TOWN OF SMITHFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA PACKET



Chairman: Paul Worley Vice-Chairman: Stephen Upton

> Sarah Edwards R. Edwin Foy, Jr. Mark Lane Michael Johnson David Johnson

Mark Helmer AICP, Senior Planner Julie Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 26, 2018 Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. Meeting Place: Council Chambers, Smithfield Town Hall

AGENDA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REGULAR MEETING JULY 26, 2018 MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM TOWN HALL

Call to Order.

Approval of the minutes for April 27, 2017

Public Hearing

<u>BA-18-01 Penn Compression</u>: The applicant is requesting a variance to the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.8.2 which requires existing parking to become compliant with current development standards of Section 10.13. The property considered for a variance is located on the east side of Components Drive approximately 750 feet northwest of its intersection with Outlet Center Drive and further identified as Johnston County Tax ID# 15L10020A.

BA-18-02 Hampton Inn: The applicant is requesting a variance to the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Section 10.2.10 which requires lateral access to adjacent commercial properties. The property considered for a variance is located on Town Centre Place approximately 600 feet south of its intersection with East Market Street. The property is further identified as Johnston County Tax ID# 15L11001G.

<u>BA-18-03</u> Landis Bullock: The applicant is requesting a variance to the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance Article 8, Section 8.9 and 8.11 to allow for reduced building setbacks. The property considered for a variance is located on the southwest side of West Market Street approximately 180 feet southwest of its intersection with Whitley Drive. The property is further identified as Johnston County Tax ID# 15044023A

BA-18-04 Market Street Automotive: The applicant is requesting a variance to the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 8, Section 8.8, Article 10, Section 10.2.1 and 10.2.8 for the expansion of an automotive repair facility. The property considered for a variance is located southwest side of the intersection of East Market Street and South Fifth Street and further identified as of Johnston County Tax ID# 15025063.

Old Business.

New Business.

Adjournment.

DRAFT Smithfield Board of Adjustment Minutes Thursday, April 27, 2017 6:30 P.M., Town Hall, Council Chambers

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Paul Worley, Chairman Stephen Upton, Vice Chairman Eddie Foy Sarah Edwards Michael Johnson Mark Lane

Staff Present:

Mark Helmer, Senior Planner Julie Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 27, 2016.

Eddie Foy made a motion, seconded by Mark Lane to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous.

Public Hearings:

After all persons giving testimony were duly sworn, Vice Chairman Stephen Upton opened the public hearing.

BA-17-01 American Properties Holdings, LLC:

Mr. Helmer stated The applicant received administrative site plan approval on February 9, 2015 for the construction of a new tunnel car wash on the existing American Pride Car Wash site located on the 1200 block of North Brightleaf Boulevard. The approved site plan shows the self-vacuum area being constructed to minimum parking standards to include 9 foot by 19 foot parking spaces and 24 foot drive isle. The applicant submitted a revised plan showing 12 foot by 18 foot parking stalls and 30 foot drive aisle. The proposed increase in dimension of the parking and drive aisle caused the tunnel to be shifted to the southwest approximately 3 feet. The Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustment, on May 26, 2016, granted a 3 foot variance to the 15 foot side yard setback. On April 7, 2017, the applicant submitted a revised site plan showing a larger building and a need for an additional 3 feet of encroachment into the side yard building setback. This shift represents a total of 6 feet of encroachment into the required 15 foot side

yard setback. The remaining 9 feet of open space adjacent to the property line will adequate to meet the required 8 foot landscape transition yard.

The property is currently zoned B-3 (Highway Entrance Business). In accordance with Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 12, Table of Area, Yard and Height Requirements, Developments within the B-3(Highway Entrance Business) zoning district must provide a 15 side yard setback. The size increase and shift in the tunnel location has triggered the need for a 6 foot variance to the required 15 foot side yard setback.

Mr. Helmer requested The Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustment to review the petition and make a decision on the variance request to allow for an additional 3 foot reduction and a total of a 6 foot reduction to the 15 foot side yard setback for the construction of an automated tunnel car wash facility.

Stephen Upton asked for questions or comments from the Board.

Eddie Foy asked if there was any opposition to the proposed variance.

Mr. Helmer stated there was none he was aware of.

After all testimony was received, Vice-Chairman Stephen Upton closed the public hearing.

Mark Lane made a motion, seconded Eddie Foy to recommend approval variance request to allow for an additional 3 foot reduction and a total of a 6 foot reduction to the 15 foot side yard setback for the construction of an automated tunnel car wash facility.

Stephen Upton stated that the motion read by Mark Lane incorporates the Finding of Fact which we do not have to go through being that the applicant and the finding of fact in the same motion is granted.

Article 5, Section 5-2 of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance requires applications for a variance to address the following findings. The burden of proof is on the applicant and failure to adequately address the findings may result in denial of application.

1) Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance because without the requested variance to the maximum building height, the applicant could not achieve the needed intensity of use proposed. *All members stated true.*

2) The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as

hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. The Outlet Center Drive and surrounding area is close to being built out. This site is one of the last properties to be developed on Equity Drive. As property values in the area continue to rise, it is reasonable to expect intensity of uses and building height to follow. *All members stated true.*

3) The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The applicant's need of a variance to the maximum building height is being driven by, what time has shown to be, lots that are too small for hotels. *All members stated true.*

4) The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance which attempts to be fair in its administration of the site development regulations. Granting this variance will achieve justice and allow for improvements to the property until such time that adjustments to the Town of Smithfield development regulations can be made to reflect current development trends. *All members stated true.*

Based upon satisfactory compliance with the above four stated findings and fully contingent upon acceptance and compliance with all conditions as previously noted herein and with full incorporation of all statements and agreements entered into the record by the testimony of the applicant and applicant's representative.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment:

Being nothing further, Mark Lane made a motion, seconded by Eddie Foy to adjourn.

Submitted this 28th day of April, 2017.

Julie Edmonds Administrative Assistant Town of Smithfield Planning Department



Request for Board of Adjustment Action
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 BA-18

 Item:
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 Date:
 7/26/18

Subject:	Variance
Department:	Planning
Presented by:	Stephen Wensman
Presentation:	Yes

Issue Statement

Penn Compression Moulding Inc is seeking a variance from the Article 10, Section 10.2.1 Off-street Parking Requirements: prohibition of parking within a landscape yard.

Financial Impact

None

Action Needed

To review the variance application to approve or deny.

Recommendation

Planning Staff recommends denial of variance BA-18-01.

Approved: □ Town Manager □ Town Attorney

Attachments:

- Staff Report BA-18-01
- Findings of Fact
- Application
- Site Plan
- Landscape Plan



Staff Report AgendaBA-18-Item:01Date:7/26/18

Application Number: Applicant/Owner: Agents: TAX ID number: Town Limits/ETJ:

BA-18-01 Penn Compression and Moulding Inc. Daniel Leslie, President 15L10020A City

PROJECT LOCATION: 309 Components Drive (near the Carolina Pottery Outlet Mall)

REQUEST:

The applicant, Penn Compression Moulding Inc., is requesting a 6 foot **(100' wide)** variance to allow a portion of an existing parking lot to remain in a required landscape yard (Article 10, Section 10.2.1 Off-street Parking Requirements: prohibition of parking within a landscape yard).

SITE DATA:

Acreage:	8.24 acres
Present Zoning:	Heavy Industrial
Proposed Zoning:	N/A
Existing Use:	Heavy Industrial
Proposed Use:	Heavy Industrial
Water Service:	Town of Smithfield
Sewer Service:	Town of Smithfield
Electrical Service:	Town of Smithfield

ADJACENT ZONING AND LAND USES:

	Zoning	Existing Use
North:	B-3 Highway Entrance	Vacant
	Business	
South:	B-3 Highway Entrance	Carolina Pottery Outlet Mall
	Business	
West:	LI – Light Industrial	ShallCo – Industrial
East:	B-3 Highway Entrance	Vacant
	Business	

PETITION DESCRIPTION:

The applicant, Penn Compression Moulding Inc. is seeking a 6 foot (by 100' wide) variance into the required landscape yard to allow an existing parking lot in violation of Article 10, Section 10.2.1 Off-street Parking Requirements. The existing parking lot was a legal nonconformity prior to a recent expansion of the facility. The approved facility improvements (Site Plan Review Case # SP-18-02) triggered full compliance with Article 10 Part 1 and Part 2, Parking and Landscaping. The applicant submitted plans for site plan review and received approval of plans showing the parking lot in full compliance.

The applicant's original plan submittals did show the nonconforming parking as remaining while all new site improvements being in conformance. Through the site plan approval process, the Town Staff required all parking to be in compliance in order to approve the site plans. The applicant is unhappy with the UDO requirement and is now seeking the variance.

FINDINGS OF VARIANCE APPROVAL:

In order to approval a variance, the Board of Adjustments shall find all of the following provisions must be met (Staff's findings are in *bold/italic*):

4.10.2.2.1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property. **There is adequate employee and visitor parking without the need for the variance.**

4.10.2.2.2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance. *The applicant has a property that is larger than what is currently being used for the facility and associated parking and loading uses.* A site plan was approved showing required parking conforming with the UDO requirements, so a variance is not required to meet those requirements.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may

justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. *The applicant has submitted plans in conformance with the parking and landscape yard*

requirements, therefore, there is no hardship other than the location (on approved site plan) of the parking is not preferred.

4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved. The intent of the ordinance is to bring nonconforming properties into conformity with the UDO when certain thresholds have been reached. The Penn Compression Moulding facility expansion triggered the need for conformance with the UDO and there are no physical hardships with the property in the ability to meet those requirements as shown on the approved site plans (SP-18-02).

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends the Board of Adjustments deny variance BA-18-01 based on findings of fact for denial

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Planning Staff recommends the Planning Board deny the variance with the following motion:

"Move to deny variance BA-18-01 based on the findings of fact found in the Staff Report.

Town of Smithfield Variance Application Finding of Fact / Approval Criteria

Application Number: BA-18-01 Name: Penn Compression Moulding Inc.

Request: Applicant seeks a 6' (100'wide) variance for parking in required landscape yard.

In accordance with **Article 4**, **Sections 4.10.2.2.1** - **4.10.2.2.4** of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), when unnecessary hardships would result from carrying out the strict letter of the UDO, the Board of Adjustment shall vary any of the provisions of the Ordinance upon a showing of having met all of Article 4, Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4. The Board of Adjustments may impose appropriate conditions and safeguards upon the approval as long as they are related to the variance. The petitioner will have a reasonable opportunity to consider and respond to any additional requirements prior to approval or denial by the Board of Adjustments. The Board of Adjustments shall include in its comments a statement as to the application having met all of Article 4, Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4. The applicant has the burden of producing competent, substantial evidence tending to establish the facts and conditions which the below requires.

The Board of Adjustment shall vary any of the provisions of the Ordinance as it pertains to this property upon a showing of having met all of Article 4, Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4 listed below through a quasi-judicial process:

4.10.2.2.1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

4.10.2.2.2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved

Once all findings have been decided one of the two following motions must be made:

Motion to Approve: *Based upon satisfactory compliance with the above stated findings and fully contingent upon acceptance and compliance with all conditions as previously noted herein and with full incorporation of all statements and agreements entered into the record by the*

testimony of the applicant and applicant's representative, I move to approve variance # BA-18 -01 with the following condition(s):

Motion to Deny: *Based upon failure to meet all of the above stated findings and for reasons stated therein, I move to deny variance #* **BA-18-01** *for the following stated reason:*

There is adequate employee and visitor parking without the need for the variance.

