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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES

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# 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 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 Exhibit "B"		
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# Exhibit B Statement of Hardship CV16-067 <u>1436 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201</u>

The property (PID: 010-067051) is 0.073 +/- acres located at the southeast corner of Indianola Avenue and E. Eighth Avenue. The site is developed with a building built as but no longer used for a church. Applicant proposes to change the use of the church to nine (9) dwelling units. The proposed use is consistent with residential use of the area, a recent variance for change of use of a commercial use to dwelling units at the northeast corner of Indianola Avenue and E. Eighth Avenue and preservation and reuse of the existing former church building. The property is zoned R-4, Residential as is much of the surrounding area. There are many non-conforming uses in the R-4 area as well as many uses not in compliance with R-4 standards.

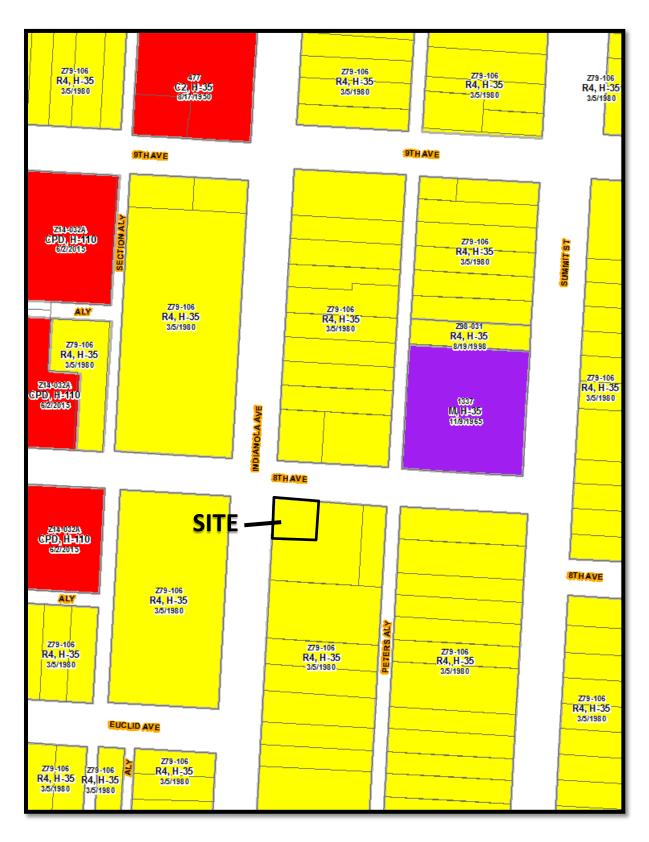
Applicant has a hardship and practical difficulty with compliance with the referenced code sections necessitating the requested variances because there is no zoning district to which the property could be rezoned to not need variances, the building/site is a special purpose building now being adapted to a new use with zoning that has evolved multiple times since the church was built, various existing site conditions need to be conformed to R-4 district and University Planning Overlay (UPO) code standards by variance. Applicant has no beneficial use of the property without the requested variances.

Applicant requests the following variances. Other than the use of the building, all citations are to conform existing conditions to current code.

