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CASE # C15-2012-0014
ROW # 10704696
TP-0205020509

**CITY OF AUSTIN
APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE**

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.

STREET ADDRESS: 110 E. 2nd. Street, Austin, Texas 78701

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - Original City of Austin

Lot(s) 1-5 & 7-12 Block 18 Outlot _____ Division _____

I/We Richard T. Suttle, Jr. on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for

Austin 18 Hotel, LLC affirm that on December 21, 2011

hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:

(check appropriate items below)

ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODEL MAINTAIN

Approve a variance from Section 25-6-592 to reduce the off-street loading facility requirements

from 8 spaces to 3 spaces.

in a CBD-CURE district.
(zoning district)

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

REASONABLE USE:

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

See attached letter.

HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

See attached letter.

- (b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

See attached letter.

AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

See attached letter.

PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

See attached letter.

2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

See attached letter.

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

See attached letter.

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

See attached letter.

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed [Signature] Mail Address 100 Congress Ave. Suite 1300

City, State & Zip Austin, Texas 78701

Printed Richard Suttle Phone 435-2310 Date 12/21/2011

OWNERS CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ Mail Address P.O. Box 2086

City, State & Zip Austin, Texas 78768

Printed _____ Phone _____ Date _____

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

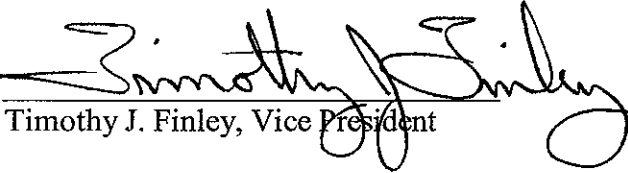
(The following is intended to provide assistance in explaining the variance process. These suggestions are not intended to be a complete or exhaustive guide in assisting you through this process.)

VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

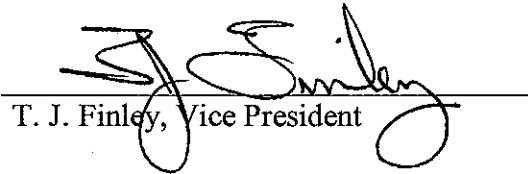
OWNERS' AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned Owners of the Property that is the subject of the request for a variance from Section 25-6-592 to reduce the off-street loading facility requirements from 8 spaces to 3 spaces consents and authorizes Richard T. Suttle, Jr., as authorized agent for Austin 18 Hotel, LLC, to submit the request and obtain such variance.

Finley Company,
a Delaware corporation

By: 
Timothy J. Finley, Vice President

Lack & Hurley, Incorporated,
a California corporation

By: 
T. J. Finley, Vice President

REASONABLE USE:

- 1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:**

A public restrictive covenant was recorded in conjunction with the zoning case that was approved by City Council for the property in 2010 which restricts the access point for service vehicles to 3rd Street. There is limited property frontage along 3rd Street and eight bays would take up almost the entire frontage.

The development will consist of a convention center hotel with 1,016,772 square feet of gross floor area, which will include 110,000 square feet of meeting space and approximately 1,000 guest rooms. According to City Code, the required number of off-street loading spaces for a development of this size is eight loading bays. The dimensions for the loading bays are 1 (10x55) and 7 (10x30) for a total of 2,650 square feet. This is a substantial number of loading bays for the type of use. It has been White Lodgings' experience from other JW Marriot hotels of this size that only three loading bays are required to operate efficiently. Just recently, a JW Marriot hotel of comparable size was opened in Indianapolis, with only three loading bays provided and it operates efficiently. If the development provides all of the required loading bays there would be a considerable amount of unused loading space along 3rd Street.

HARDSHIP:

- 2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:**

Austin Energy currently requires their transformer vaults be located at street level. Because Congress Avenue, 2nd Street and Brazos Street are considered primary pedestrian oriented streets, it was determined that the transformer was best placed along 3rd Street. Due to the limited property frontage along 3rd Street and experience that fewer off-street loading bays are necessary for this size and use, we are requesting to reduce the number of spaces.

- (b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:**

The zoning and restrictive covenant limit the location of the off-street loading facilities. In addition, the property frontage along 3rd Street is limited.