<u>The applicant has a property that is larger than what is currently being used for the facility and associated parking and loading uses. A site plan was approved showing required parking conforming with the UDO requirements, so a variance is not required to meet those requirement.</u>

<u>The applicant has submitted plans in conformance with the parking and landscape yard</u> <u>requirements, therefore, there is no hardship other than the location (on approved site</u> <u>plan) of the parking is not preferred.</u>

The intent of the ordinance is to bring nonconforming properties into conformity with the UDO when certain thresholds have been reached. The Penn Compression Moulding facility expansion triggered the need for conformance with the UDO and there are no physical hardships with the property in the ability to meet those requirements as shown on the approved site plans (SP-18-02).

Record of Decision:

Based on a motion and majority vote of the Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustments for the Variance Application Number BA-18-01 is hereby:

_____ approved upon acceptance and conformity with the following conditions:

1. ____.

_____ denied for the noted reasons.

Decision made this 26 day of July, 2018 while in regular session.

Chair of the Board of Adjustments

ATTEST:

Julie Edmonds, Administrative Support Specialist

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Town of Smithfield Planning Department 350 E. Market St. Smithfield, NC 27577 P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC 27577 Phone: 919-934-2116 Fax: 919-934-1134

VARIANCE APPLICATION

Pursuant to Article 4, of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, an owner of land within the jurisdiction of the Town (or a duly authorized agent) may petition the Board of Adjustment for relief from a requirement of the Unified Development Ordinance and to permit construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

In granting variances, the Board of Adjustment may impose such reasonable conditions as will insure that the use of the property to which the variance applies will be as compatible as practicable with the surrounding properties.

Variance applications must be accompanied by nine (9) sets of the complete application, nine (9) sets of required plans, an Owner's Consent Form (attached) and the application fee. The application fee is \$300.00. All fees are due when the application is submitted.

SITE INFORMATION:

Name of Project:	Penn Compression Moulding Building Expansion	Acreage of proj	perty: 8.24 Acres
Parcel ID Number: 15L10020A		Tax ID: 15L10020A	
Deed Book: 859		Deed Page(s):	267
Address: 309 CO	MPONENTS DR	0.17	
Location: Near Ou	utlet Center		
Existing Use: Indu	ustrial	Proposed Use:	Industrial
Existing Zoning Distr	ict: HI		
Requested Zoning Dis	strict HI		and the second description of the second sec
Is project within a Pla Planned Development	anned Development: t District (if applicable):	Yes	No No
Variance Request (Li Allow the existing Parking in t	st Unified Development Code so the required street yard to remain. Article	ections and para 10 Part II Section 10.	graph numbers) 7 and Section 10.8 Paragraph 10.8.2.4
FOR OFFICE USE	ONLY		

File Number:

___ Date Received: _____ Amount Paid:

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OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: Penn Comp	pression Moulding Inc.		
Mailing Address:	309 COMPONENTS DR, SMITHFIELI	D, NC 27577-0000	
Phone Number:	919-934-5144	Fax:	
Email Address:	dleslie@penncompression.com		

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant: Danie	I Leslie, President Penn Compres	ssion Moulding Inc.	
Mailing Address:	309 COMPONENTS DR, SMIT	HFIELD, NC 27577-0000	
Phone Number:	919-934-5144	Fax:	
Contact Person:	Daniel Leslie		
Email Address:	dleslie@penncompression.con	1	

REQUIRED PLANS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The following items must accompany a variance application. This information is required to be present on all plans, except where otherwise noted:

All required plans (please see the plan requirements checklist).

Owner Consent form

A Statement of Justification.

Required Finding of Fact.

Other Applicable Documentation:

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

Please provide detailed information concerning all requests. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

The parking spaces required to be removed by the UDO has been in place since the original construction of Penn Compression Moulding and is used for access to the business operation of the facility and is needed for employee and visitor parking. The operation of the facility will be adversely affected with the loss of these parking spaces. The expansion of this manufacturing facility is costly and the cost (addition clearing, grading, and paving) to replace the parking spaces required to be removed by the UDO could have a negative impact on the ability to equip and man the new production facility. Since these parking spaces have been in place for over 20 years and were approved as part of the original site plan we respectfully request they be allowed to remain in place.

REQUIRED FINDINGS OF FACT

Article 4, Section 4.10.2.2 of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance requires applications for a variance to address the following findings. The burden of proof is on the applicant and failure to adequately address the findings may result in denial of the application. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

4.10.2.2.1 Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

Compliance with the ordinance would require the removal of the parking that has been in place for over 20 years and is needed for employee and visitor parking. The expansion of this manufacturing facility is costly and the cost (addition clearing, grading, and paving) to replace the parking spaces required to be removed by the UDO could have a negative impact on the ability to equip and man the new production facility.

4.10.2.2.2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

The hardship is the result of modifications to the Town ordinances that were in effect when the project was originally approved by the Town and changed when the new UDO was adopted and is peculiar to this property.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

The hardship is the result of modifications to the Town ordinances that were in effect when the project was originally approved by the Town and is not the result of actions taken by the owner.

4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved.

The existing parking will be landscaped with number and size of plant material as required by the UDO and therefore will meet the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance by providing adequate screening of the parking spaces and will not potentially have a negative impact on the expansion of the manufacturing facility if granted.

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby make application and petition to the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Smithfield to approve the subject Variance request. I hereby certify that I have full legal right to request such action and that the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Daniel Leslie

Print Name

Signature of Applicant

7/11/18



Town of Smithfield **Planning Department** 350 E. Market St Smithfield, NC 27577 P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC 27577 Phone: 919-934-2116 Fax: 919-934-1134

OWNER'S CONSENT FORM

Penn Compression Moulding Expansion
Name of Project:

Submittal Date: June 18, 2018

OWNERS AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give CONSENT to Dan Simmons (type, stamp or print clearly full name of agent) to act on my behalf, to submit or have submitted this application and all required material and documents, and to attend and represent me at all meetings and public hearings pertaining to the application(s) indicated above. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party designated above to agree to all terms and conditions which may arise as part of the approval of this application.

I hereby certify I have full knowledge the property I have an ownership interest in the subject of this application. I understand that any false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me or my agent will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permits. I acknowledge that additional information may be required to process this application. I further consent to the Town of Smithfield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted document submitted as a part of this application for any third party. I further agree to all terms and conditions, which may be imposed as part of the approval of this application.

Signature of Owner

Daniel Leslie

Print Name

7/14/18

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby certify the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North

Carolina, and will not be returned.

Daniel Leslie

Print Name

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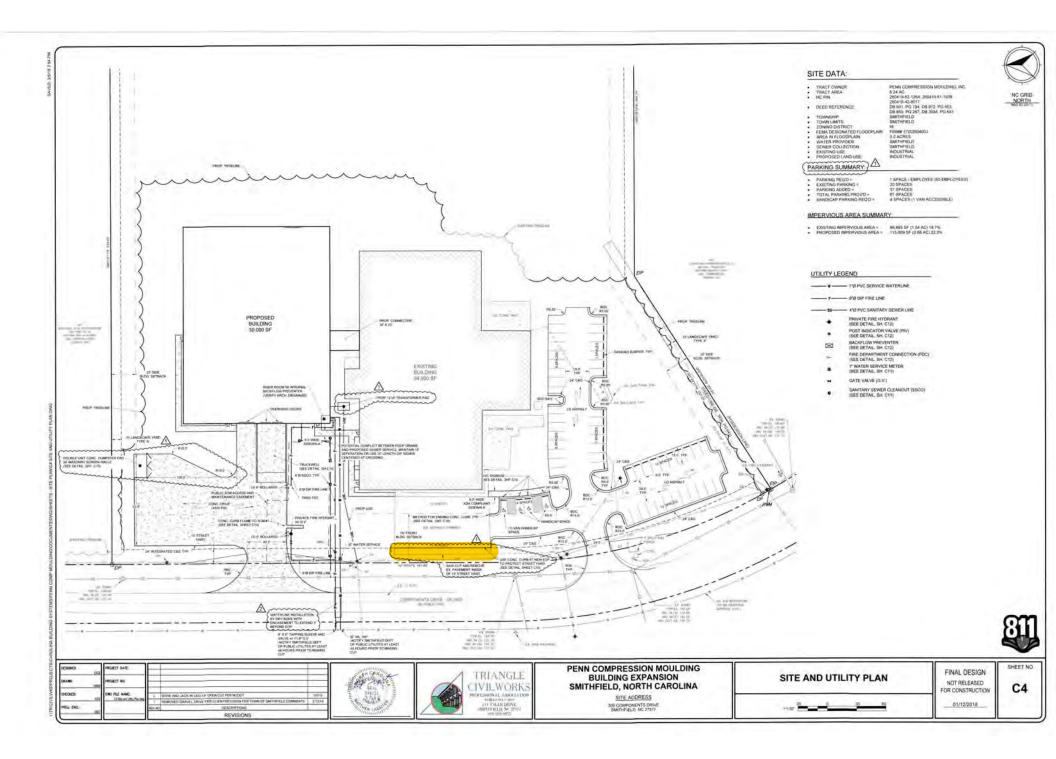
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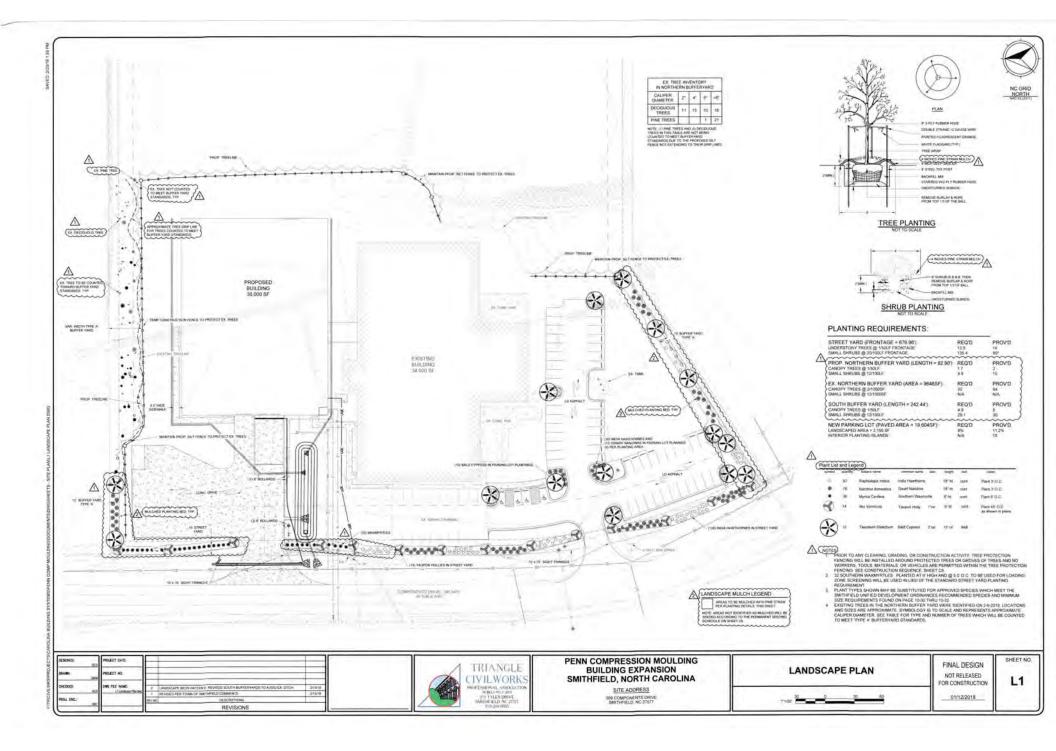
Signature of Owner/Applicant

File Number:

Date Received:

Parcel ID Number:





300 Block of Components Drive





PLANNING DEPARTMENT Mark E. Helmer, AICP, Senior Planner

ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CERTIFICATION

I, Mark E. Helmer, hereby certify that the property owner and abutting property owners of the following petition, <u>BA-18-01</u>, were notified by First Class Mail on <u>6-22-18</u>.

and & Nulnae Signature

Johnston County, North Carolina

I, Julianne Edmonds, Notary Public for Johnston County and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that <u>Mark E. Helmer</u> personally appeared before me on this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the

, 2018 day of N iblic Sign non Notary Public Name

My Commission expires on 1.15.2023 (Seal)



Request for Board of Adjustment Action
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 Item:
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 Date:
 7/26/18

Subject:	Variance
Department:	Planning
Presented by:	Mark Helmer
Presentation:	Yes

Issue Statement

Wintergreen Hospitality is seeking a variance to the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.2.10 which requires lateral access commercial Developments to provide lateral access to adjacent properties.

