

AGENDA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 301 W. Poinsett St Greer, SC 29651 April 1, 2019 @ 5:30 PM Public Hearing and Business Meeting

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I. ADVISORY MEETING

A. Minutes From Feb 2019 Meeting

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Category Number: I. Item Number: A.



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<u>4/1/2019</u>

Minutes From Feb 2019 Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

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City of Greer Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes February 4, 2019

Members Present:	Thomas McAbee, Vice Chair Steve Griffin Emily Tsesmeloglou Robbie Septon, Chair
Member(s) Absent:	Monica Ragin Hughey Glendora Massey Lisa H. Lynn
Staff Present:	Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator Brandy Blake, Development Coordinator Molly Kaminski, Planning Intern

I. Call to Order

Mr. Septon called the meeting to order and read the opening remarks.

II. Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

ACTION –Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting minutes from January 7, 2019. Dr. McAbee seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from last month's meeting. Ms. Massey, Dr. Hughey, and Ms. Lynn were absent from the vote.

III. Public Hearing

Mr. Septon read a brief statement about conducting the public hearing portion of the meeting.

A. BZA 2019-03

Mr. Septon opened the public hearing for BZA 2019-03.

Mr. McMahan read the docket information and gave the basic information for the request.

As there was no one to speak for or against this case, Mr. Septon closed the public hearing for BZA 2019-03.

V. Old Business

Mr. Septon announced there was no old business to discuss at the meeting.

VI. New Business

A. BZA 2019-03

Mr. Septon read a brief statement about conducting the business meeting and opened a business meeting for BZA 2019-03.

Mr. McMahan presented the details of the request and staff analysis and recommendation for BZA 2019-03.

Craig Dannegger, Clarius Partners, was present to represent the request.

After a brief discussion of the project, the Board made a motion.

ACTION – Dr. McAbee made a motion to approve BZA 2019-03 as presented. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. The request was approved.

VII. Other Business

Planning and Zoning Staff Report

Staff updated the Board on upcoming training opportunities.

VIII. Executive Session

XI. Adjourn

There being no other business, Dr. McAbee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:432pm. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Public Hearing Slides

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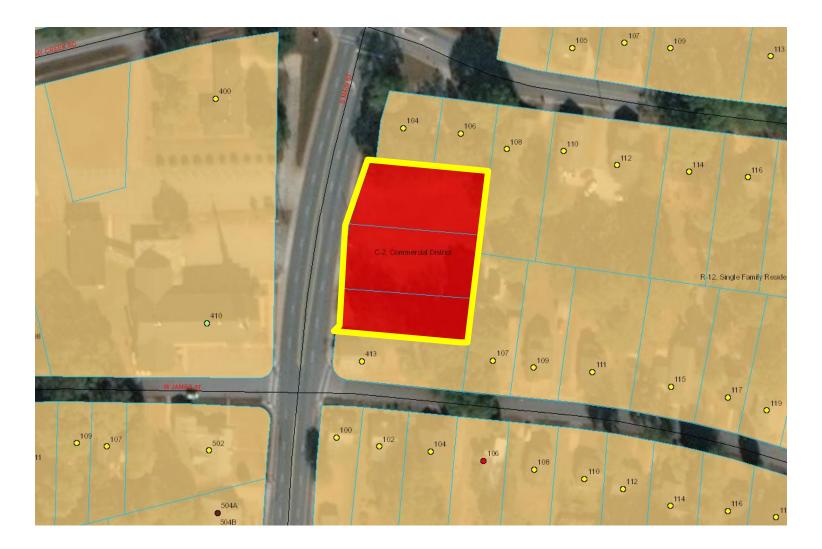
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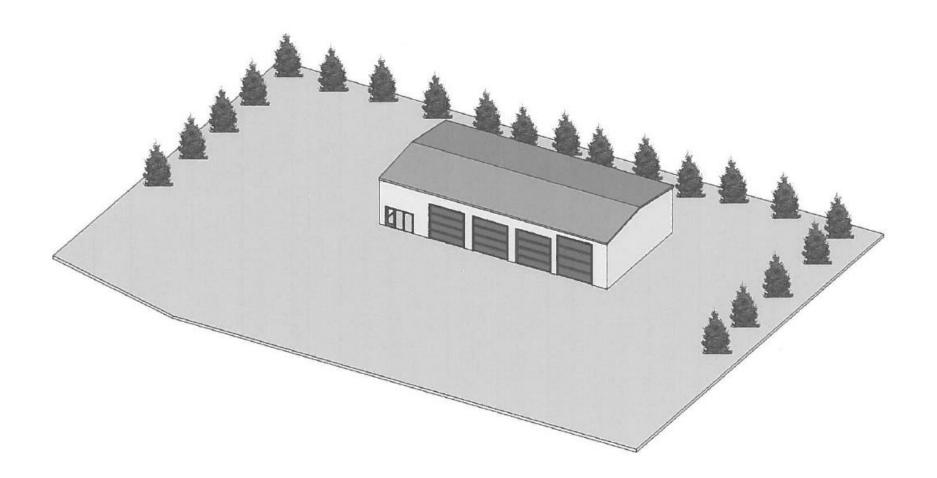
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APPLICANT:	Robert Hyatt
PROPERTY LOCATION:	South Main Street (Highway 14)
TAX MAP NUMBER:	G003000101600, G003000101700, and G003000101800
EXISTING ZONING:	C-2, Commercial
REQUEST:	Special Exception
USE SOUGHT:	Automobile Service Station





