# CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



# January 19, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street Common Council Chamber, Room #115

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#### CITY OF BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (Hybrid Meeting)

City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street Common Council Chambers, Room #115 and via Zoom

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#### ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 25, 2022

PETITIONS CONTINUED TO: February 23, 2023

- AA-17-22 **Joe Kemp Construction, LLC & Blackwell Construction, Inc.** Summit Woods (Sudbury Farm Parcel O) W. Ezekiel Dr. Parcel(s): 53-08-07-400-008.002-009, 53-08-07-400-008.004-009... Request: Administrative Appeal of the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued March 25, 2022. Case Manager: Jackie Scanlan
- AA-51-22 **Joseph B Davis** 530 S Washington St Parcel: 53-08-04-214-018.00-009 Request: Administrative Appeal of the Notice of Violation warning letter issued October 20,2022 <u>Case Manager: Gabriel Holbrow</u>

#### V-53-22 Lisa-Marie Napoli

405 N Oak St Parcel: 53-05-32-403-032.000-005 Request: Variance from attached front loading garage or carport setbacks in the R3 zoning district to allow for a carport 4 feet forward of the front building wall. <u>Case Manager: Karina Pazos</u>

CU/V-22-22 **Mark Figg** 2304 N. Martha St. Parcel(s): 53-05-28-203-044.000-005

\*\*Next Meeting: February 23, 2023

Auxiliary aids for people with disabilities are available upon request with adequate notice. Please call <u>812-349-3429</u> or e-mail <u>human.rights@bloomington.in.gov</u>. Request: Conditional use approval for a 'dwelling, duplex' and a variance from rear yard setback standards in the Residential Medium Lot (R2) zoning district. <u>Case Manager: Karina Pazos</u>

#### PETITIONS:

#### V-52-22 Omega Master LLC

626 N. College Ave. Parcel(s): 53-05-33-206-031.000-005 Request: Variance for use-specific standards for 'dwelling, multifamily' to allow for a dwelling unit within the first 20 feet in the ground floor of the building in the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district with Downtown Gateway character overlay (MD-DG). <u>Case Manager: Karina Pazos</u>

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<b>PETITIONER:</b>	Omega Master LLC 115 E 6 <sup>th</sup> St, Suite #1 Bloomington, IN 47408
CONSULTANT:	Matt Ellenwood, Matte Black Architecture 2021 E Wexley Rd Bloomington, IN 47401

**REQUEST:** The petitioner is requesting a variance from use-specific standards for 'Dwelling, multifamily' to allow for a dwelling unit within the first 20 feet in the ground floor of the building in the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district with Downtown Gateway character overlay (MD-DG).

**REPORT:** The property is located at 626 N. College Avenue and is currently zoned Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district with Downtown Gateway character overlay (MD-DG). The properties to the north, south, east and west are also zoned MD-DG. The property contains an existing 2-story structure with four dwelling units.

The petitioner is proposing a 2-story addition to the rear of the existing structure, which will contain two dwelling units above a covered parking area. The proposal triggers compliance with 'dwelling, multifamily' use-specific standards and meets all but one standard that requires any ground floor dwelling units in the MD zoning district to be located at least 20 feet behind each building façade facing a public street. In this case, the existing structure contains a dwelling unit immediately behind the building façade on the ground floor.

#### CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCE

**20.06.080(b)(3)(E)(i) Standards for Granting Variances from Development Standards:** Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-4-918.5, the Board of Zoning Appeals or Hearing Officer may grant a variance from the development standards of this UDO if, after a public hearing, it makes findings of fact in writing, that:

(1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and

**PROPOSED FINDING:** No injury to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare is found as a result of this petition. The intent of this requirement is to activate street edges with non-residential uses and create a buffer use between the residential portion of the building and the public right-of-way, however, the existing building façade is setback from the public right-of-way approximately 23 feet and the front porch helps create a buffer.

(2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards

variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and

**PROPOSED FINDING:** No adverse effect to the use or value of the adjacent properties is found as a result of this petition. Staff has not received any concerns about this petition from the public. Additionally, this is an existing condition and the front of the building will not change with the proposed addition to the rear of the building.

(3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in questions; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties.

**PROPOSED FINDING:** Practical difficulty was found in that this is an existing condition that already addresses the requirement's intent but impedes the addition of two dwelling units to the rear of the building without significant interior renovation that would eliminate at least a bedroom from the dwelling unit in order to meet the 20-foot minimum distance behind the building façade. The property has a front yard and the first floor is elevated so the existing condition already addresses the intent of this requirement, which was to create a buffer for residential uses on the first floor. The distance from the front building wall to the nearest interior wall does not meet the 20-foot minimum distance required, which is why significant renovation would be needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Department recommends that the Board of Zoning Appeals adopts the proposed findings and recommends approval of V-52-22 with the following conditions:

1. A minor site plan review and building permit are required before construction can begin.







City of Bloomington, IN 626 N COLLEGE AVE



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## Petitioner's Statement

## 626 N COLLEGE AVE



Attention: City of Bloomington Board of Zoning Appeals Petitioner: Rob Friedman (Omega Properties)

#### **Property Description**

The **8276 sf (.19 acre)** property at 626 N College currently contains an existing 4362 sf (2661 sf footprint), 7 bedroom fourplex (conversion of a former single-family structure) with surface parking in the rear (east). It is bounded by an alley to the south, an alley to the east, a multi-family development to the north and N College Avenue to the west. The property is designated **MD-DG** (Mixed Downtown with Downtown Gateway Overlay) under the current UDO.

#### **Project Description**

The petitioner is proposing a new **1716 sf 2-story rear addition** that will include **2 – 2 bedroom units over a 9 car parking garage with trash/recycling area.** The proposed addition virtually copies an addition that was done on the property directly to the north in 2015, taking advantage of the available land in the rear (east) of the property to create additional housing and parking without detracting from the historic character and scale of the existing structure from the front (west). The proposed addition meets all of the UDO standards including maximum impervious surface, height, parking, etc.

#### Variance Request

The petitioner is filing for a variance from the Use-Specific Standard that states "each dwelling unit located on the ground floor shall be located at least 20 feet behind each building façade facing a public street." This is a relatively new standard for properties in the MD zone, and was mainly intended for new development, however the proposed addition triggers this requirement for the existing structure and use. Because there is no provision for extending the "nonconforming use" in the UDO, we would have to either convert the existing portion of ground-floor dwelling into some other use (commercial) or abandon the addition altogether. Considering the recent development of the property to the north along with the need for additional housing in the city core we are seeking a variance to maintain the existing ground-floor residential use. We also believe it's in keeping with the surrounding use (mainly residential with some limited commercial).

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Matt Ellenwood, AIA (on behalf of the petitioner)







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