Financial Impact

None

Action Needed

To review the variance application and make a decision in accordance with the finding of fact for a variance.

Recommendation

Planning Staff recommends approval of variance BA-18-04.

Approved:
Town Manager
Town Attorney

Attachments:

- Staff Report BA-18-02
- Application
- Unapproved Preliminary Sketch Plan
- Zoning Map



Staff Report AgendaBA-18-Item:02Date:7/26/18

Application Number: Applicant/Owner:	BA-18-02 Wintergreen Hospitality
Agents:	none
TAX ID number:	15L11001G
Town Limits/ETJ:	Town Limits

PROJECT LOCATION: The property considered for a variance is located on Town Centre Place approximately 600 feet south of its intersection with East Market Street.

REQUEST:

The applicant is proposing to construct a 14,210 square foot-five story hotel on approximately 1.8 acres of land which is located within a B-3 (Entrance Highway Business) zoning District. The sketch plan indicates two driveway access points on Towne Centre Place. Although not indicated on the plan, the site contains delineated wetlands that will require permitting by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The project will also be seeking special use permit approval from the Smithfield Town Council due the proposed structural height that will exceed 40 feet.

In accordance with The Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.2.10 Lateral Access states that all new nonresidential development, specifically commercial development, shall provide lateral access to adjacent property which is either: (1) existing nonresidential, or (2) zoned nonresidential. In the site plan process review, lateral access shall be displayed and labeled clearly by showing the appropriate connections. All lateral access connections shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width and maximum of 24 feet in width. If this section is determined not to be feasible due to particularities of the parcel, the Board of Adjustment may modify the requirements herein.

The applicant is requesting to vary from Section 10.2.10 because constructing lateral access will create unnecessary hardship to land through additional land disturbing activities within delineated wetlands.

ADJACENT ZONING AND LAND USES:

	Zoning	Existing Land Use
North:	B-3 (Highway Entrance	Undeveloped Lot
	Business)	

South:	B-3 (Highway Entrance Business)	SCD (Stormwater Control Device)
East:	B-3 (Highway Entrance Business)	Undeveloped Lot
West:	OI (Office-Institution)	Johnston Community College

SITE DATA:

Acreage: Present Zoning: Existing Use: Proposed Use: Water Service: Sewer Service: Electrical Service: 1.8 acres approximately B-3 (Highway Entrance Business) none / undeveloped Hotel Town of Smithfield Town of Smithfield town of Smithfield

FINDINGS OF VARIANCE APPROVAL:

In order to approval a variance, the Board of Adjustments shall find all of the following provisions must be met (Staff's finding are in *bold/italic*):

4.10.2.2.1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property. Unnecessary hardship to the land will result from increased land disturbing activities within delineated wetland.

4.10.2.2.2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance. The property suffers from wet lands that can be found on various portions of the site. Land disturbing activities within delineated wetlands require permitting by the Army Corps of Engineers. Wetland permitting can be complicated, costly and difficult to obtain. The hardship that permitting and constructing lateral access will create will exceed the benefit that such access will provide.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. *The property is adversely affected by environmentally sensitive wetlands found within the site. This hardship is the result of natural conditions and not the result from actions taken by the applicant.*

4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved. *The variance is in keeping with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance. The variance will be sensitive to the natural*

environment and will eliminate the need to construct a third and fourth access point to the site which is located and the end of a cul-de-sac. The variance will not impact public safety, and in is in the best interests of the public at large.

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends the Board of Adjustments approve variance BA-18-02 based on the finding of fact.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Planning Staff recommends the Planning Board approve the variance with the following motion:

Move to approve variance BA-18-03 based on the finding of fact found in the Staff Report:

Town of Smithfield Variance Application Finding of Fact / Approval Criteria

Application Number: BA-18-02 Name: Wintergreen Hospitality

Request: Applicant seeks relief / variance from Article 10, Section 10.2.10 Lateral Access, which requires all commercial developments to construct cross access drive ways to adjacent properties or seek relief from the Board of Adjustment.

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testimony of the applicant and applicant's representative, I move to approve variance # BA-18 -02 with the following stated findings:

Unnecessary hardship to the land will result from increased land disturbing activities within delineated wetlands.

The property suffers from wetlands that can be found on various portions of the site. Land disturbing activities within delineated wetland require permitting by the Army Corps of Engineers. Wetland permitting can be complicated, expensive and difficult to obtain. The hardship that permitting and constructing lateral access will create will exceed the benefits that such access will provide.

The property is adversely affected by environmentally sensitive wetlands found within the site. This hardship is the result of natural conditions and not the result from actions taken by the applicant.

The variance is in keeping with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance. The variance will be sensitive to the natural environment and will eliminate the need to construct a third and fourth access point to the site which is located and the end of a culde-sac. The variance will not impact public safety, and is in the best interests of the public at large.

Motion to Deny: *Based upon failure to meet all of the above stated findings and for reasons stated therein, I move to deny variance #* **BA-18-02** *for the following stated reason:*

Record of Decision:

Based on a motion and majority vote of the Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustments for the Variance Application Number BA-18-02 is hereby:

_____ approved upon acceptance and conformity with the following conditions:

_____ denied for the noted reasons.

Decision made this 26 day of July, 2018 while in regular session.

Chair of the Board of Adjustments

ATTEST:

Julie Edmonds, Administrative Support Specialist



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SITE INFORMATION:

Address: Town	Hampton Inn 260305-08-5727 444 e Centre Place western edge of cul de	Acreage of property: 3.02 Tax ID: 260305-08-5727 Deed Page(s): 0534 sac of Towne Centre Place	
Existing Use: Va	acant trict: <u>B-3</u>	Proposed Use: Motel / Hotel	
Planned Developme Variance Request (I	lanned Development: nt District (if applicable): List Unified Development Code	Yes V No	
10.20.10 Lateral Acces			
File Number:	Date Received:	Amount Paid:	

OWNER INFORMATION

Name: Motaparth	y Properties LLC
Mailing Address:	105 Cashwell Drive Goldsboro NC 27534
Phone Number:	Fax:
Email Address:	
APPLICANT IN	FORMATION

Applicant: Winte	ergreen Hospitality	
Mailing Address:	157 E. Franklin Street Suite 8 Chapel Hill NC 27514	
Phone Number:	Fax:	
Contact Person:	Anup Patel	
Email Address:		

REQUIRED PLANS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby make application and petition to the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Smithfield to approve the subject Variance request. I hereby certify that I have full legal right to request such action and that the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Anup Patel

Print Name

06/29/2018 Signature of Applicant Date



OWNER'S CONSENT FORM

Name of Project: Hampton Inn

Submittal Date: 06/29/2018

OWNERS AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give CONSENT to The John R. McAdams Company (type, stamp or print clearly full name of agent) to act on my behalf, to submit or have submitted this application and all required material and documents, and to attend and represent me at all meetings and public hearings pertaining to the application(s) indicated above. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party designated above to agree to all terms and conditions which may arise as part of the approval of this application.

I hereby certify I have full knowledge the property I have an ownership interest in the subject of this application. I understand that any false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me or my agent will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permits. I acknowledge that additional information may be required to process this application. I further consent to the Town of Smithfield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted document submitted as a part of this application for any third party. I further agree to all terms and conditions, which may be imposed as part of the approval of this application.

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Signature of Owner	Print Name	Date
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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER

Print Name

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Signature of Owner/Applicant

Anup Patel - Wintergreen Hospitality

06/29/2018

Date

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 Date Received:



July 6, 2018

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The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 10.2.10 of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance. Section 10.2.10 of the Town of Smithfield UDO states:

"All new non-residential development, specifically commercial development, shall provide lateral access to adjacent property which is either: (1) existing nonresidential, or (2) zoned nonresidential. In the site plan process review, lateral access shall be displayed and labeled clearly by showing the appropriate connections. All lateral access connections shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width and maximum of 24 feet in width. If this section is determined not to be feasible to particularities of the parcel, the Board of Adjustment may modify the requirements herein."

Section 4.10.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance calls out the following Findings which the Board of Adjustment must make in granting any variance:

1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

Applicant Response: The subject property is located on the southwestern edge of an existing cul-de-sac, Towne Centre Place. Due to the limited through traffic on Towne Centre Place, lateral access to adjacent properties would serve a limited public benefit and could impede the development of adjacent parcels. Furthermore, due to the low traffic volumes and number of future driveways in close proximity on the cul-de-sac, confusing traffic patterns will be created with numerous points of cross access.

The proposed use of the subject property is a 118-room hotel. Cross access to adjacent uses along this roadway is not necessary and would encourage patrons from adjacent commercial uses to utilize hotel parking as overflow. Guests at the hotel will not utilize vehicular cross-access, pedestrian routes will be more beneficial.

Lot 4, addressed as 120 Towne Centre Place and further identified as NCPIN 260305-08-3958, directly abuts the northern property line of the

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> parcel subject to this variance request. Wetlands have been identified on Lot 4 and are located in the area where a lateral access would be placed. A variance from the requirement for lateral access would help protect this sensitive environmental feature.

> Due to the factors above, a strict application of the UDO requirements would result in an unnecessary hardship.

2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood to general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

Applicant Response: The property proposed for development is located along the southwestern boundary of Towne Centre Place, an existing public street ending in a cul-de-sac. Towne Centre Place is not designed to carry large volumes of vehicular traffic, so lateral accesses are not necessary to provide secondary access and reduce traffic volumes. It should also be noted that the location on a cul-de-sac will introduce several full access driveways within close proximity. Due to this, the cross-access drives will not be utilized and will create confusing traffic patterns for motorists.

Lot 4, addressed as 120 Towne Centre Place and further identified as NCPIN 260305-08-3958, directly abuts the northern property line of the parcel subject to this variance request. Wetlands have been identified on Lot 4 and are located in the area where a lateral access would be placed. A variance from the requirement for lateral access would help protect this sensitive environmental feature.

The hardships related to the provision of lateral accesses to adjacent properties are peculiar to the subject property and not a result of personal circumstances, or conditions that are common to the neighborhood or general public.

3. The hardship did not result from action taken by the applicant or property owner. The act of purchasing a property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify granting a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

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Applicant Response: Requiring a lateral access to Lot 4, located to the north of the subject property, would require the disturbance of an existing wetland. Approval of this variance would prevent disturbance of the wetland feature.

The applicant has worked diligently to meet all development requirements of the Smithfield UDO. The requirement for lateral access to adjacent properties presents a hardship as it relates to the overall functionality of the site. It should also be noted that several commercial uses within close proximity were constructed without cross access and function well.

The hardship is not a result of actions taken by the applicant or property owner.

4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice achieved.

Applicant Response: The purpose of lateral access is to allow vehicles to access adjoining properties without the need to return to a heavily travelled roadway and increase traffic congestion. The subject property is located on a cul-de-sac that is intended to carry only a limited amount of traffic, so lateral accesses are not necessary to ensure the public safety.

Approval of this variance would also ensure that the proposed development would not have a negative impact on the existing wetland located on Lot 4, protecting a sensitive environmental feature. This would further the public safety as wetlands play an important role in water quality.