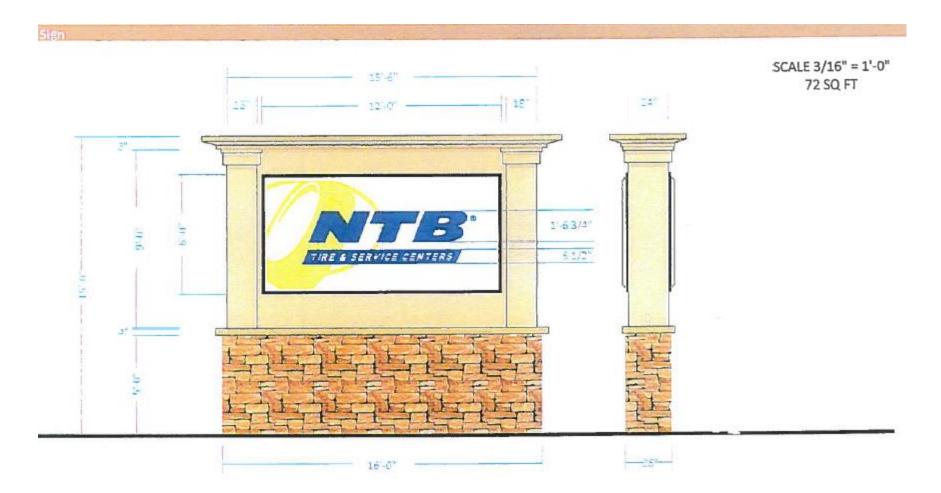


- DOCKET NUMBER: BZA-2019-05
- APPLICANT: St. Clair Signs
- ADDRESS: 111 Brannon Drive
- PARCEL ID NUMBER: T015000300300
- REQUEST: Variance for signage to increase size and height



