

STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

Application: CV21-044

Address: 1646 Fairwood Avenue Parcel(s): 010-115121 and 010-08956

Property Size: +/- 0.64 Acres Current District: R-2 and C-3 Proposed District: L-C-4

Area Commission: Columbus Southside Area Commission

Applicant(s): 2920 South High, LLC

Attorney: Michael Shannon, Underhill & Hodge LLC

Date: June 10, 2021

The Site is approximately .064+/- acres and located on the east side of Fairwood Avenue and south of Frebis Avenue. The Site is composed of two parcels currently zoned R-2 and C-3, respectively. The C-3 parcel on the north is vacant. On the R-2 parcel on the south stands an approximately 8,780 square foot building which was most recently used for machine manufacturing. The Site is bordered on the north, west, and east by property zoned C-3 and on the south by property zoned R-2. The applicant proposes rezoning the site to L-C-4 to permit automotive maintenance and repair use.

The Site is situated within the boundary of the Deshler Civic Association and the Southside Area Commission. The Site is not within a commercial overlay, planning overlay, nor is it a historic site. The Site is within the boundary of the *South Side Plan* (2014) which recommends neighborhood commercial uses. The function of this classification is to provide neighborhood commercial services. These areas contain multiple functions and act as local centers of economic activity. Examples include smaller scale retail, office, or institutional uses, including gas stations with convenience stores that are built to Urban Commercial Overlay design standards.

The Applicant does not propose any demolition or new construction on the Site. Rather, the Applicant proposes rezoning the site to permit automotive maintenance and repair use within the existing building. The existing building will undergo some amount of rehabilitation and renovation to make the building suitable for the proposed use. Additionally, parking lot areas will be installed and/or improved as shown on the submitted site plan.

To permit the use as proposed, to incorporate existing, non-conforming conditions, and to address new development standards as part of the rezoning, the Applicant respectfully requests the following companion council variances:

- 1. 3312.21 (A) Interior landscaping. To reduce the required minimum number of interior parking lot trees from 2 to zero. In consideration of this variance request, the Applicant proposes installation of shade trees along the Fairwood front landscape, as shown on the Site Plan.
- 2. 3321.09 Screening. To eliminate the requirement for screening of nonresidential districts abutting residential districts.

Applicant respectfully submits that the requested area variances result from the practical difficulty of carrying out of the underlying zoning district provisions due to the shape of the lot, topography, and other conditions. The variances will not impair adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent properties, unreasonably increase the congestion of public streets, increase the danger of fires, endanger the public safety, nor unreasonably diminish or impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Columbus.

The most significant condition with this property is the fact that the Applicant proposes an adaptive reuse of the property and its existing building. The property most recently operated as machine manufacturing facility. The Applicant does not propose any demolition or new construction, but rather adapt the existing building into one that can serve the automobile repair and maintenance use.

The requested variance to reduce interior parking lot landscaping is not substantial nor detrimental to the property or neighborhood. In consideration of the technical reduction of two interior lot trees, the Applicant proposes installation of two shade trees within the front setback landscaping. This will allow this small parking lot to have better maneuverability and circuity while improving the Fairwood streetscape.

The variance request to eliminate screening to residentially zoned property to the south will not cause any new detriment to the neighboring property because it is an existing condition that the building is a few feet from the entire property line. The code required screening would not actually serve to screen the existing building from the neighboring residential property.

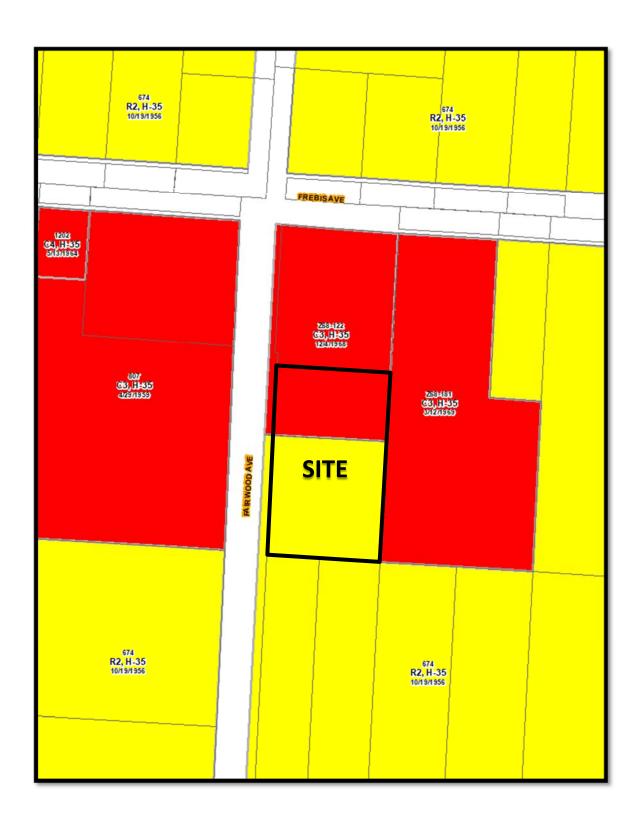
The Applicant submits that the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirements would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the requested variances. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Columbus City Council weigh these factors in its consideration and find that the variance is warranted to alleviate a difficulty.