The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance. The approval of this variance would not decrease public safety, and substantial justice would be achieved for the applicant.



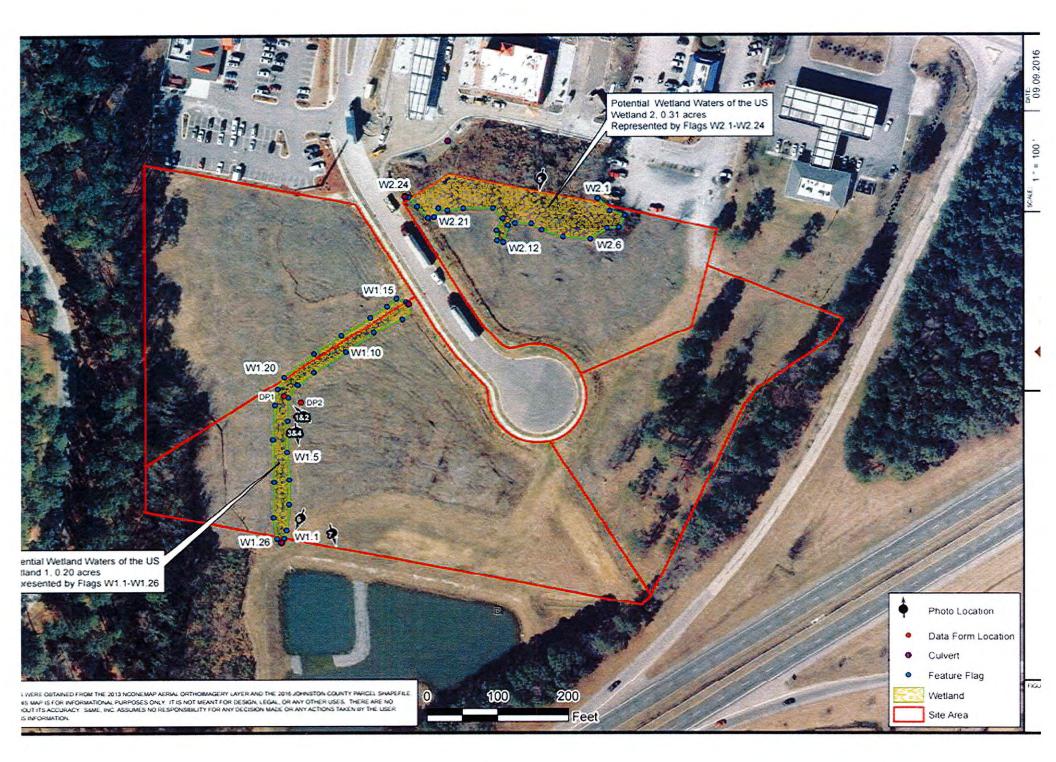
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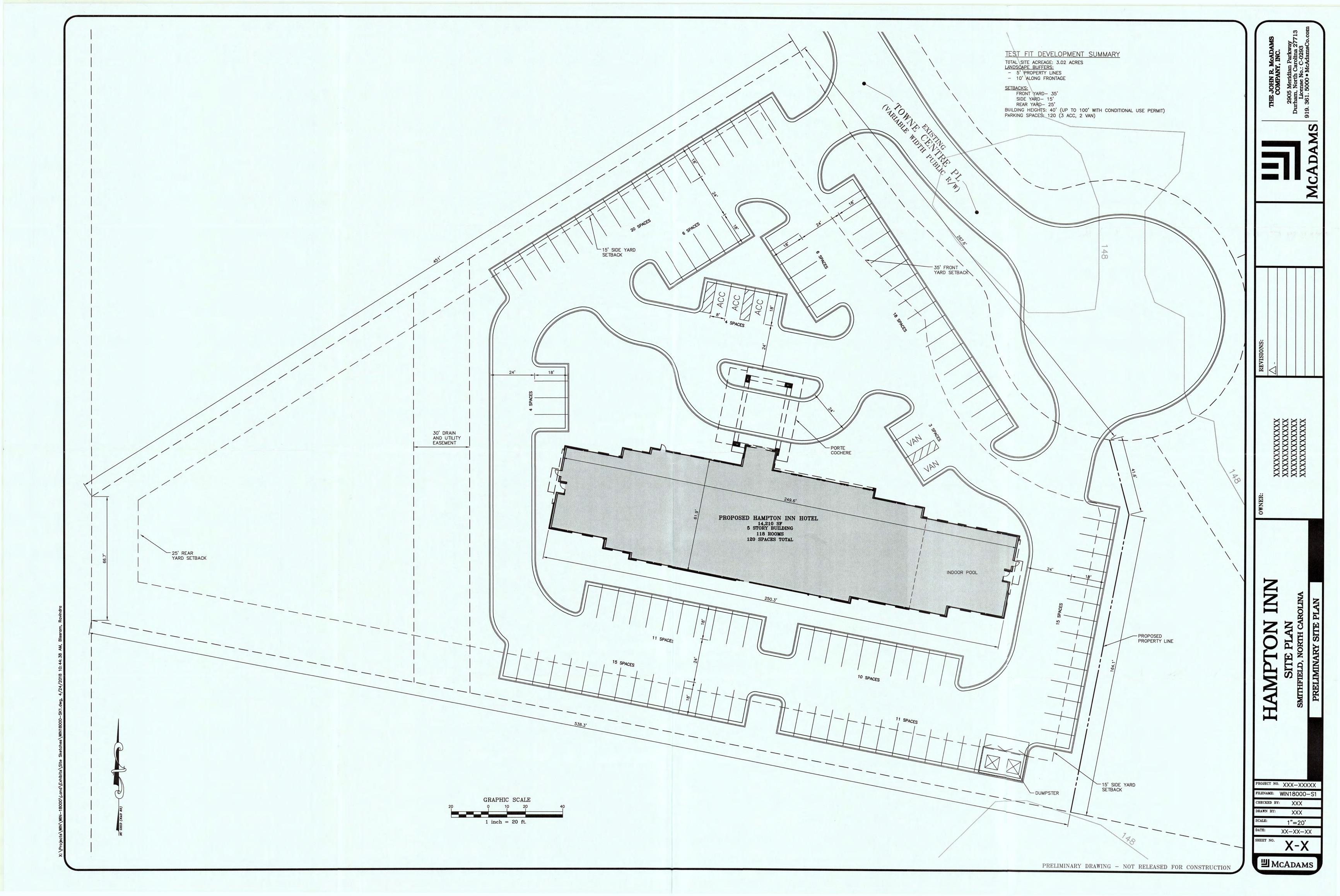
Sincerely,

THE JOHN R. MCADAMS COMPANY

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Charlie Yokley, AICP Principal Planner





100 Block of Towne Centre Place





PLANNING DEPARTMENT Mark E. Helmer, AICP, Senior Planner

ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CERTIFICATION

I, Mark E. Helmer, hereby certify that the property owner and abutting property owners of the following petition, BA-18-02, were notified by First Class Mail on 6-22-18.

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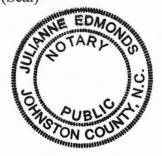
Johnston County, North Carolina

I, Julianne Edmonds, Notary Public for Johnston County and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that Mark E. Helmer personally appeared before me on this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the

2018 day of

Notary Public Name

My Commission expires on 1.15.2023 (Seal)





Request for Board of Adjustment Action
 Agenda
 BA-18

 Item:
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 Date:
 7/26/18

Subject:	Variance		
Department:	Planning		
Presented by:	Mark Helmer		
Presentation:	Yes		

Issue Statement

Landis Bullock is requesting a 12.45' variance from the 25' side yard building setback required for all properties within the HI (Heavy Industrial) zoning district.

Financial Impact

None

Action Needed

To review the variance application and make a decision in accordance with the finding of fact for a variance.

Recommendation

Planning Staff recommends approval of variance BA-18-04.

Approved: □ Town Manager □ Town Attorney

Attachments:

- Staff Report BA-18-03
- Application
- Proposed Subdivision plat
- Zoning Map



Staff Report AgendaBA-18-Item:03Date:7/26/18

Application Number: Applicant/Owner: Agents: TAX ID number: Town Limits/ETJ: BA-18-03 Landis Bullock none 15044023A Town

PROJECT LOCATION: The property is located southwest side of West Market Street approximately 180 feet southwest of its intersection with Whitley Drive.

REQUEST:

The applicant is proposing to reconfigure property lines to create a single lot of record that will be approximately 1.443 acres in size and have approximately 135.35 feet of road frontage on West Market Street. This proposed lot will meet all minimum dimensional requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance. The remaining portion of the original lot will be recombined into the adjacent 15.34 acre tract of land.

The property line to be moved is proposed to be within 12.55 feet of an existing metal building. This building is required to be setback a minimum of 25 feet from a side yard property line since it is located within a HI (Heavy Industrial) zoning district. Therefore, the applicant is requesting a 12.45' variance from the 25' side yard building setback for the existing metal building located on the northwest corner of the property. The variance is required in order to enable a proposed lot reconfiguration.

The Smithfield Town Council, at its June 5, 2018 meeting, unanimously voted to approve a request to rezone the proposed 1.443 acre lot of record from the HI (Heavy Industrial) zoning district to B-3 (Business) zoning district.

ADJACENT ZONING AND LAND USES:

	Zoning	Existing Land Use
North:	B-3 (Highway Entrance	Hinson Printing Retail
	Business)	Center
South:	HI (Heavy Industrial)	Keener Lumber Company
East:	B-3 (Highway Entrance	Home Master Termite &
	Business)	Pest Control
West:	B-3 (Highway Entrance	Bullock Brothers
	Business)	Equipment

SITE DATA:

Acreage: Present Zoning: Proposed Zoning: Existing Use: Proposed Use: Water Service:	14.402 acres B-3 Highway Entranceway Business N/A none none Town of Smithfield Town of Smithfield
Sewer Service:	Town of Smithfield
Electrical Service:	Duke Progress Energy

FINDINGS OF VARIANCE APPROVAL:

In order to approval a variance, the Board of Adjustments shall find all of the following provisions must be met (Staff's findings are in **bold/italic**):

4.10.2.2.1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property. **Without the variance, the recombination plat will create a nonconforming structure due to required building setbacks not being met.** If substantial damages were to occur and the structure cannot be rebuilt on the existing building foundations due to its nonconforming status, increased reconstruction costs and insurance claims will be incurred.

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4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved. **The variance is in keeping with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance. The variance is being requested to bring additional opportunity and productivity to the US 70 Business Entry Corridor. The variance will not impact public safety, and in is in the best interests of the public at large.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends the Board of Adjustments approve variance BA-18-03 based on findings of fact with the following conditions:

1. That the approved 12.45' variance from the 25' side yard building setback applies only to the existing enclosed metal building located on the northwest corner of the property.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Planning Staff recommends the Planning Board approve the variance with the following motion:

Move to approve variance BA-18-03 based on the findings of fact found in the Staff Report with the following conditions:

1. That the approved 12.45' variance from the 25' side yard building setback applies only to the existing enclosed metal building located on the northwest corner of the property.

Town of Smithfield Variance Application Finding of Fact / Approval Criteria

Application Number: BA-18-03 **Name:** Landis Bullock.

Request: Applicant seeks a 12.45' variance from the 25' side yard building setback for an existing structure located within an HI (Heavy Industrial) zoning district.

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Motion to Deny: *Based upon failure to meet all of the above stated findings and for reasons stated therein, I move to deny variance #* **BA-18-03** *for the following stated reason:*

Record of Decision:

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_____ approved upon acceptance and conformity with the following conditions:

1. ____.

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Decision made this 26 day of July, 2018 while in regular session.