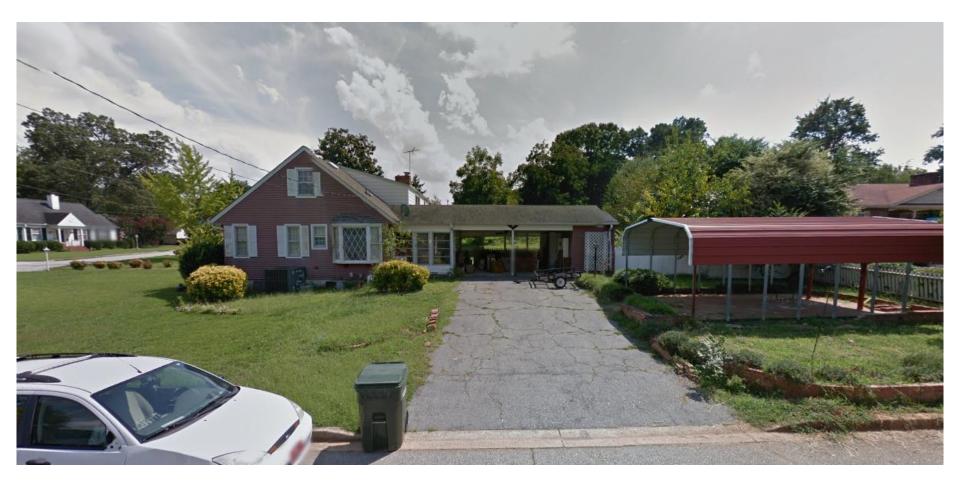


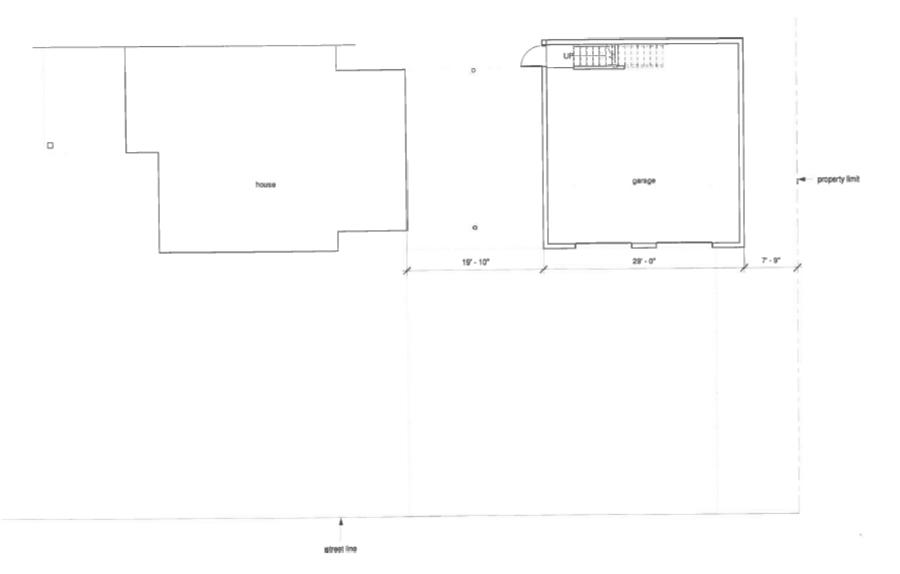




APPLICANT:Michael WrightPROPERTY LOCATION:305 N. Miller StreetTAX MAP NUMBER:G022001400800EXISTING ZONING:R-12, Single-Family ResidentialREQUEST:Variance for setbacks on the rear







APPLICANT: St. Clair Signs

ADDRESS: 207 S Buncombe Road

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PARCEL ID NUMBER:

REQUEST:

Variance for signage (to put on the top level vs the ground level)

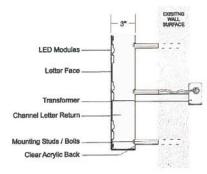




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FIELD SURVEY VERIFICATION REQUIRED: - All sizes subject to change





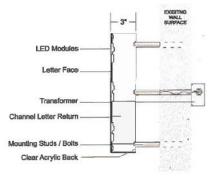


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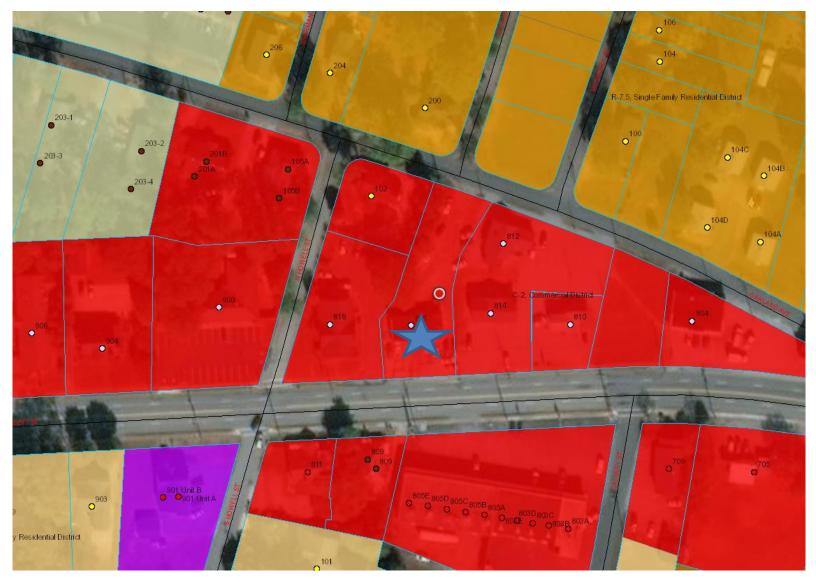