AREA CHARACTER:

- 1. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:**

Adequate loading facilities will be available if the variance is granted. If eight loading bays were provided, this would visually create a "warehouse" effect whereby changing the aesthetics along 3rd Street.

PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed by Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of

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off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

It is White Lodgings' experience that the City Code off-street loading space requirement is excessive based on other similar size hotel operations.

2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

Three loading bays have been shown to be adequate for the proposed use. All hotel visitor traffic will be utilizing Brazos Street or 2nd Street to access the parking garage. Therefore, visitor traffic and off-street loading traffic will not intermingle.

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

Adequate loading spaces are being provided for the project so no safety hazards will be created.

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

A hotel use of its size is what prescribes the number of off-street loading spaces.

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JW MARRIOTT
INDIANAPOLIS



January 11, 2012

Mr. Jeff Jack and Adjustment Board Members
City of Austin
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78768

Dear Mr. Jack,

My name is Scott Blalock and I am the General Manager of the JW Marriott Indianapolis. I am writing today regarding the new JW Marriott Austin hotel project and the recommended number of loading docks for the hotel. I understand there is a desire to have 8 docks for the new hotel and I wanted to provide some insights on this. I have reviewed the plans in detail, and from my experience, I believe 3 loading docks would be more than adequate to support the hotel.

Our JW Marriott convention hotel in downtown Indianapolis is part of a large complex operation called Marriott Place which includes 4 hotels and 3 high volume restaurants. Our complex includes:

- Sleeping Rooms: 1,626 – JW Marriott is 1005 rooms and 3 other connected Marriott branded hotels with another 621 rooms.
- Convention/Meeting Space – 104,000 square feet. We have 2 large ballrooms and routinely host 2 large conventions simultaneously. Our grand ballroom is the largest hotel ballroom in the Midwest at 40,500 square feet. Our second ballroom is over 20,000 square feet and both allow us to host significant shows with heavy load in requirements.
- Exhibition Hall – our exhibit hall is over 18,500 square feet.
- Restaurants – our restaurants, TGI Fridays, Osteria Pronto and High Velocity Sports Bar are each volume operations with each budgeted to exceed over \$4 million in sales.

All of the above operations are supported by 5 loading docks at the JW Marriott. Each of our hotels and restaurants require their own delivery schedule and our dock can easily accommodate the logistics for each as well as the demands of our convention shows.

Because of our successful operation in Indianapolis, I am confident 3 loading docks in Austin would suffice. Please call on me if I can provide any further insights on our operation in Indianapolis.

Sincerely,

Scott Blalock
General Manager
JW Marriott Indianapolis

CC: Deno Yiankes
Russell Louderback
Dustin Louderback
Richard Suttle



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January 11, 2012

Mr. Jeff Jack and Adjustment Board Members
City of Austin
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78768

Dear Mr. Jack,

I currently serve as the General Manager of the 622 room Marriott in Indianapolis, IN.

We currently have 3 loading docks which serve the hotel with 40,000 sf of meeting space and 3 restaurants; Circle City Bar & Grille, Champions Bar & Restaurant, and Starbucks. Based upon our successful operation in Indianapolis and my experience with large Convention hotels, I am confident 3 loading docks for the proposed hotel in Austin would be sufficient. In my expertise and opinion I believe this is more than sufficient to service this type of operation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Ray
General Manager
Indianapolis Marriott Indianapolis
350 West Maryland Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

cc: Deno Yiankes
Dustin Louderback
Richard Suttle





January 11, 2012

Mr. Jeff Jack and Adjustment Board Members
City of Austin
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78768

Dear Mr. Jack,

I am the Vice President- General Manager of the 616 room Downtown Marriott hotel in Louisville, KY.

We currently have 2 loading docks which serve the hotel with 38,000 sf of meeting space & 3 restaurants; Blu Italian Grille, Champions Bar & Grill, and Starbucks. In my expertise and experience as a 25 year operator including large Convention hotels, coupled with our successful operation in Louisville, I am confident 3 loading docks for the proposed hotel in Austin would be more than sufficient to service the scope and type of operation at a superior industry level.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Howerton
Vice President-General Manager
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cc: Deno Yiankes
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