Chair of the Board of Adjustments

ATTEST:

Julie Edmonds, Administrative Support Specialist

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Parcel ID Number:	a por	tion of 15044023A	Tax ID: a po	ortion of 15044023A
Deed Book: 824			Deed Page(s):	337
Address: Keener L	umbe	er Co., Hwy 70 West,	Smithfield	
Location: Hwy 70 \	West,	Smithfield		
Existing Use: Stora	age le	an-to	Proposed Use:	B-3 lot
Existing Zoning Distri	ict:	Industrial	-	
Requested Zoning Dis		B-3		
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OWNER INFORMATION

Name: Keener Lum	ber Co., Inc.		
Mailing Address:	PO Box 2323		
Phone Number:	919-934-1087	Fax:	
Email Address:			

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant: Landis	s Bullock		
Mailing Address:	1201 Chestnut Drive, Smithfie	ld, NC 27577	
Phone Number:	919-965-7331	Fax:	
Contact Person: Landis Bullock			
Email Address: landis@bullockbrothers.com			

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Other applicable documentation:

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

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This 1.443 acres lot currently appears annexed to the much larger Keener Lumber tract on GIS, but not in the same source deeds. Between this 1.443 acres and the other Keener Lumber property is a large ditch that supposedly drains the town park on the east side of Hwy 70. Actually, the water in the ditch is backup from the 4.626 acres pond behind this property to the west and owned by others. The 1.443 acres is separate from the remaining Keener Lumber property both by elevation, the ditch and the deeds. The highest and best use of the lot would be a commercial lot like the Jondis Inc./Bullock Brothers lot to its north. Furthermore, the ditch separates it from the Kenner lot and makes it difficult to use in concert with that lot.

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

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4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby make application and petition to the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Smithfield to approve the subject Variance request. I hereby certify that I have full legal right to request such action and that the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

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Town of Smithfield Planning Department 350 E. Market St Smithfield, NC 27577 P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC 27577 Phone: 919-934-2116 Fax: 919-934-1134

OWNER'S CONSENT FORM

Name of Project: Landis Bullock

Submittal Date: 15/18

OWNERS AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give CONSENT to <u>LANDIS BUUCK</u> (type, stamp or print clearly full name of agent) to act on my behalf, to submit or have submitted this application and all required material and documents, and to attend and represent me at all meetings and public hearings pertaining to the application(s) indicated above. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party designated above to agree to all terms and conditions which may arise as part of the approval of this application.

I hereby certify I have full knowledge the property I have an ownership interest in the subject of this application. I understand that any false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me or my agent will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permits. I acknowledge that additional information may be required to process this application. I further consent to the Town of Smithfield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted document submitted as a part of this application for any third party. I further agree to all terms and conditions, which may be imposed as part of the approval of this application.

Kale Howard	Ralph Stewart, Jr., President of Keener Lumber, Co., Inc.	7-5-18
Signature of Owner	Print Name	Date

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby certify the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Caroling, and will not be returned.

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Town of Smithfield – Variance Application Required Findings of Facts Attachment

1. If the applicant complies strictly with the provisions of the Ordinance, he can make no reasonable use of his property;

True. Plaintiff asks for a variance for a 1.443 acre tract on the south side of Highway 70 N between Keener Lumber on the South and the Jondis property of the Bullock brothers on the North. (p. 21) This 1.443 lot has been a separate parcel by deed and survey but was in the 1990's combined in a deed description with the Keener property to the south. (p. 8 and 14) In the 1940's this 1.443 acres is part of the Thomas subdivision (p. 19 and 20) and the Keener tract to its south comes from a different tract than Thomas. In the 1970's when Ms. Strickland was conveying her land into a corporation, Roy Strickland Lumber Company, which her two son in laws, Walton Parker and Steve Upton ran with Aldridge Norris, the Company purchased off her land as it was able in tracts that had no relationship to use. She sold the 1.443 acres to Strickland Lumber Company in 1979. (p. 11) At that time it was a separate tract shown separately in that deed and in the Blackmon survey, both attached (p. 11 and 17). In 1993 Strickland Lumber sold the 1.443 acres to Keener in a description that is for 2.923 acres. (p. 8) It appears as part of a 2.923 acre tract on GIS for that reason (p. 14) However, the 2.923 acre tract has never been a functional tract in an of itself and the Keener tract as we know it is part of larger combined tracts that function as a unit. (p. 21) Most of it was combined with other land purchased by Keener. The title in the 1993 deed is combined in description for conveyance of title then, but more importantly for use purposes the lots were not combined. Part of the 2.923 acres with the encroaching building combined with the larger Keener tracts in useage. The 1.443 acres remained separate due to the ditch.

There is NO reasonable use to this valuable commercial lot if combined with the Keener property because of a ditch, about 10 feet deep from the highway, that runs along the southern line of the parcel separating it from the Keener property. Thus, it has remained unused except for a lean-to with some equipment under it. About 250 feet back from the road there is a pipe so one can walk or drive from this lot to the Keener property or vice versa. However, the ditch is so substantial for the first 250 feet that it naturally blocks use with the Keener property. Probably in the early 1970's before the code, Strickland Lumber, which owned the Keener property, constructed a large metal building with its back encroachingly close to the ditch as shown by the attached survey. It backs to the ditch and blocks further access between the 1.443 acre tract and the Keener property and does so because the ditch NATURALLY blocks any common use already.

2. <u>The hardship of which the applicant complains is one suffered by the applicant rather</u> <u>than by neighbors or the general public;</u>

True. The hardship here is inherent in the topography of the lot which has prevented its use ever being reasonably used with the Keener properties. However, the applicant has since rezoned the 1.443 acres to a B-3 zone from commercial and this changes the setbacks and maximizes the use of the 1.443 acre tract. NOW, the owner can use this tract if it is subdivided.

3. The hardship relates to the applicant's land, rather than personal circumstances;

<u>**True**</u>. The hardship is as stated in the topography of the lot and is not such that it can be reasonably corrected because the ditch is there, large, deep, and prohibitive of merging the use of this lot with the Keener property.

4. <u>The hardship is unique, or nearly so, rather than one shared by many surrounding properties;</u>

<u>**True</u>**. The hardship is unique in that it separates the use of this lot from the surrounding properties and the separation is due to the ditch and *the topography that limits the ability to move from the Keener land to the 1.443 acre tract.*</u>

- 5. <u>The hardship is not the result of the applicant's own actions;</u> <u>True</u>. and the applicant obviously has had nothing to do with the creation of the ditch.
- 6. <u>The variance will neither result in the extension of a nonconforming situation in</u> violation of Article 8 nor authorize the initiation of a nonconforming use of land.

True. Landis Bullock, who has contracted to purchase this lot if the Board approves this application, runs the business Jondis, Inc., immediately to the north of this 1.443 acres lot. When he and his wife constructed their home in 1978, he remembers that the metal building located on the Keener Lumber tracts, formerly the Strickland tracts, was already constructed immediately to the south of the ditch, which divides the properties. It has been since improved but the building that is too close to the 1.443 acres lot in this application predated zoning in that it existed prior to 1978.

I understand the sale of the 1.443 acre lot could appear to create a non-conformity because the metal building would be too near the ditch property line if you assume that the ditch line disappeared as the property was conveyed into common ownership. (p. 21) But this is an issue that is only a problem at all if the Keener land merged with the 1.443 acres as part of a common use plan of the two tracts. They did not. The ditch prevented it and prevents it to this day. The location of the building just shows the owner trying to back the building up to the ditch because it has such limited use of the land behind it. Thus with NO MERGER, there is no initiation of a nonconforming use by recognizing the old ditch line as the properties never merged.

This variance application wants to make clear that the use of this lot has been separated from the Keener lots continuously prior to the creation of a subdivision including the lot as the southern parcel in that division adjacent to the creek in the 1940's in the Thomas division and since the pre-1974 creation of the 1.443 acre tract. Likely during the 1980's the owner of the Keener lots did construct a metal building that is too close to the line of the 1.443 acre lots. However, the location of the building just further evidences that this lot has never been merged in use with the Keener lots though it has had common ownership.

The location of the building on the Keener tract blocks the common use of the 1.443 acre tract and reflects the fact that the ditch has made it so that no common reasonable use of these lots could ever been made and the lots were never merged. Since there was no merger by common use, the sale of this lot as a subdivided lot which it has been since before 1974

as shown by the attached plat, then this subdivision reflecting the existing and prior lot boundaries does not create we believe a setback issue.

Probably prior to the zoning code, this metal building was located as close as it could to the ditch just like the buildings across the highway. The location of the building will be non-conforming on the remaining Keener land but the non-conformity is not created by this 1.443 acre lot because it should not be seen as merging with the Keener land to the south as there is no reasonable common use.

The 1.443 acre lot is now as a separate lot a valuable commercial lot along our northern entrance corridor that can be developed. Otherwise, it is vacant buffer land, truly an unreasonable hardship. We contend the 1.443 acre lot never merged in use with the Keener land because it just could not reasonably do so due to topography and the condition of the land and the general law hereinafter quoted supports this view.

The following is a cite to the law on merger and the common ownership of adjacent tracts.

§ 112. Substandard lots–Common ownership of adjacent lots

Topic Summary | Correlation Table | References West's Key Number Digest

West's Key Number Digest, Zoning and Planning 1068, 1228

The common exception provided to substandard lots which were recorded prior to the effective date of a restrictive ordinance is limited to lots which were in single and separate ownership on that date.¹ The term "merger" in zoning law describes the combination of two or more contiguous lots of substandard size, that are held in common ownership, in order to meet the requirements of a particular zoning regulation.² In general, <u>mere common ownership of adjoining properties does not automatically result in a physical merger of the properties for zoning purposes</u>.³ However, merger may occur if the owner of contiguous lots intends to form one tract or by operation of law.⁴ (emphasis added)

While under one view, a zoning ordinance must be applied to the facts of the case to determine if the ordinance requires the merger of lots, and a deed, in and of itself, does not create a merger without reference to the zoning ordinance⁵ in <u>other situations</u> when a landowner combines or merges several parcels or lots of land into one larger parcel by integrating or utilizing contiguous lots in service of single structure or project, by operation of law a single parcel emerges for zoning purposes.⁶ 83 Am. Jur. 2d Zoning and Planning § 112; American Jurisprudence, Second Edition; May 2018 Update; Zoning and Planning

Observation:

The doctrine of zoning merger deals with zoning limitations and uses, not with title.7 The merger of two or more contiguous lots of substandard size in common ownership in order to meet the requirements of a particular zoning regulation is theoretical in the sense that it does not preclude the treatment of the lots as separate for other purposes; thus, the official map, taxes, and financing arrangements remained unaffected.8

83 Am. Jur. 2d Zoning and Planning § 112; American Jurisprudence. Second Edition; |May 2018 Update; VIII. Building and Lot Regulations

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BOOK 1295PAGE 293 owned by Ricky P. Brady and wife, Brenda S. Brady as recorded in Deed Book 968, Page 193; thence running along said Brady tract and along the southern line of the Jondis Industrial and Contractors Supply, Inc. tract as referenced above North 44 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds East 473.40 feet to an existing iron pipe in the western right-of-way of U. S. Highway 70, the point of BDGINNING and containing 2.923 acres according to a map by Byrd Surveying, P.A., dated January 7 1993. 7, 1993.

The 2.923 acre tract shall be conveyed along with the ten foot access easement shown on the above referred to map and any end all access easements or any easements

The property hereinabove described was acquired by Grantor by instrument recorded in

A map showing the above described property is recorded in Plat Book 4, 2, & 1 TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the Grantee in fee simple.