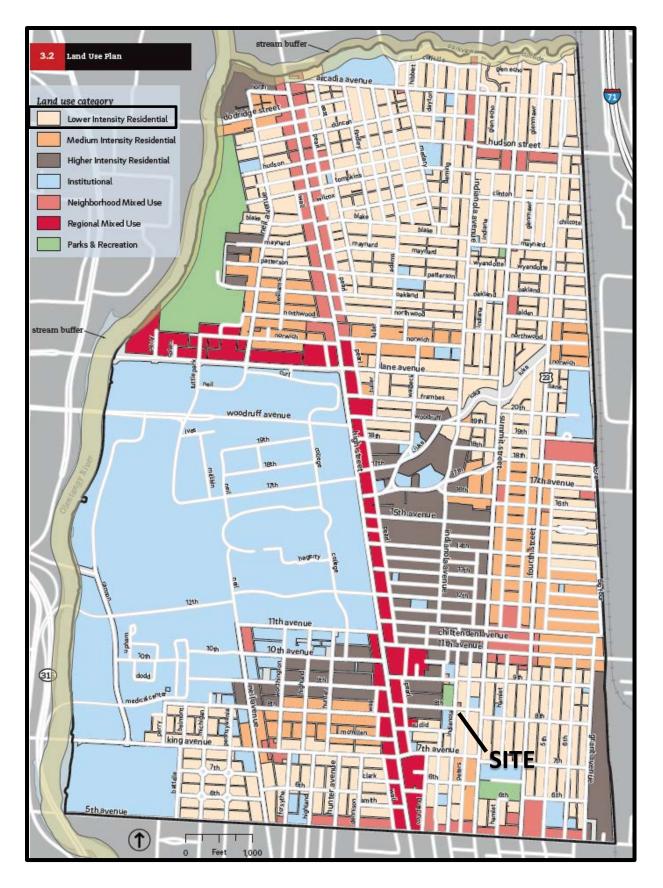
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- 2). Section 3321.05(B)(2), Vision clearance, to permit the existing building encroachment in the clear vision triangle at street intersections by reducing the 30 foot clear vision triangle at the intersection of Indianola Avenue and E. Eighth Avenue from 30 feet to three (3) feet.
- 3). Section 3321.07(B), Landscaping, to reduce required on-site tree planting from one (1) tree to zero (0) because the site is 98% covered by building and there is no place to plant a tree on this site.
- 4). Section 3332.25(B), Maximum Side Yards Required, to permit the existing side yard of the existing building by reducing side yard from 20% of lot width (53') or 10.6 feet to 1.8% reflecting the existing south one (1) foot side yard.
- 5). Section 3332.26,(C)(3), Minimum Side Yard Permitted, to reduce the minimum side yard from five (5) feet to one (1) foot reflecting the existing south side yard.
- 6). Section 3332.27, Rear Yard, to reduce rear yard from 25% to 1%.
- 7). Section 3372.541, Landscaped area and treatment, to reduce landscaping behind the most rear portion of the building from 10% of lot area (310 SF) to the existing 53 SF.
- 8). Section 3372.542, Maximum lot coverage, to increase the Maximum Lot Coverage from 25% to 98%.
- 9). Section 3372.543, to reduce the average building setback from 16' +/- to zero (0) feet on both Indianola Avenue and E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

- 10). Section 3372.544, to permit increase the maximum floor area ratio from 0.40 to 1.90.
- 11). Section 3372.545(A)(B), Height, to increase the height the permitted height from 35 feet to 48 feet to permit the existing church steeple and to permit the existing cornice/eave height of the existing building.

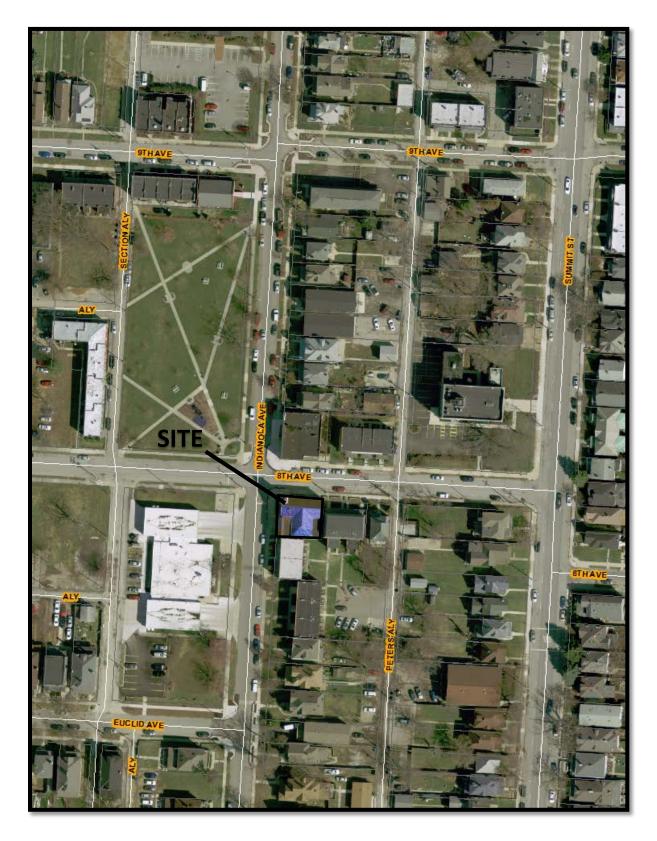
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**TO: Michael Maret** 

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Shannon Pine 757 Carolyn Ave. 757 Carolyn Ave. Columbus, OH 43224 Columbus, OH 43224 Ph: 614-645-2749 Ph: 614-645-2208 mimaret@columbus.gov spine@columbus.gov RE: 1436 Indianola Avenue

November 16, 2016

Dear Shannon & Michael:

This letter is to inform you that on November 16, 2016 the University Area Commission voted to approve the request for council variances for the change of use for the property located at 1436 Indianola Avenue. The multiple variances being requested are:

1. Section 3332.039, R4 residential district: to permit the change of use of a church building to 10 dwelling units. 2. Section 3321.05 B)(2), Vision clearance: to permit the existing building encroachment in the clear vision triangle at the street intersections by reducing the 30 ft. clear vision triangle to 3 ft. @ the corner of Indianola & E, 8th Avenues. 3. Section 3332.27, Rear yard: to reduce rear yard from code-required 25% to 1%. 4. Section 3332.541, Landscaped area & treatment: to permit the landscaping behind the most rear portion of the building to be reduced from 10% lot area (310 sf) to the existing 53 sf. 5. Section 3372.542, Max. lot coverage: to permit the max. lot coverage to be increased from 25% to 8% 6. Section 3372.543, Building lines: to permit the average building setback to be reduced from the coderequired 16 ft.to 0 ft. on both streets. 7. Section 3372.544, Max. floor area: to permit the max. F.A.R. (floor area ratio) to increase from 0.40 to 1.90. 8. Section 3372.545(A)(B), Height: to permit an increase in max. height from 35 ft.to 48 ft. to allow the e existing church steeple & to allow the existing building cornice/eave height. There was much discussion concerning the lack of any parking on the site, and some commissioners remained opposed to the project because of the added density with no on-site parking. Most others felt that this proposed new use - a 10-bedroom apartment - was an improvement over allowing the existing church building on this visible corner site to remain vacant, especially when the property directly across E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue had been similarly renovated on a site with zero parking spaces

available. The fact that the current building footprint would remain the same was felt, overall, to be a positive approach by the majority of commissioners. Finally, there was consensus among all commissioners that although a Landscaping variance was included in the above-mentioned list of variances, the developer should make every effort to add landscaping on the property: a planting strip along either E. 8<sup>th</sup> or Indianola or both, or at minimum, planters and planting boxes. It was pointed out that this same developer had added a planting strip

around a similar type project across E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is technically not a condition but more of a simple request that would make the project more compatible with the residential character of Weinland Park. It also becomes important to the community particularly as this property falls outside the Impact District and, therefore, has no design review. We sincerely hope that the owner will grant this request.

The vote to approve the above variance request was: For - 14 Against - 3; Abstentions - 0.

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

## Maret, Michael J.

From:	susan keeny <slmkeeny@hotmail.com></slmkeeny@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, April 24, 2017 8:02 AM
То:	Maret, Michael J.; Pine, Shannon L.
Cc:	David Perry; Seth Golding; Craig Bouska; Rory Krupp; aaronbmarshall@gmail.com; skeeny@columbuslandmarks.org;
	Brian Williams; Brian Williams
Subject:	Re: 1436 Indianola Ave.

Michael,

We have received your email with the additional variances for the project located 1436 Indianola Ave. Please know that our commission approval is based only on the variances as submitted and noted in the November 16, 2016 UAC letter. The University Area Commission has no vote or recommendation on the additional variances.

I would like to note that this is the second case we have received recently where variances have been added to an applicant's request for variances AFTER the University Area Commission's vote. This is of concern because it appears to circumvent the process. We understand that mistakes happen, and that area commissions are only a recommending body. But we do take the work we do on behalf of our community very seriously. And we can only do that work with the information we are given.

The process of granting variances should be a thoughtful, thorough process. It is too important a process to be rushed. Please let us know if there are suggestions that you have to make communication easier and clearer. We are more than happy to answer questions.

Thank you, Susan Keeny c: 937-479-0201

From: Maret, Michael J.
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:06:15 AM
To: 'susan keeny'
Subject: RE: 1436 Indianola Ave. Susan.

3 additional variances have been added to the request. They do not alter the site plan but were simply overlooked by the applicant at the time of presentation.

Just wanted to make sure you were aware. The full list is shown below, with the additional variances highlighted.

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Let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks

# Michael Maret Planner II

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From: susan keeny [mailto:slmkeeny@hotmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 8:50 AM To: Pine, Shannon L.; Maret, Michael J. Cc: David Perry Subject: 1436 Indianola Ave.

Shannon, Mike,

Attached please find a copy of the letter regarding the University Area Commission's vote on the council variance for the property located at 1436 Indianola Avenue. Please contact us with questions.

Thank you, Susan Keeny c: 937-479-0201



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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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Donald Plank (Plank Law Firm) -----

deposes and states that (he) she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR OULY 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

1.	ALOSM LS 1436, LLC 1020 Dennison Avenue Columbus Ohio 43201 # of Columbus Based Employees:0 Contact: Kevin Lykens 614-653-1212	<ul> <li>Lykens Companies         <ol> <li>Lykens Companies</li> <li>1020 Dennison Avenue Suite 102</li> <li>Columbus, Ohio 43201</li> <li># of Columbus Based Employees: 5</li> <li>Contact: Kevin Lykens 614-653-1212</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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Check here if listing additional property owners on a separate page.

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_

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