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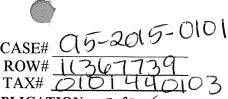
ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: C15-2015-0101

Address: 6000 MOUNTAIN SHADOWS DR

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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: 6000 Mountain Shadows Dr
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - Second Resubdivision of Mountain Shadows
Lot(s) 2 Block A Outlot Division
I/We <u>David Cancialosi</u> on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for
Monarch Suzuki Academy LLCaffirm that on _May 19, 2015, hereby
apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below and state what portion of the Land Development Code you are seeking a variance from)
_ ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODEL MAINTAIN
Variance from LDC 25-2-492 (D) to reduce parking requirement from off-street parking spaces to 1 off-street parking space.
in a <u>LR-CO-NP</u> 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:

The site was originally built in 1972 as a single-family residence outside of the City of Austin jurisdiction. It was annexed into the City and zoned RR, Rural Residential in 1985. The site had the CO-NP added via Oak Hill Neighborhood Plan in 2008. In 2012 the site was then zoned from R-CO-NP to LO-CO-NP that included a FLUM to Neighborhood Mixed Use.

The ~18,000 SF site was recently zoned to LR-CO-NP to allow the use of personal improvement services, which is prohibited by LO zoning. When the site was zoned from RR to LR the prior owner never sought a change of use and certificate of occupancy for commercial use. The current owner proposes to use the site for personal improvement services, but is unable to use the site for any commercial use due to lack of off-street parking. The parking was never installed when the prior commercial use was established. A commercial office use was recognized by the City zoning report when it was recommended for zoning change from RR to LO as well as LO to LR. Further, the site is within the Save Our Springs Ordinance area. Any addition of impervious coverage is prohibited and would trigger a City Council variance to the SOS ordinance. The property owner proposes to reduce the parking requirement and honor the intent and language of the SOS ordinance.

HARDSHIP:

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

The site's history is complex in that no change of use was ever sought or required by the city after the zoning was changed by the City from residential to commercial, yet the City recognized the prior commercial office use at the time of the 2008, 2012, and 2015 rezonings. The contradicting parking requirement of 8 off-street parking spaces for a 2,400 SF building versus the SOS prohibition against any new impervious coverage creates hardship to developing the property.

The property owner has not been able to secure an off-site parking agreement as of yet. A commercial site plan to install more parking area would trigger an SOS variance approval from City Council. It is not the applicant's belief that the City intended this site to be developed beyond the scope of the existing impervious coverage footprint nor grant a variance to SOS regulations.

Without a parking reduction variance, the current owner is unable to remedy a problem that was initiated by the City's application of commercial zoning in 2012 that eventually resulted in the recognized commercial uses itemized in the zoning reports submitted to Land Use Commission and City Council at the time of the 2012 and 2015 zoning approvals.

The site needs a parking variance for any commercial use. The City applied the commercial zoning and has created a non-compliant situation that cannot be remedied without assistance from the Board.

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

There are no known properties in this area with this issue.

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:

The proposed parking reduction will not alter the character of the area. There is a commercial use across the street, a day care down the street, and XXX use down the street (Within XXX feet of the subject site)

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:

Literal application of the regulations prohibit a reasonable use of the property that has been designated by the current City Council as a proper highest and best use on this site.

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:

The site has ample area to allow loading or unloading on the existing parking pad as well as the adjacent gravel parking area that has been in use since approximately 1987; however, that gravel area is not formally recognized by the City Development Assistance Center since the COA GIS aerials do not show it prior to 1985 annexation date.

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

There are no known hazards that will be created if the variance is approved. The property owner proposes to install a single ADA compliant handicap parking space and unloading zone on the existing impervious cover. There will be a striped ADA route from the parking area to the front door.

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

The proposed personal improvement use triggers the 8 required spaces. However, any commercial use at this site will trigger more off-street parking than what was previously required by residential zoning. Office, Personal improvement, or other uses allowed in LO or LR zoning will require more than 2 off-street spaces. Consequently, and increase in impervious coverage for the required parking pad will trigger SOS compliance or a BOA variance to reduce the number of off-street spaces.