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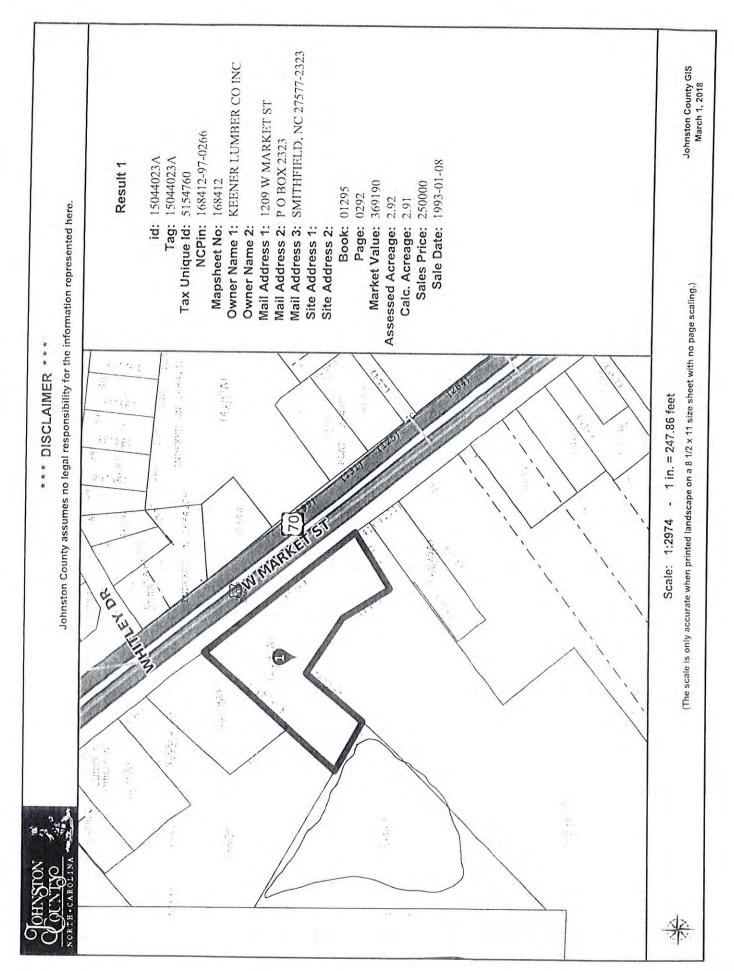
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LEASE

THIS INDENTURE, made this the $\mu_2 + \frac{1}{2}$ day of September, 1977.

by and between MARY F. STRICKLAND, party of the first part; and ROY STRICKLAND

LUMBER COMPANY, INC., party of the second part; all of Johnston County,

North Carolina;

WITNESSETH:

That the party of the first part hereby demises, leases, and

lets to the party of the second part the following described real estate situated

in Smithfield Township, Johnston County, North Carolina, and being more particularly

described as follows:

на садыя на садыя TRACT ONF: BEGINNING at an iron stake, said iron stake being located on the property line between Lots 11 and 12 of the Wilson Brothers Farm as recorded in Plat Book 1 and 2, page 228, of the Johnston County Registry, and being further described as a point located South 55 degrees 06 minutes 51 seconds West 607.62 feet from an iron stake located at the intersection of the property line of Lots 11 and 12 and the southern right of way of U.S. Highway 70; thence from the described point of beginning South 35 degrees 04 minutes 32 seconds East 246.86 feet to an iron stake; thence South 52 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds West 325.29 feet to an iron stake located in a ditch; thence with said ditch South 07 degrees 12 minutes 33 seconds East 199.62 feet to an iron stake; thence leaving said ditch South 51 degrees 00 minutes 27 seconds West 180.17 feet to an iron stake; thence North 42 degrees 06 minutes 51 seconds East 62.50 feet to an iron stake, the point and place of BEGINNING, and containing 4.74 acres, more or leas.

TRACT TWO: BEGINNING at an iron stake located in a ditch on the southern right of-way of U.S. Highway 70 and being further described as an iron stake located on the northern property line of Let 14 of the Wilson Brothers Farm as recorded in Plat Book 1 and 2, page 226, of the Johnston County Registry; thence along a ditch from the point of beginning South 42 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West 420.00 feet to a point; thence from said ditch North 56 degrees 26 minute. 43 seconds West 131.12 feet to an iron stake, thence North 44 degrees 33 minute-17 seconds East 478.40 feet to an iron stake located on the southern right ofway of U.S. Highway 70, thence with said right of-way South 34 degrees 52 minutes 03 seconds East 136.35 feet to an iron stake located in a ditch, the point and place of REGINNING, and containing 1.44 acres, more or less.

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to begin on the 1st day of September, 1977, and continue on the first day of

each month thereafter until otherwise terminated as horeinafter set forth.

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That in the event Mary F. Strickland or her heirs shall have a sale for said property or any portion thereof, Mary F. Strickland or her heirs will give the party of the second part thirty (30) days written notice of said offer to purchase and said party of the second part will have the first option to purchase said property at said price. If the party of the second part does not purchase by tendering the purchase price within thirty (30) days after written notice, then Mary F. Strickland or her heirs and assigns will have the right to sell the said real property to any other person at said price and this lease will terminate.

That the party of the second part may terminate this lease at any time by giving written notice to Mary F. Strickland. If the lease is terminated by the party of the second part, then all of its rights to the option of first refusal to purchase said property will terminate.

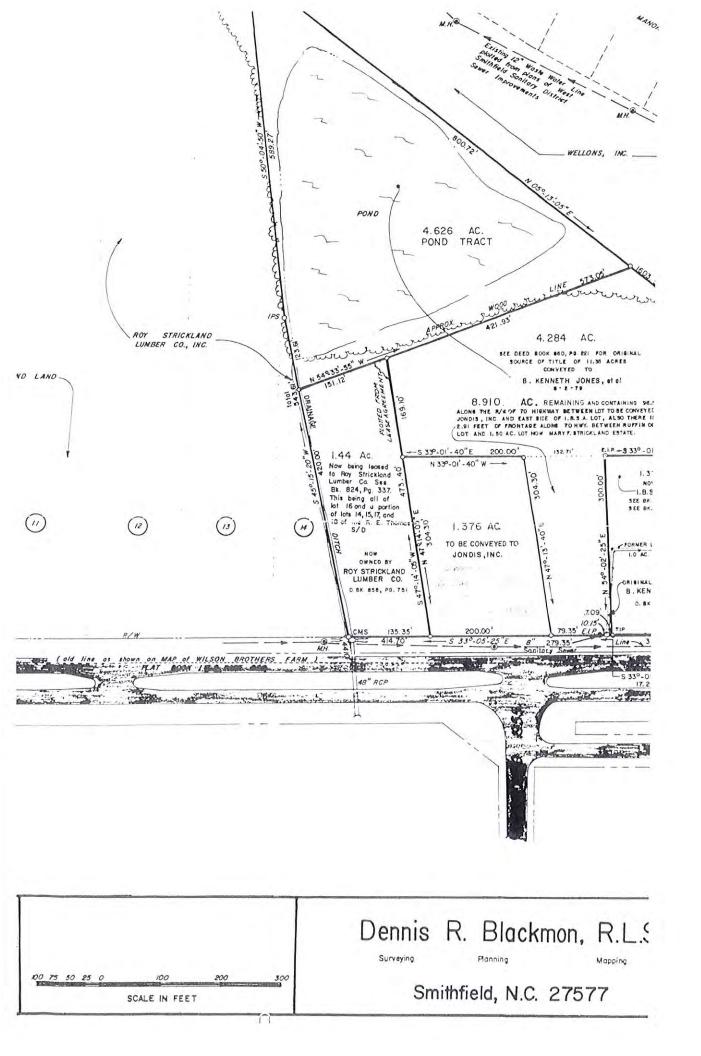
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Lease in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties, the day and year first above written.

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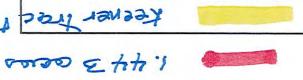
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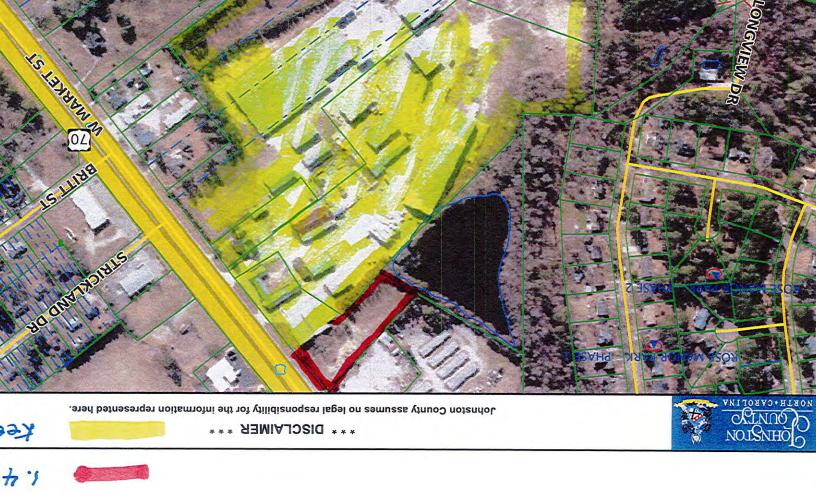
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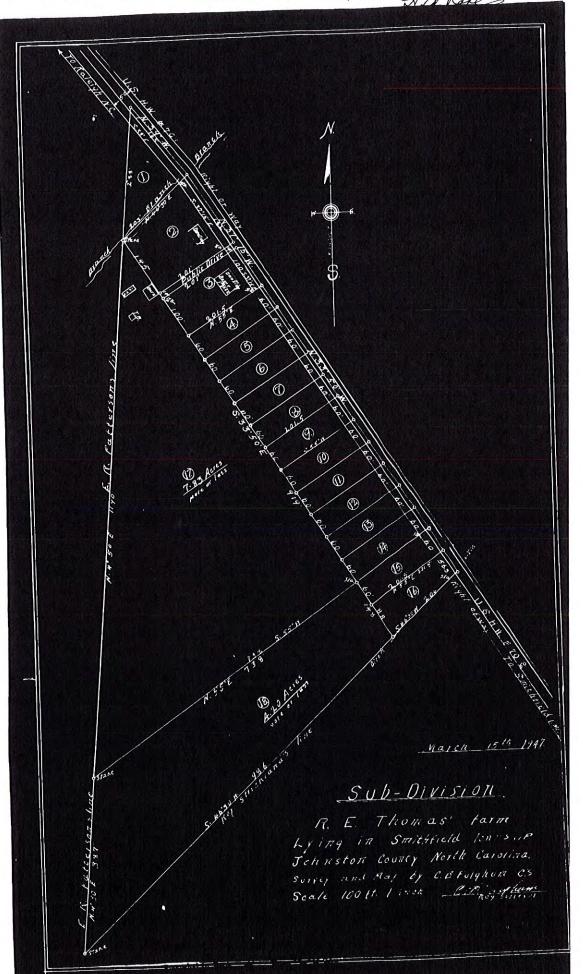
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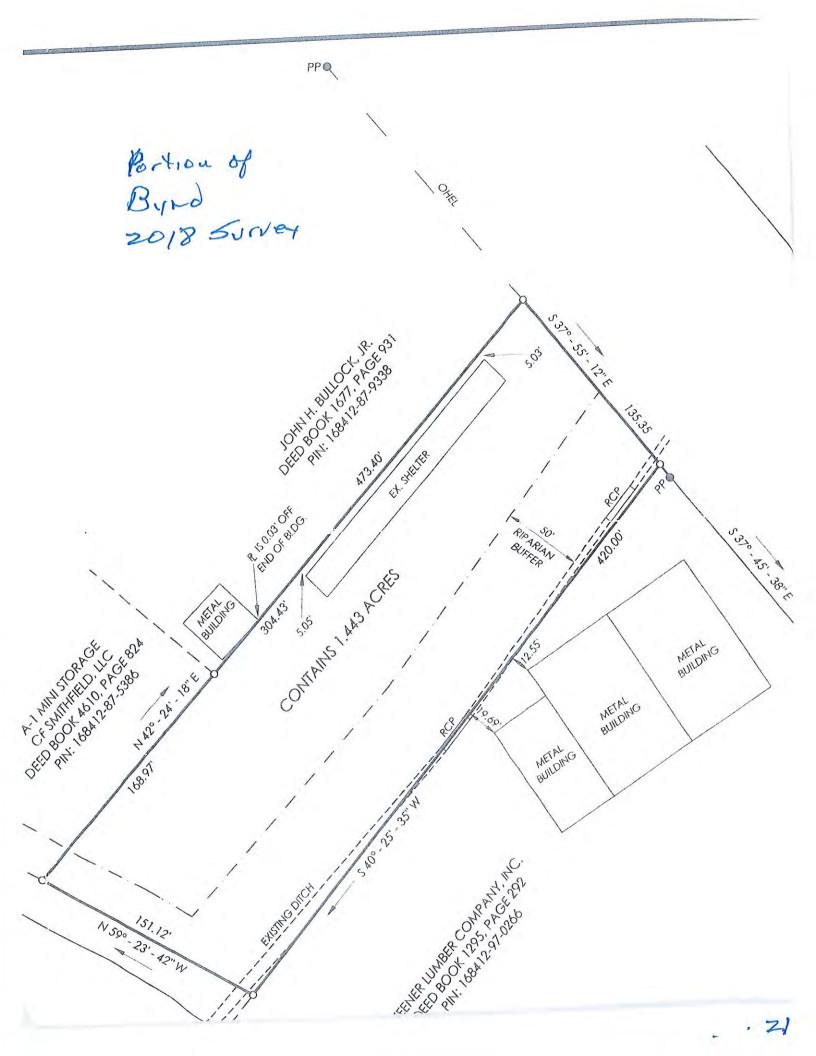