ADDRESS: 816 W. Poinsett Street

PARCEL ID NUMBER: G009000400301

REQUEST: Special Exception for Used Car Lot in C-2









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New Business Slides

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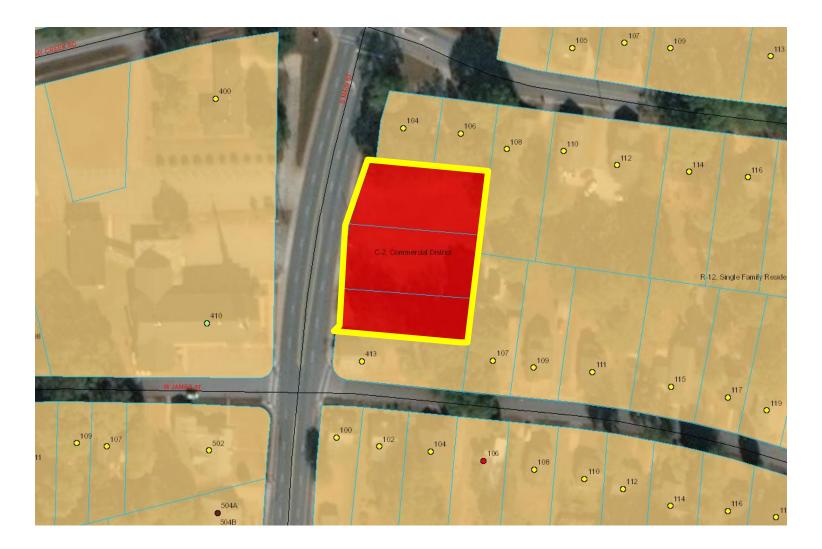
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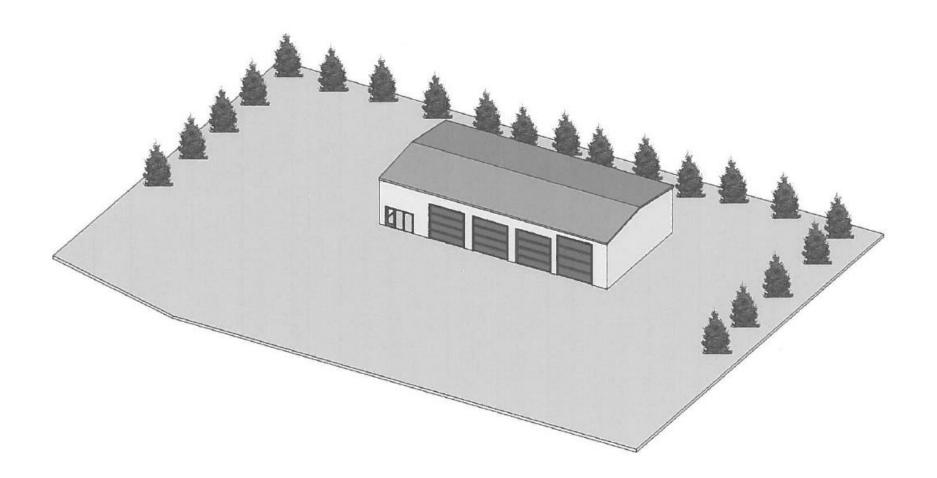
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EXISTING ZONING:	C-2, Commercial
REQUEST:	Special Exception
USE SOUGHT:	Automobile Service Station







BZA 2019-04 is a request for a special exception to allow an Automobile Service Station C-2, Commercial as allowed by **Section 5:8.2 Use Permitted by Special Exception** of the Zoning Ordinance.

The surrounding zoning on all sides of these parcels is R-12, Single-Family Residential. However, the future land use map in the City's Comprehensive Plan defines the area as Residential Land Use 3 Community along a Neighborhood Corridor. These corridors are primarily residential in many ways, but allow limited non-residential uses, including C-2. This property was rezoned C-2 in June 2018.