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.

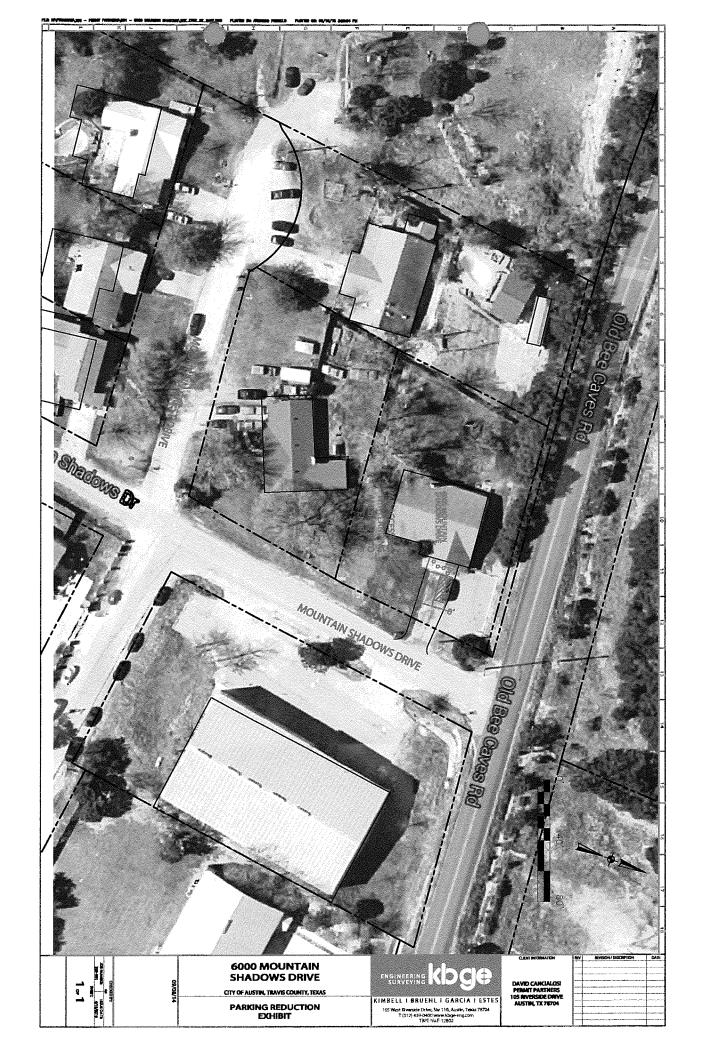
Signed Mail Address 105 W. Riverside Suite 225

City, State & Zip Austin, TX 78704

Printed David C. Cancialosi Phone 512-593-5368 Date May 19, 2015

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 Shana Guidi The men
City, State & Zip <u>Austin Texas</u>
Printed Shana Guidi Date May 19, 2015





June 23, 2015

To: David Cancialosi Permit Partners, LLC 105 W. Riverside Suite 225 Austin, TX 78704

Re: 6000 Mountain Shadows Dr

On March 25th, 2015, the Oak Hill Neighborhood Contact Team held a meeting in accordance with our bylaws to discuss the applicant's proposed zoning change for the property located at 6000 Mountain Shadows Dr. The NPCT recommended the zoning change from **LO to LR MU NP** with use restrictions for a proposed music school. The NPCT had previously approved a land use change on this property in 2012 to Neighborhood Mixed Use.

The applicant is currently trying to obtain a variance from the parking requirements for the property as additional parking spaces would violate the SOS ordinance.

Given that the music school use on the property would likely not require more than 3-4 vehicles at any one time, that there are multiple unofficial gravel parking spaces on the property that could be utilized, and that we would not support a variance to SOS, the OHPCT supports the request for the variance from the parking requirements for the music school use only. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Thayer Chair, OHNPCT

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Chip Graves – Vice Chair Cynthia Wilcox – Secretary