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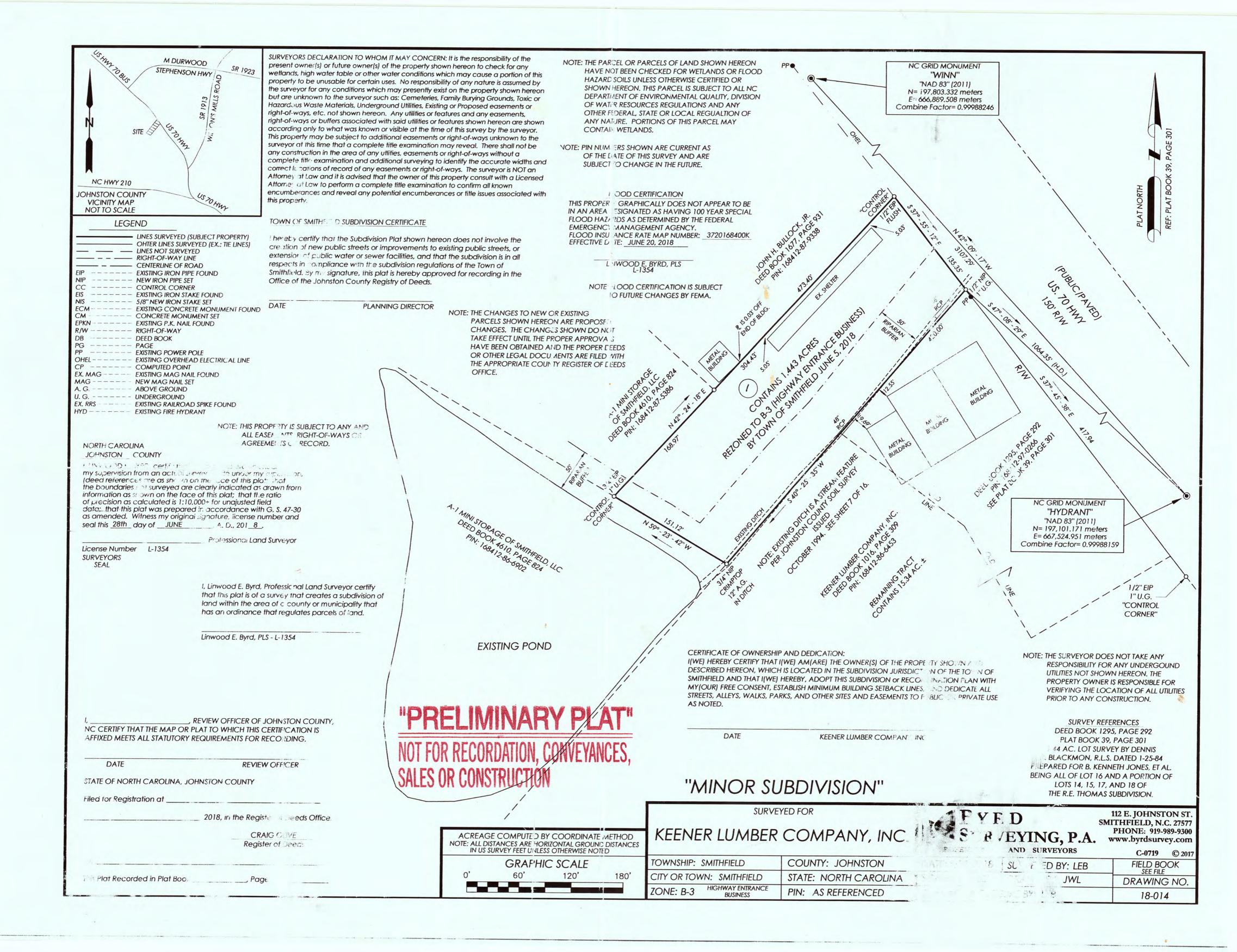












1200 Block of West Market Street





ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CERTIFICATION

I, Mark E. Helmer, hereby certify that the property owner and abutting property owners of the following petition, BA-18-03, were notified by First Class Mail on 6-22-18.

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Johnston County, North Carolina

I, Julianne Edmonds, Notary Public for Johnston County and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that Mark E. Helmer personally appeared before me on this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the

2018 day of Notary Public Name

My Commission expires on 1.15.2023 (Seal)





Request for Board of Adjustment Action
 Agenda
 BA-18

 Item:
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 Date:
 7/26/18

Subject:VarianceDepartment:PlanningPresented by:Stephen WensmanPresentation:Yes

Issue Statement

William T. Gainey of AVS Investments LLC is requesting the following variances:

- 3.9' variance from the 15' rear yard setback.
- Bufferyard requirements of Article 10, Section 10.4
- Landscaping requirements of Article 10.

Financial Impact

None

Action Needed

To review the variance application to approve or deny.

Recommendation

Planning Staff recommends approval of variance BA-18-04.

Approved: □ Town Manager □ Town Attorney

Attachments:

- Staff Report BA-18-04
- Application



Staff Report AgendaBA-18-Item:04Date:7/26/18

Application Number: Applicant/Owner: Agents: TAX ID number: Town Limits/ETJ: BA-18-04 William T. Gainey, AVS Investments, LLC none 15025063 City

PROJECT LOCATION:

440 East Market Street (corner of Market and 5th Streets)

REQUEST:

The applicant, William T. Gainey of AVS Investments LLC, is requesting the following variances:

- 3.9' variance from the 15' rear yard setback.
- Part I Off-street Parking & Off-street Loading Requirements
- Article 10, Part II Landscape requirements.

The variances are needed in order to enable the construction of a 30' x 50' addition onto the rear of the auto repair building located at 440 E. Market Street.

SITE DATA:

Acreage:	.24 acres
Present Zoning:	B-2 (General Business)
Proposed Zoning:	N/A
Existing Use:	Automotive Repair
Proposed Use:	Automotive Repair
Water Service:	Town of Smithfield
Sewer Service:	Town of Smithfield
Electrical Service:	Town of Smithfield

ADJACENT ZONING AND LAND USES:

North:	Zoning	Existing Use
	B-2 General Business	First Citizens Bank
South:	O/I – Office Institutional	Police Station
West:	B-2 General Business	Hopkins Carpet - Retail
East:	B-2 General Business	Wood Termite and Pest Control Business

PETITION DESCRIPTION:

The applicant owns Market Street Automotive which is an auto repair business in an old traditional service gas station on .24 acres in the heart of the Smithfield downtown, located at the corner of E. Market Street and 5th Street. The applicant operates an automobile repair business on the property and the applicant needs to expand the number of service bays in order to keep up with demand. The applicant is proposing a 30 ft. x 50 ft. addition in the rear of the building. The addition is large enough to trigger the threshold for compliance with Article 10, Part 1 Off-street Parking & Off-street Loading Requirements and Article 10, Part 2 Landscape requirements of the UDO. The applicant is requesting a variance from these as well as a 3.9' variance from the 15' rear yard setback.

The property currently has a two service doors for auto repair services and a lobby area. There are two service doors facing Market Street and two facing the alley behind the property. The entire property is impervious with bituminous and concrete paving up to the sidewalks in the public right-of-way and the alley in the rear of the property. An existing nonconforming metal carport canopy is located between the existing building and the Hopkins Carpet building. Removal of this carport will be a recommended condition of the variance.

Current driveway access to the site is from one 45' curbcut on Market Street and a 30' and 10' curbcut on 5th Street and alley access the full width of the property (79.91'). With the variance, Staff has added the condition that the 30' 5th Street access be closed and the curbing and boulevard be replaced because of its close proximity to the intersection and for safety reasons.

The applicant is proposing 5 parking stalls for guests, one of which will be a handicap accessible stall. The exiting overhead canopy will remain and two of the parking stalls will be located under the canopy. The applicant is proposing vehicle storage in association with the auto repair business which requires a special use permit. An application for special use permit has been made and the vehicle storage will be in a 19'.5 x 50' fenced and screened area between the new addition and the adjacent Hopkins Carpet building. In a screened enclosure, the parks can be parked in close to each other rather than in a standard striped parking stall, saving space on such a small property.

FINDINGS OF VARIANCE APPROVAL:

In order to approval a variance, the Board of Adjustments shall find all of the following provisions must be met (Staff's findings are in **bold/italic**):

4.10.2.2.1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property. *Without the variance, the proposed building addition would be restricted in size, rendering the project too small for the intended purpose. Due to the location of the existing building on the lot and the need for vehiclular access, conformance with the standards of Article 10, Part 1 and Part 2 are not practical.*

4.10.2.2.2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance. The existing property is smaller than the minimum district size and the variance is somewhat proportional to the existing property size (.24 acres) to the B-2 district minimum lot size (12,000 sq. ft., or 275 acres). Also, the variance would allow the building to match the building setback of the adjacent property, Hopkins Carpet. Other older businesses in the B-2 district have similar encroachments into the landscape yards.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. **The applicant's business has grown beyond the small two stall garage of the existing building and the existing lot size and configuration has resulted in the need to seek a variance for a reasonable building addition.**

4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved. **The variance is in keeping with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, the variance is being requested to serve a growing business in a business district. The variance will not impact public safety, and in fact, public safety will be improved by the closure of a driveway and the removal of a nonconforming carport.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommend the Board of Adjustments approve variance BA-18-04 based on findings of fact with the following conditions:

- 1. That the driveway on 5th Street near the intersection be closed and the boulevard and curb restored.
- 2. That the metal carport between the existing repair garage and the Hopkins Carpet building be removed.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Planning Staff recommends the Planning Board approve the variance with the following motion:

"Move to approve variance BA-18-04 based on the findings of fact found in the Staff Report with the following conditions:

- 1. That the driveway on 5th Street near the intersection be closed and the boulevard and curb restored according to Town of Smithfield Standards.
- 2. That the metal carport between the existing repair garage and the Hopkins Carpet building be removed.

Town of Smithfield Variance Application Finding of Fact / Approval Criteria

Application Number: BA-18-04 Name: Market Street Automotive.

