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To: Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Evelisse Atkinson, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Re: B.A. 18-2026 Submission for the Zoning Board of Appeals review and consideration, a variance of approximately 100 ft from the driveway spacing standards (125 ft), a variance to allow a second driveway on a corner lot, a variance from the required 50-foot setback from a residential district, and a variance from the driveway standard (100 feet) near residential districts in a B-2 General Commercial district. Section 1143.07(o) Vehicle Service Stations, Section 1149.03 Required Off-Street Parking, Section 1149.06(b) Access Management-Driveway Spacing Standards at, 2217 E 42nd St. Carlton Moore, agent, Rakesh Patel, applicant.

My responses regarding compliance are below:

- In addition to the variances requested, two-way driveway aisle width for off-street parking per Section 1149.04, is not in compliance near the east lot line.
- Bumper blocks are required for rear parking length reduction.
- A recorded easement agreement is required to access the private driveway at 2225 E 42nd St.
- Screening is required around all dumpsters
- Directional signage is required (e.g. one-way)

1175.01 (b) Variances

(1) The Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to grant, upon appeal in specific cases, such variances from the terms of the Zoning Code as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions of the property, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Code will result in unnecessary hardship.

(2) A nonconforming use of neighboring lands or structures in neighboring lands in the same or other zoning district shall not be considered grounds for the issuance of a variance.

(3) Variance shall not be granted on the grounds of convenience or economics, but only where strict application of the provisions of this Zoning Code would result in undue hardship due to conditions of the property.


(4) Variances shall not be granted which permit any use not otherwise permitted or expressly, or by implication, prohibited in the district involved.

1175.03 (d) Application and Standards for Variances

A variance shall only be granted upon a finding by the Board of Appeals that all the following standards have been satisfied:

- (1) That special conditions and circumstances exist which are particular to the property involved and are not generally applicable to other properties in the same district.
- (2) That the literal interpretation of the provisions of this Zoning Code would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district
- (3) That the special conditions and circumstances which exist are not the result of actions of the applicant
- (4) That granting the requested variance will not give the applicant any special privileges denied to other properties in the same district.

Respectfully,



Evelisse Atkinson

Planning & Zoning Administrator