The undersigned, being the owner of the subject property, together with the Applicant in the subject Application, or their authorized representatives, do hereby agree singularly and collectively for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, to abide by above restrictions.

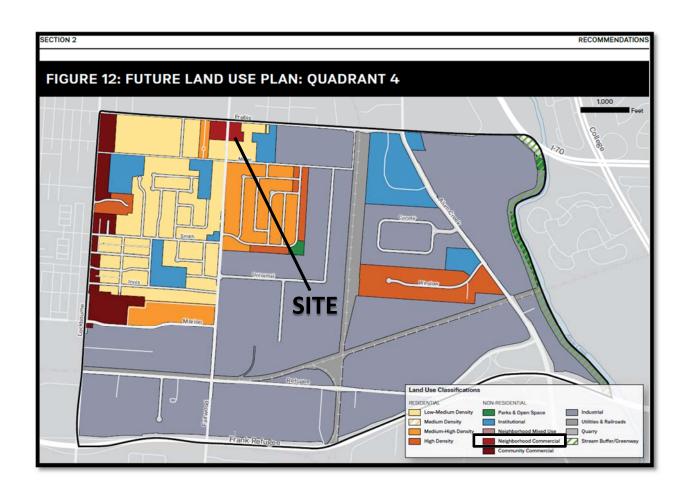
Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Shannon

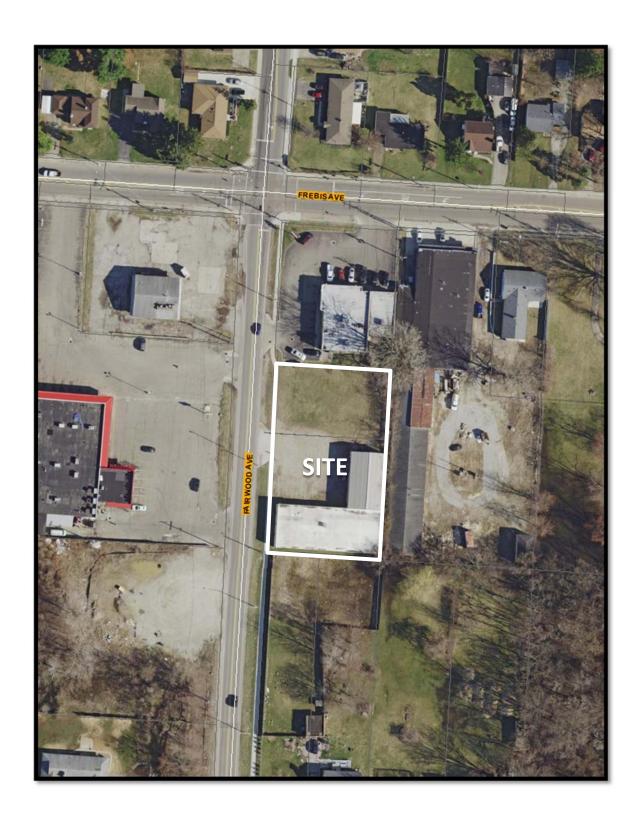
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Case Number	CV21-044				
Address	1646 Fairwood Avenue				
Group Name	Columbus Southside Area Commission				
Meeting Date	May 25, 2021				
Specify Case Type	✓ Council Variar☐ Rezoning	/ Special Permit nce ance / Plan / Special Permit			
Recommendation (Check only one)	✓ Approval☐ Disapproval				
LIST BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:					
Companion council variances requested:					
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Vote		15-0			
Signature of Authorize	ed Representative	Curtis Davis	Digitally signed by Curtis Davis Dit: cn=Curtis Davis, o, ou, email=cdavis@team-lcsc.com, c=US Date: 2021.06.18 12:57.01 -04100'		
Recommending Group Title		Southside Area Commission			
Daytime Phone Number		614-285-4901 x1100			

Please e-mail this form to the assigned planner within 48 hours of meeting day; OR FAX to Zoning at (614) 645-2463; OR MAIL to: Zoning, City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, 111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.



Council Variance Application

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES

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Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject	t of this application.			
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NO	OTARIZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in th	e space provided.		
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN				
Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) Eric Zartman				
of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 260, New Albany, Ohio 43054 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 havi application in the following format:		•		
Busi Num	ne of Business or individual (including containess or individual's address; City, State, Zipuber of Columbus-based employees lited to 3 lines per box)			
1. 2920 S. High, LLC 2385 South High Street	2.			
Columbus, Ohio 43207				
3.	4.			
Check here if listing additional parties on a separate page.				
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Sworn to before the and signed in my presence this day of	of A , in the year A	160		
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SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	My Commission Expansion	KIMBERLY R. GRAYSON Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires 01-11-2026		
This Project Disclosure Statement expires	six (6) months after date of notariza	tion.		

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