Request: Applicant seeks a 3.9' variance into the rear setback, parking in the landscape yards, and landscape yard requirements.

In accordance with **Article 4**, **Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4** of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), when unnecessary hardships would result from carrying out the strict letter of the UDO, the Board of Adjustment shall vary any of the provisions of the Ordinance upon a showing of having met all of Article 4, Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4. The Board of Adjustments may impose appropriate conditions and safeguards upon the approval as long as they are related to the variance. The petitioner will have a reasonable opportunity to consider and respond to any additional requirements prior to approval or denial by the Board of Adjustments. The Board of Adjustments shall include in its comments a statement as to the application having met all of Article 4, Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4. The applicant has the burden of producing competent, substantial evidence tending to establish the facts and conditions which the below requires.

The Board of Adjustment shall vary any of the provisions of the Ordinance as it pertains to this property upon a showing of having met all of Article 4, Sections 4.10.2.2.1 - 4.10.2.2.4 listed below through a quasi-judicial process:

4.10.2.2.1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

4.10.2.2.2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

4.10.2.2.3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

4.10.2.2.4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved

Once all findings have been decided one of the two following motions must be made:

Motion to Approve: *Based upon satisfactory compliance with the above stated findings and fully contingent upon acceptance and compliance with all conditions as previously noted herein*

and with full incorporation of all statements and agreements entered into the record by the testimony of the applicant and applicant's representative, I move to approve variance # **BA-18** -**04** with the following condition(s):

- 1. <u>That the driveway on 5th Street near the intersection be closed and the boulevard</u> and curb restored according to Town of Smithfield Standards.
- 2. <u>That the metal carport between the existing repair garage and the Hopkins Carpet</u> <u>building be removed from the property.</u>

Motion to Deny: *Based upon failure to meet all of the above stated findings and for reasons stated therein, I move to deny variance #* **BA-18-04** *for the following stated reason:*

Record of Decision:

Based on a motion and majority vote of the Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustments for the Variance Application Number BA-18-04 is hereby:

_____ approved upon acceptance and conformity with the following conditions:

- 1. That the driveway on 5th Street near the intersection be closed and the boulevard and curb restored according to Town of Smithfield Standards.
- 2. That the metal carport between the existing repair garage and the Hopkins Carpet building be removed from the property.

_____ denied for the noted reasons.

Decision made this 26 day of July, 2018 while in regular session.

Chair of the Board of Adjustments

ATTEST:

Julie Edmonds, Administrative Support Specialist



Town of Smithfield Planning Department 350 E. Market St Smithfield, NC 27577 P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC 27577 Phone: 919-934-2116 Fax: 919-934-1134

VARIANCE APPLICATION

Pursuant to Article 5, of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, an owner of land within the jurisdiction of the Town (or a duly authorized agent) may petition the Board of Adjustment for relief from a requirement of the Unified Development Ordinance and to permit construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

In granting variances, the Board of Adjustment may impose such reasonable conditions as will insure that the use of the property to which the variance applies will be as compatible as practicable with the surrounding properties.

Variance applications must be accompanied by nine (9) sets of the complete application, nine (9) sets of required plans, an Owner's Consent Form (attached) and the application fee. The application fee is \$300.00. All fees are due when the application is submitted.

SITE INFORMATION

Name of Project:	larket Street Automotive	Acreage of Property: 1/4 acre
	5008045J	Tax ID: (5025063
Deed Book: 0513	Ч	Deed Page(s): 0155
Address: 440 E.	Marnet St. Smith	field NC 27577
Location: Corner	of 5th St and Mar	rket St
Existing Zoning District		Proposed Use: Auto Mechanic Shop
Requested Zoning Distr		
Is project within a Plan	ned Development:	Yes No
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OWNER'S CONSENT FORM

Name of Project: Market Street Automotive

Submittal Date: 7/3/18

OWNERS AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give CONSENT to <u>Jerry Ball</u> (type, stamp or print clearly full name of agent) to act on my behalf, to submit or have submitted this application and all required material and documents, and to attend and represent me at all meetings and public hearings pertaining to the application(s) indicated above. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party designated above to agree to all terms and conditions which may arise as part of the approval of this application.

I hereby certify I have full knowledge the property I have an ownership interest in the subject of this application. I understand that any false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me or my agent will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permits. I acknowledge that additional information may be required to process this application. I further consent to the Town of Smithfield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted document submitted as a part of this application for any third party. I further agree to all terms and conditions, which may be imposed as part of the approval of this application.

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Signature of Owner	Print Name	Date

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby certify the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Signature of Owner/Applicant

illianT Crin **Print** Name

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

File Number:

Date Received:

Parcel ID Number:

OWNER INFORMATION

Name: AUS	Thestments LLC William T Gainen
Mailing Address:	440 E. Marnet St Smithfield NC 27577
Phone Number:	919-429-10103 Fax:
Email Address:	autovalueofsmithfield a hotmail.com
APPLICANT IN	FORMATION
Applicant:	Same as owner)
Phone Number:	Fax:
Contact Person:	
Email Address:	

REQUIRED PLANS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The following items must accompany a variance application. This information is required to be present on all plans, except where otherwise noted:

All required plans (please see the plan requirements checklist).

Owner Consent form.

A statement of justification.

Required Finding of Fact.

Other applicable documentation:

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

Please provide detailed information concerning all requests. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

We need more space bays in order to keep up with
the demand for our services. Additional indoor space will
also allow us to keep more vehicles inside, less vehicle outside
making our property look better as a whole. Due to the size
of the property, variaces are requested in order to make the
property as productive and efficient as possible while still improving
the property as far as esthetics are angened.

Article 5, Section 5-2 of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance requires applications for a variance to address the following findings. The burden of proof is on the applicant and failure to adequately address the findings may result in denial of the application. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

1. If the applicant complies strictly with the provisions of the Ordinance, he can make no reasonable use of his property;

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Without said variances, the parce is too small to allow the expansion we need to work in the most productive manner. Due to our growing business, we need more work bays as we conton want to have to work on cars outside for two distinct reasons: 1) Working in the elements can be tough at times and 2) Working on cars outside can be an eyesore in regards to overall appearance

2. The hardship of which the applicant complains is one suffered by the applicant rather than by ne ghbors or the general public;

I am the only one that suffers from the hardship of the parcel size and not having enough space. It does not affect the general public or any adjacent property owners. The variances will help with my hardship and still have no affect on the public or neighbors.

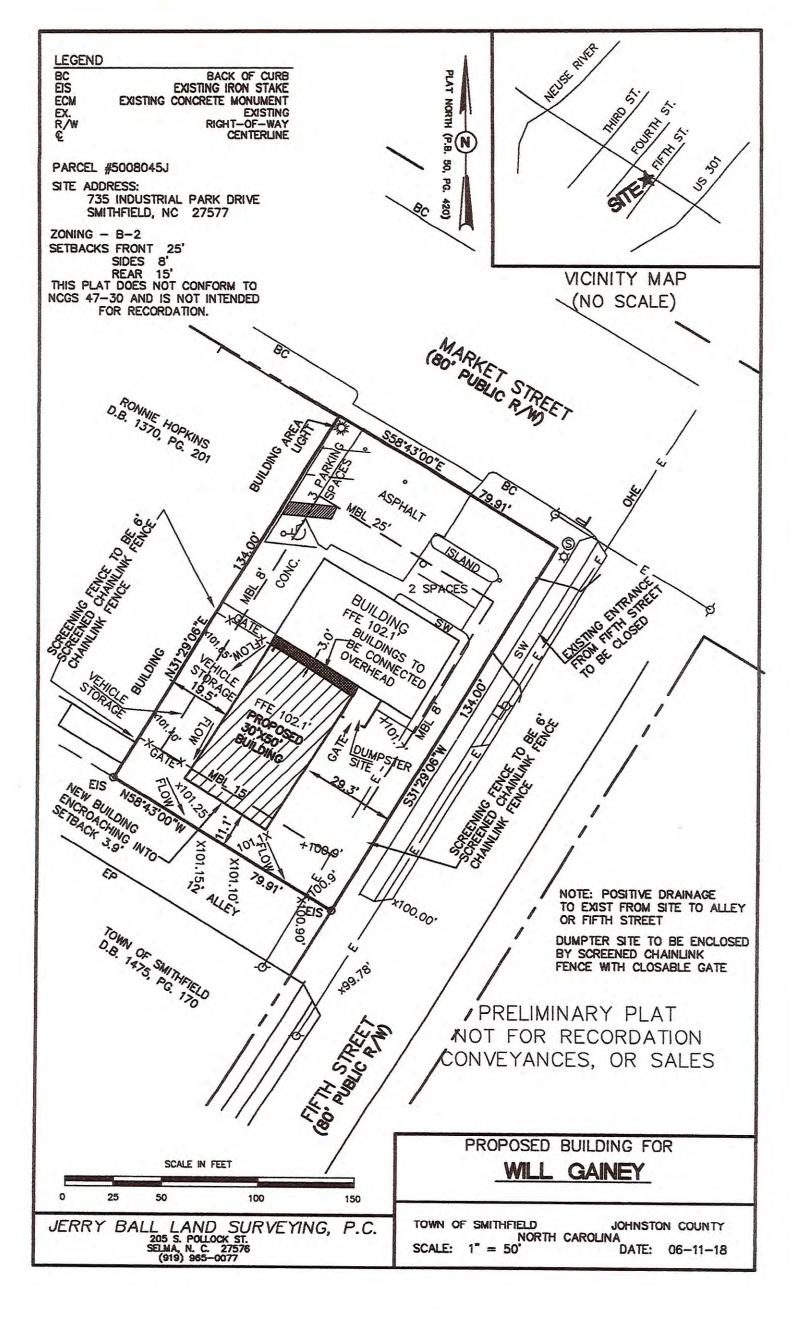
- 3. The hardship relates to the applicant's land, rather than personal circumstances; The hardship we face is solely related to the parcel size, nothing personal. If we had a chance to buy more land adjacent to us, this variance may not be needed but unfortunately, land isnt readily available adjacent to us.
- 4. The hardship is unique, or nearly so, rather than one shared by many surrounding properties; Our hardship is unique for two reasons: 1) We are wanting to expand and grow while many businesses are already where they want to be as far as expans on or just simply conticare about growth and 2) There arent that many shops on Market Street. Yes, the size of our parcel is small but with these variances we can really make a nice looking corner.
- 5. The hardship is not the result of the applicant's own actions; and Again, this hardship is solely due to the size of the parcel. If I could downsize the expansion and it be sufficient I would look not doing so but the kind of work we do simply requires ample space in order to work in a safe and efficient manner.

6. The variance will neither result in the extension of a nonconforming situation in violation of Article 8 nor authorize the initiation of a nonconforming use of land. The variances we are asking for will not result in repetitive nor conforming issues. If variances are granted, we are aware that all other aspects of the property must conform with all codes and regulations and we intend to always conform will said regulations both now and in the future.

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby make application and petition to the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Smithfield to approve the subject Variance request. I hereby certify that I have full legal right to request such action and that the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Harre Print Name Signature of Applicant





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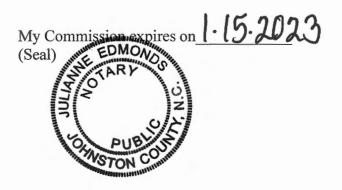
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All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard on this request. To accommodate disabilities and to comply with ADA regulations, please contact the town office if you need assistance. Further inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the Smithfield Planning Department at 919-934-2116 or online at www.smithfield-nc.com.

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You have been identified as a property owner in the area specified above and are being advised of this meeting as you may have interest in this matter. You are welcome to attend; however, you are not required to in order for the Board to act on this request. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Town of Smithfield Planning Department at 919-934-2116.