In order to permit an automobile service station at this location, an extensive landscape screen should be installed as well as privacy fencing to prevent intrusion of a commercial use into the residential area surrounding it. In accordance with the guidelines set forth in the zoning ordinance and after a detailed study of the area, Staff can support the proposed special exception request with conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval with the following conditions:

- 1. Parcels should be combined so that business is located within the center of the site as far from residentially zoned properties as possible.
- 2. Install a 6' privacy fence with a minimum of a 5' landscape buffer on the residential side of the fence.
- 3. No outside storage of materials is permitted, including tires or automobile parts.
- 4. Any outdoor lighting must not shine only on the property itself and not intrude into residential properties. This can be accomplished with cut-off lighting or shielding.

DOCKET NUMBER: BZA-2019-05

APPLICANT:

St. Clair Signs

ADDRESS: 111 Brannon Drive

PARCEL ID NUMBER:

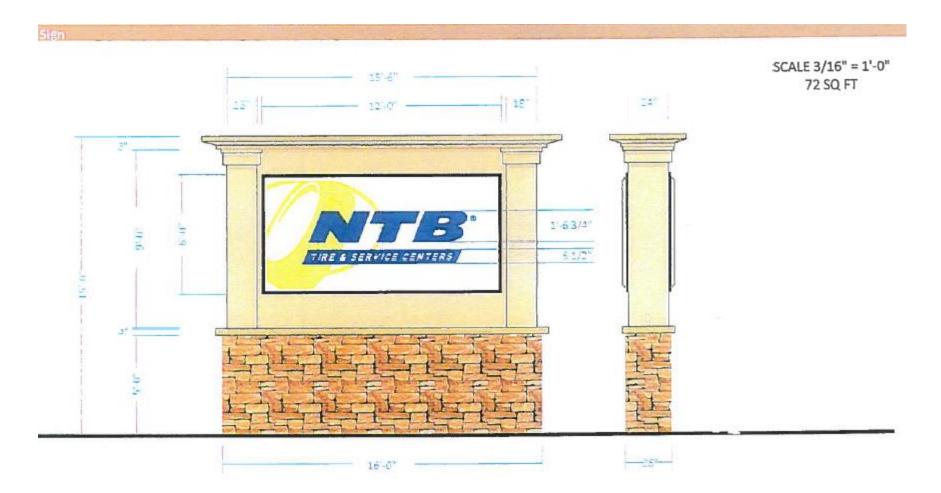
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REQUEST: Variance for signage









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The current allowed signage includes a monument up to 12' and a 50 sq ft sign face. The owner is requesting permission to increase the height to 15' and the sign face to 72 sq ft.

When considering a variance, the Board should review the following information and then may consider a variance:

- a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property; The variance meets this criteria. Due to the detention pond for Lowe's, there is no commercial property blocking the view of this parcel on Brannon Drive from Wade Hampton Boulevard. As such, this property is able to be developed with a commercial use and still maintain visibility to Wade Hampton. However, due to the distance of this property from Wade Hampton Boulevard, the allowable signage size is smaller than desired by the owner.
- **b)** These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity; The variance meets this criteria. There are not typically commercial businesses this far off a main thoroughfare depending upon pass by trips on that thoroughfare for successful operation.
- c) Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; This variance meets this criteria. Strict application of the ordinance in this case is unreasonably restrictive.
- d) The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance: The variance meets this criteria. The character of the area will not be harmed by granting this variance. This sign is positioned and situated to face Wade Hampton Boulevard, a major commercial corridor.

