existing zoning codes, but building a carriage house with living space above a garage will follow the typical historical uses of a large rear yard. Building living space and a new dwelling unit above a new carriage house allows for the normal rear yard between the house and garage to remain open and maintain the rear yard integrity of the neighborhood.

It is important to note that the length, width, and overall square footage of this lot is much larger than the typical, urban plotted lot in the City of Columbus. The subject property is 53'2" wide by 140' deep and is serviced by a rea alley with no houses or development on the other side of the alley (public right of way with community garden). The typical lots in these districts are 30-40' wide by 110-160' deep. Having a lot that is very wide at 53'2" allows for a nice placement of the carriage house without making the subject property and adjacent properties feel too congested or create a burden on any property owner. Because of the large size of the subject lot, all required zoning and building code setbacks from all property lines will be satisfied without variances.

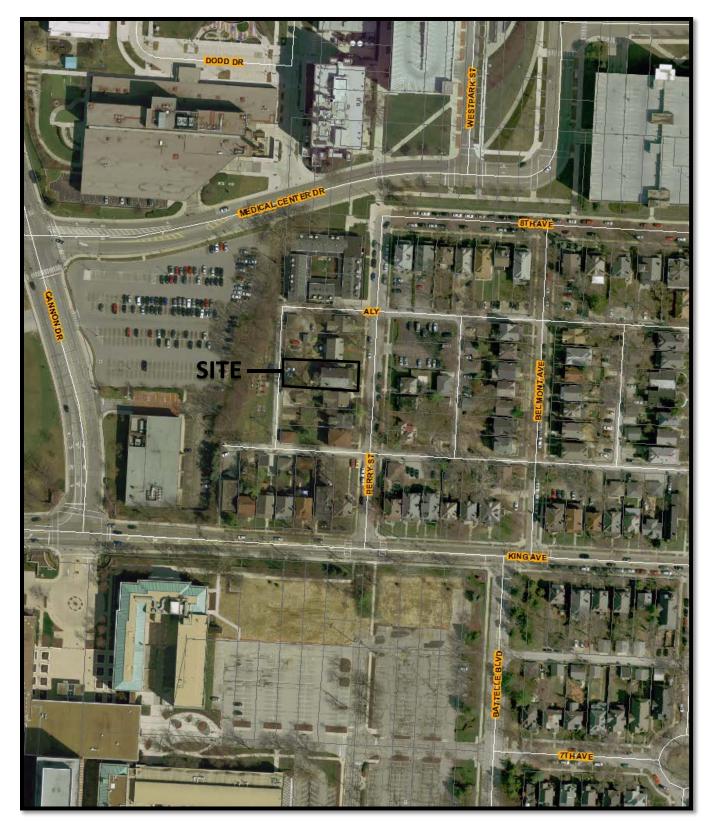
In summary, and most importantly, granting this variance request to build a new construction carriage house will not be injurious to neighboring properties or the community's inhabitants. The granting of this variance will not be contrary to the public interest. The granting of this variance will increase the architectural appeal of the street/alley and the University Area District as a whole, especially the "NECKO" sub-community of the University Area District.



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# **University Area Commission**

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Serving the University Community for over 30 Years

TO: Michael Maret 757 Carolyn Ave. Columbus, OH 43224 Ph: 614-645-2749 <u>mjmaret@columbus.gov</u> RE: 1497-99 Perry St. CV16-035

CV16-035 Dear Michael:

This letter is to inform you that on June 15, 2016 the University Area Commission voted to approve the request for variances for the construction of a new carriage house & 3-car garage on the property located at 1497-99 W. Perry St. The variances requested are as follows:

- 1. <u>Section 3332.039 R-4 residential district</u>: to permit 2 separate dwellings in an R4 zone instead of one dwelling, max. per code.
- Section 3332.15 R-4 area district requirements: to permit 3 dwelling units on a single lot of 7,439 SF rather than the code-required minimum lot size of 7,500 SF. (99.2% of 2,500 SF requirement).
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  - <u>Section 3332.19 Fronting</u>: to permit a dwelling unit (carriage house) to front on an alley rather than a public street.
- 4. <u>Section 3332.27 Rear yard:</u> to permit zero (0) rear yard for the carriage house instead of the minimum 25% of the total lot area. (Rear yard of 25.3% applies to existing dwelling only).
- 5. <u>Section 3372.542 Maximum lot coverage</u>: to permit the 2 buildings to cover 31.8% of the lot instead of the maximum 25% allowed by code.
- 6. <u>Section 3372.544 Maximum floor area</u>: to permit a 0.61 F.A.R. (floor area ratio) of instead of the code maximum of 0.4 F.A.R.
- 7. <u>Section 3332.28 Side or rear yard obstruction</u>: to permit side yard obstruction of 2 parking spaces along the north property line (on the existing gravel driveway).

<u>Please note:</u> The Commission received no notification of the 8<sup>th</sup> variance request listed below until this June 15th UAC meeting. The Zoning Committee had no prior knowledge of this variance & could not vote or recommend it to the UAC. We want to highlight that all materials to be voted on must be presented in a timely manner to the University Area Commission & its committees.

8. <u>Section 3312.25, Maneuvering</u>: to permit 2 double-stacked parking spaces at the north property line where there no adequate space for maneuvering.

While it was approved, this council variance applicant did not receive as many positive votes as did the council variance applicant for the carriage house proposed at 360 W. 6th Ave. Both cases were presented at the same UAC meeting. Several issues:

- Double-stacked parking at the north property line (*not* supported by the new University District Plan in an R4 zone)
- Carriage house might become rental property on a site that already contains 2, 4-bedroom units could have a potential 10-bedroom rental property.
- Concern over amount of paving behind and to the north side of the carriage house.

The applicant was commended for providing the required amount of parking on site, removing the illegal curb cut and gravel drive along the north property line, eliminating the large existing rear yard deck and increasing the planting beds. In addition, the applicant proposes to occupy the new dwelling unit above the garage once completed. For these reasons and that the applicant did address many of the concerns previously expressed by the zoning committee, the Commission did approve the above-stated request for council variance.

The vote to approve was: For – 8; Against – 5; Abstentions – 1.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan LM Keeny Susan Keeny UAC Zoning Committee Chair C: 937-479-0201

# **University Area Review Board**

50 West Gay Street, Fourth Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-9031 (614) 645-6096 (614) 645-6675 fax



DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

# RECOMENDATION

CV16-035 zoning case no. 1497-1499 PERRY STREET property address June 16, 2016 hearing date Michael Mahaney applicant

> issue date June 27, 2016

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.

The University Area Review Board hereby certifies that the application for the above referenced property and a copy of this Recommendation are on file with the City of Columbus Planning Division within the Development Department. The Board has reviewed the application and taken the following action(s) in accordance with Columbus City Code 3372.580.

### Variance or Zoning Change Request

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Rezoning Parking Variance Change of Use Lot Split



Graphics Special permit Setbacks Other

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

To support the requested variances to advance the project as proposed.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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SUPPORT REQUESTED VARIANCE **OR ZONING CHANGE** 

DO NOT SUPPORT REQUESTED VARIANCE OR ZONING CHANGE NO ACTION TAKEN

THIS RECOMMENDATION IS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DESIGNATED REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE ACTION(S) REQUESTED AS INDICATED.

**Daniel Ferdelman** University Area Review Board, Staff



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### PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application.

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