







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:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

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Signature of Applicant			
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Department of Building & Zoning Services Scott Messer, Director 757 Carolyn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43224

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LC & Sheldon Johnson – 1311 Summit St. Columbus, OH 43201

My husband and I are in the process of purchasing a vacant lot located at 1311 Summit St. We are interested in building a Live/Work space comprised of two separate buildings to be located on the property: a "main house" which will serve as an office and a carriage house with an apartment located above that will serve as our primary residence.

The office will be home to a small business incubator where we will consult with local small businesses around issues of growth and strategy. The upper floor (bedrooms) will be private offices while the downstairs (living room, dining room, kitchen, bonus area) will serve as a staff lounge and small conference room.

Both the house and the carriage house will be built in the style of the surrounding neighborhood. Ultimately our plan will be to convert the office into our primary residence within the next five years. While we do not believe that our plans will adversely affect surrounding property owners, the following variances have been deemed necessary in order for us to move forward:

- 3333.02, AR-12, ARLD and AR-1 apartment residential district use: to permit an office building and a carriage house dwelling on the same lot or two single-unit dwellings on the same lot in the AR-1 district.
- 3312.49 Minimum numbers of parking spaces required: to permit a total of 2 parking spaces for a 1944 square-foot office and a single-unit dwelling **or** 2 single-unit dwellings (code requires 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit and 1 parking space/450 square feet of office space, a total requirement of 7 spaces for the office/dwelling development).
- Section 3333.09, Area requirements: to maintain the existing nonconforming lot width of 34 feet (code requires that a lot measure 50 feet in width).
- Section 3333.16, Fronting: to permit no frontage for the rear single-unit carriage house dwelling (code requires a dwelling unit to have frontage on a public street).
- Section 3333.22, Maximum side yard required: to permit a maximum side yard of 3.5 feet for the front building (code requires 6.8 feet).
- Section 3333.23, Minimum side yard permitted: to permit the following reduced side yards: 3.5 feet on the north side of the front building; 4 feet on the north side of the carriage house dwelling; and from 3 feet to 0 feet on the south side of the front building (code requires side yards of not less than 3 feet on a lot width of less than40 feet).
- Section 3333.24, Rear yard, to allow the carriage house to have no rear yard



CV16-047 1311 Summit Street Approximately 0.13 acres



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Northwood High Building 2231 North High Street Columbus, Ohio 43201 (614) 441-8174 www.universityareacommission.org

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August 31, 2016

TO: Tim Dietrich 757 Carolyn Ave. Columbus, OH 43224 Ph: 614-645-6665 <u>tedietrich@columbus.gov</u> RE: 1311 Summit St. CV16-047

Dear Tim:

This letter is to inform you that on August 17, 2016 the University Area Commission voted to approve the request for council variance for a new residence & office for Sheldon and LC Johnson. The 2 buildings are in response to an RFP issued by Campus Partners to develop a vacant lot in Weinland Park. Multiple variances are required to permit an office building and carriage house dwelling on the same lot in the AR1 zone. The variances requested are as follows:

- 1. <u>Sect. 3333.02, AR12, ARLD & AR1</u>, apartment residential district use: to permit an office building & carriage house dwelling on the same lot or 2 single-unit dwellings on the same lot in the AR1 District.
- Sect. 3312.49, Min. numbers of parking spaces required: to permit a total of 2 parking spaces for a 1944 SF office building plus single-unit dwelling or 2 single-unit dwellings instead of the code required 11 parking spaces (7 for the office/dwelling plus 4 parking spaces for the 2 single-unit dwellings).
- Sect. 3333.09, Area requirements: to permit the existing nonconforming lot width of 34 FT instead of the code required 50 FT.
- Sect. 3333.16, Fronting: to permit no frontage for the rear single-unit carriage house dwelling instead of the code required frontage on a public street for every dwelling unit.
- 5. <u>Sect. 3333.22, Max. side yard required</u>: to permit a max. side yard 3.5 FT for the front building instead of the code required 6.8 FT.
- 6. <u>Sect. 3333.23, min. side yard permitted</u>: to permit the following reduced side yards instead of the code required min. 5 FT side yard:
 - 3.5 FT on the north side of front building
 - 4 FT on the north side of carriage house
 - 0 FT on south side of the front building
- 7. Sect. 3333.24, Rear yard: to permit the carriage house to have no rear yard.

Parking is always an issue in the University District, and initially, there was some concern about the lack of parking for this business/residence. The owners worked with the zoning committee, listened to its recommendations and provided photographs and documentation on existing parking conditions in the neighborhood. This enabled most commissioners to be supportive of the parking variance request.

In terms of the overall project, the Commission felt that this was a creative use of a vacant lot on a busy thoroughfare, and showed both short term and long term vision for the property. The owners are committed to the neighborhood and demonstrated this by their intent to create their new buildings in a residential style that is compatible with the character of the adjacent neighborhood. They have also signed a 10-year lease agreement to maintain the site as their primary residence and place of business.

The applicants' presentation was very professional and thorough, and the Commission felt that this project would be a positive addition to the community. The Universality Area Commission voted to approve the above-stated request for council variance.

The vote to approve was: For – 11; Against – 1; Abstentions – 2.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan LM Keeny Susan Keeny UAC Zoning Committee Chair 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.

THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NOTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.

V16-04 APPLICATION #

STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) LAUREN JOHNSON

of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 5740 ECHO CT. COLUM BUS OH 43230

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

¹ CAMPUS PARTNERS ATTN: ERIN PROSSER 1556 NORTH HIGH STREET COLUMBU3, OH 43201	2. LAVREN & SHELDON JOHNSON 5740 ECHO CT. COLUMBUS, OH 43230
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