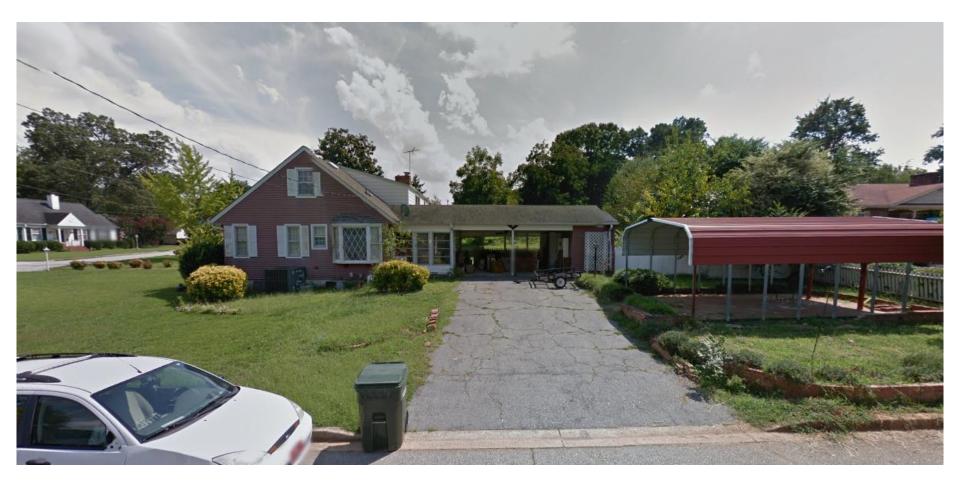
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval for an increase in allowable signage due to the conditions listed above. The maximum height would be 15' and the maximum sign face would be 72 sq ft.

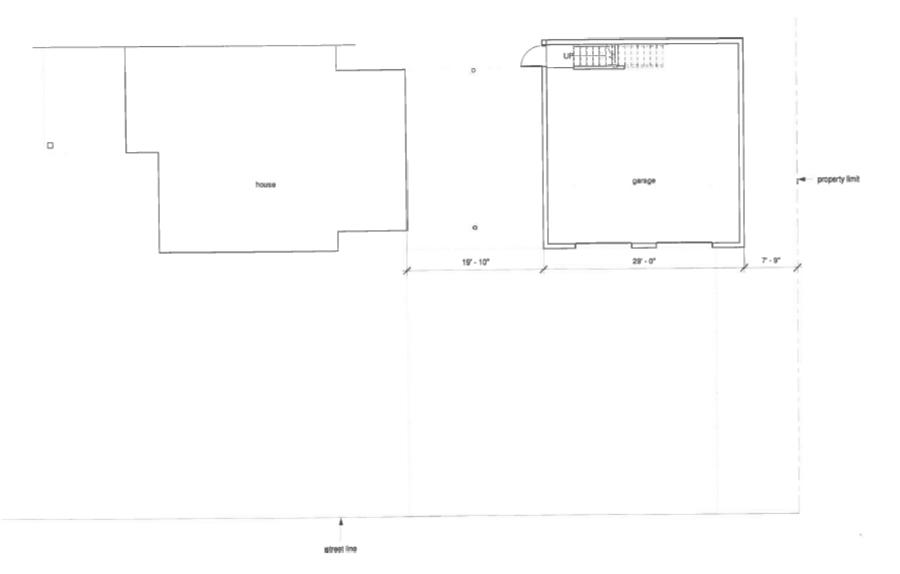
APPLICANT:Michael WrightPROPERTY LOCATION:305 N. Miller StreetTAX MAP NUMBER:G022001400800

EXISTING ZONING: R-12, Single-Family Residential

REQUEST: Variance for setbacks







BZA 2019-06 is a request for a variance request to reduce the rear setback for the property located at 305 N. Miller Street from 15' to 7'.

When considering a variance, the Board should review the following information and then may consider a variance:

- a. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property; The variance meets this criteria. Due to this property being a corner lot, the rear setback is based upon where the house is situated. This house faces Miller Street, but this setback is adjacent to Drace Avenue. Typically, this side property line would be a side setback, but functions as a rear due to the nature of the placement of the home.
- **b.** These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity; The variance meets this criteria. Corner lots are not typical for all areas of the city.
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- **d.** The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance: The variance meets this criteria. The character of the area will not be harmed by granting this variance. The adjacent neighbor has written a statement that they are in support of this request. In addition, this essentially functions as a side setback and therefore is similar to other side setbacks in the area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

APPLICANT:

St. Clair Signs

ADDRESS:

207 S Buncombe Road

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PARCEL ID NUMBER:

REQUEST:

Variance for signage

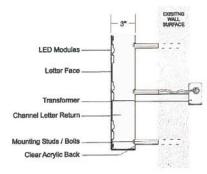




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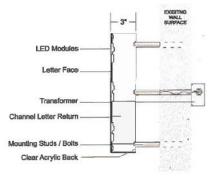


