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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:

See attached.

Signature of Applicant Symm Det Reff Date 9/24/16

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Department of Building & Zoning Services

Scott Messer, Director 757 Carolyn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43224 Phone: 614-645-7433 • www.bzs.columbus.gov Statement of Hardship for 691 S. Parsons Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43206:

The subject property is currently zoned C-4 and L-C-4. All of the tracts located on S. Parsons Ave are zoned C-4 while the tract that is to the west of those other tracts, oriented lengthwise N-S with its north edge on Beck Street and it south edge on May Alley, is zoned L-C-4 (Z87-1742). Originally separate parcels, all but one of the tracts are now unified into one parcel, 010-056798. The property encompassed by parcel 010-011460 is being purchased by the applicant, and will be combined with the larger parcel. The intent of this Council Variance is to align the zoning of these tracts to be consistent throughout the parcel.

The above described parcels consist of five (5) buildings, four on parcel 010-056798 and one on parcel 010-011460. Starting at the northern most building; 677 S. Parsons Ave (010-011460-00) is a two-story brick structure built in 1927, but renovated multiple times since its initial construction; 681 S. Parsons Ave. is a concrete masonry unit (CMU) single story garage structure built in 1954; a larger CMU single-story garage built in 1963 at 685 S. Parsons Ave. connects to the 1954 garage to make the appearance of one structure from Parsons Ave; 691 S. Parsons Ave is a two-story wood framed building built in 1920 that has had a series of modifications and additions to the original structure made over the past century, which have incorporated brick, asphalt siding and CMU. The most current use of these buildings has been an "Adult Bookstore", misc. storage, a workshop and a church. All of the structures on the property are in disrepair and a significant investment needs to be made to renovate them into onceagain functioning buildings. Sidestreet Development LLC, who purchased the property in October 2015, envision a new life for all of these buildings and the block as a whole.

As shown on the attached site plan (Appendix I), all buildings that front S. Parsons Ave are on a zero lot line, which is consistent with the underlying Urban Commercial Overlay that the C-4 property is subject to. As typical of buildings in a neighborhood of this age, the subject property does not have full surface parking spaces or loading parking spaces. No parking will be provided on site. All other parking will be provided off-site across the street at 646 South Parsons Ave. The applicant is requesting this Council Variance in order to allow for the buildings to be renovated into potential eating and drinking establishments, offices, or residences depending on market demand and existing resources. The applicant is requesting to turn a majority of the existing yard into courtyard and patio seating/event space area. The vision for the property is to provide spaces for businesses that both serve the needs of the community and infuse the area with a vibrant cultural hub, active both day and evening. Office and shared work space uses will bring professionals into the neighborhood and provide additional jobs in the area. Brewery and restaurant businesses, tied with the outdoor space, will provide a place for neighbors and medical professionals to commune, along with healthy food options and growing space, much needed on the South Side. The buildings are currently vacant and in substantial need of rehabilitation. This redevelopment will not only improve the aesthetic appeal of the Parsons corridor, but also assist in bringing more economy and expansion to the area. The outdoor space creates a unique opportunity to host community-focused events: farmer's markets, local arts and crafts events, and a chance to partner with other local businesses like Local Matters to offer classes to the surrounding community (plantbased cooking, growing food, etc).

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

- 1. Variance from Section 3370.05 to permit a full-service eating and drinking establishment to be operated on the property in the L-C-4 district, which currently limits certain types of restaurants.
- 2. Variance from Section 3321.01 to permit the dumpster to be located in the front setback as shown in the site plan.
- 3. Variance from Section 3321.05(B)(1) to maintain the existing building, which encroaches into the clear vision triangle at the intersection of May Alley and South Parsons Avenue.
- 4. Variance from Section 3312.49 to permit on-site parking to be at zero spaces with off-site parking being provided off-site parking is not included in the parking variance calculation, but is provided for information only. Parking requirement calculation: the current use requires 40 spaces with zero provided. The difference in intensities (per section 3312.03C.2D) of the old use and the proposed use requires 123 spaces for full restaurant use with zero spaces provided on-site. (Not included in calculation: 46 off-site spaces available evenings and weekends and 15 fully dedicated spaces. Ownership is actively seeking more off-site parking opportunities).
- 5. Variance from Section 3312.51 to not provide a loading space.
- 6. Variance from Section 3363.19 Location requirements. Allow a brewery to be located within less than 600 feet from the boundaries of a residential district.
- Variance from Section 3356.03 Use Variance. To allow a brewery with off-site distribution, which is not a permitted use in the C-4 zoning designation (permitted in M, Manufacturing District per Section 3363.14).

The applicant requests the above variances to both remediate existing non-compliant conditions and to allow the building owners the flexibility to use the buildings and spaces for restaurant, brewery and office uses across any of the buildings and their associated tracts. By approving this Council Variance, this site will become a vibrant, contributing member to the Parsons Ave corridor and its surrounding neighborhood.

The proposed variances will not have any significant impact on the existing conditions of the site. The proposed variances will not be injurious 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 / COMMUNITY GROUP / HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Case Number:	CV16-058
Address:	691 PARSON AVE
Group Name:	SOUTHSIDE AREA COMMISSION
Meeting Date:	NOV 22, 2016
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Please e-mail this form to the assigned planner within 48 hours of your meeting day; or FAX to Zoning at 614-645-2463; or MAIL to: Assigned Planner, City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, 757 Carolyn Avenue, Columbus, OH 43224.

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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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APPLICATION # ______ CV16-658

STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) Amanda Dunfield, AIA

of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 3126 Derby Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221

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 Business or individual's address Address of corporate headquarters City, State, Zip Number of Columbus based employees Contact name and number

Check here if listing additional property owners on a separate page.

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT orn to before me and signed in my presence this dav in the year Notary Seal Here SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expire LINDA JACKSON Notary Public, State of Ohio My Comm. Expires July 9, 2017

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