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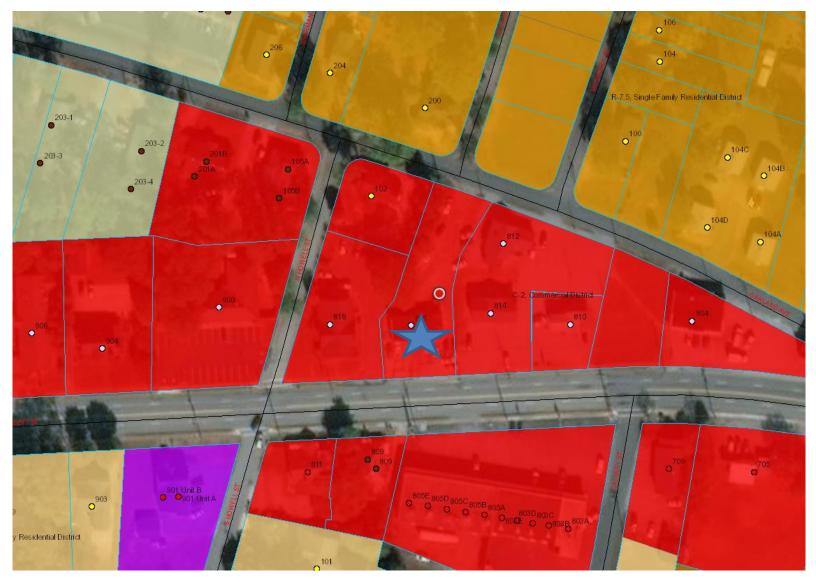
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

ADDRESS: 816 W. Poinsett Street

PARCEL ID NUMBER: G009000400301

REQUEST: Special Exception for Used Car Lot in C-2







BZA 2019-08 is a request for a special exception to allow a Used Car Lot in C-2, Commercial as allowed by **Section 5:8.2 Use Permitted by Special Exception** of the Zoning Ordinance.

The surrounding zoning to the east, west, and south is C-2, Commercial. The zoning along Oakland Avenue to the north is zoned R-7.5, Single-Family Residential. As such, it is important to protect the neighborhood from additional commercial encroachment.

In order to permit a used car lot at this location, only the front of the site in front of the building should be used for automotive sales. There should be no vehicles as part of the sales operation behind the building. Staff can support the proposed special exception request with conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval with the following conditions:

1. There should be no sale vehicles other than those for employee parking located behind the current structure.



Category Number: III. Item Number: B.



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Staff Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Upload Date	Туре
Ľ	BZA 2019-04 Staff Report	3/27/2019	Cover Memo
D	BZA 2019-05 Staff Report	3/27/2019	Cover Memo
Ľ	BZA 2019-06 Staff Report	3/27/2019	Cover Memo
Ľ	BZA 2019-07 Staff Report	3/27/2019	Cover Memo
D	BZA 2019-08 Staff Report	3/27/2019	Cover Memo

DOCKET:	BZA 2019-04
APPLICANT:	Robert Hyatt
PROPERTY LOCATION:	South Main Street (Highway 14)
TAX MAP NUMBER:	G003000101600, G003000101700, and G003000101800
EXISTING ZONING:	C-2, Commercial
REQUEST:	Special Exception
USE SOUGHT:	Automobile Service Station

ANALYSIS:

BZA 2019-04

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ANALYSIS:		BZA 2019-05

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APPLICANT:	Michael Wright	
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TAX MAP NUMBER:	G022001400800	
EXISTING ZONING:	R-12, Single-Family Residential	
REQUEST:	Variance for setbacks	
ANALYSIS:		BZA 2019-06

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DOCKET:	BZA 2019-07	
APPLICANT:	St. Clair Signs	
PROPERTY LOCATION:	207 S. Buncombe Road	
TAX MAP NUMBER:	G006000100104	
EXISTING ZONING:	C-3, Commercial	
REQUEST:	Variance for Signage	
ANALYSIS:		BZA 2019-07

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

DOCKET:	BZA 2019-08
APPLICANT:	Judson Tapp
PROPERTY LOCATION:	816 W. Poinsett Street
TAX MAP NUMBER:	G009000400301
EXISTING ZONING:	C-2, Commercial
REQUEST:	Special Exception
USE SOUGHT:	Used Car Lot

ANALYSIS:

BZA 2019-08

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