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PETITIONER: The Rossmore LLC & Boston Residential LLC C/O Ryan Wittig

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 667 Somerville Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 18 Pleasant St, Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: General Office

ZONING DISTRICT: Business A Zone

# **REASON FOR PETITION:**

/New Structure/ /Parking/

# **DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:**

On site, at grade parking for four (4) vehicles located in the front yard setback and within the parking setback line.

Exemption of the Gross Floor Area in the basement of the new structure pursuant to Section 16 of the Definition of Floor Area Gross and relief from side yard setbacks.

# SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

Article: Article 2.000	Section: Definition of Basement Gross Floor Area-16
Article: Article 6.000	Section: 6.44.1 (c) (Parking in Front Yard Setback).
Article: Article 6.000	Section: 6.44.1 (d) (Parking in Setback line).
Article: 5.000	Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
Article: 10.000	Section: 10.30 (Variance) & Sec. 10.40 (Special Permit).

Original Signature(s):

(Petitioner (s) / Owner)

Print Name)

## BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

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To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I/We Ryan Wittig / Matthew Moure
(OWNER)
Address: 667 Somerville Ave. Somerville MA 02143
State that I/We own the property located at <u>18 Pleasant St./300 Franklin St.</u> ,
which is the subject of this zoning application. $\checkmark \land$
The record title of this property is in the name of
The Resempre LLC & Reston Residential LLC
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $7/14/2021$ , Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 78244, Page 568; or
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### BZA APPLICATION FORM SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10:

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In support of the required findings for the grant of Variances under the Zoning Ordinance (the "<u>Ordinance</u>"), the applicant submits that the project site is burdened by its unique shape, existing layout and its corner location at 18 Pleasant Street, also known as 300 Franklin Street, located at the corner of Franklin and Pleasant Streets in the Riverside neighborhood of the City of Cambridge(the "<u>Premises</u>"), and the Variances are justified by this.

By way of background, the Premises is a corner lot of approximately 4,259 square feet of land which fronts on two (2) streets (Pleasant Street and Franklin Street), and with an existing structure thereon. The proposed project seeks to demolish the existing structure at the Premises and construct a new, four (4) story, six (6) unit building with four (4) at grade parking spaces (the "<u>Proposed Project</u>"). Due to its corner lot condition with two (2) front streets, existing curb cut and existing trees, the Proposed Project requires two (2) Variances, both pursuant to Section 6.44.1 of the Ordinance. Specifically, the Proposed Project requires relief from the following subsections of the Section 6.44.1 of the Ordinance: (1) Subsection (c) no on grade open parking space shall be allowed within the required front yard setback; and (2) Subsection (d) the area between the required parking setback line and the lot line shall be landscaped.

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To address the hardship imposed by the unique property conditions at the Premises, the applicant has carefully designed and sited the on-grade parking to utilize the existing curb cut along Franklin Street, to not interfere with the existing trees along Pleasant Street and with the minimal relief from the Ordinance under the circumstances. The new building will occupy a limited and appropriate amount of land area, with setbacks along its two front streets that comport with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and provide much-needed upgrades to pedestrian access and an improved site design. The location of the Proposed Project's parking program, which is already an existing condition, is limited by these existing conditions and the Dimensional Standards of the Ordinance. It utilizes the Premises' existing curb cut while reducing the on-grade parking currently existing on the Premises from eight (8) to four (4) spaces. These considerations require the parking program to utilize this existing curb cut. Furthermore, in order meet the Ordinance's minimum Off-Street Parking requirements and

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# B) <u>The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions,</u> <u>shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or</u> <u>structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the</u> <u>following reasons</u>:

As detailed above, the Premises is a corner lot that consists of only approximately 4,259 square feet of land; combined with its existing curb cut, street trees and two front yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's Layout of Off-Street Parking Facilities requirements would impose and unnecessary hardship and prevent the Proposed Project from meeting the Ordinance's off-street parking requirement. The Premises' corner lot condition, existing curb cut and street trees at the Premises are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances. The hardship imposed by these conditions are unique to the Premises itself as required for the requested Variances.

The applicant restates that the irregularities of the Premises cause major obstacles to siting the Proposed Project parking program. Without relief from the parking facilities layout requirements, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would prevent the applicant from constructing the new building at the Premises, while also providing off-street parking. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, it will reduce the current non-conforming parking programing and allow for a new and more appropriate parking program that better comports with the surrounding context of the area.

# C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

# 1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

There will be no substantial detriment to the public good, as the Proposed Project has been carefully shaped and designed through extensive public review and input by the Cambridge Historical Commission (the "<u>CHC</u>") and the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>"). Grant of the relief requested will also allow for much-needed pedestrian access and site improvements for this preferred residential use at this location. With an appropriate new parking program at this unique corner lot, the Proposed Project will reduce the existing nonconformity of the off-street parking program and better comport with the context of surrounding area. The Proposed Project will result in the construction of a new Multifamily Dwelling with a compatible and contextually appropriate new structure at the Premises. Finally, the requested Variances will not negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the immediate intersection of Franklin and Pleasant Streets; but, rather, would result in much-needed improvements to its public realm, site safety and overall site upgrades.

In further support of this required Variance finding, the applicant notes that the Proposed Project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant went through an extensive review process with the CHC, including three (3) meetings (March 3, 2022, April 7, 2022, and May 5, 2022), to review the demolition of the existing structure, the Proposed Project and the proposed new structure's impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project received the CHC's approval and has been carefully designed and programmed with feedback from the CHC and the public so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district. The applicant also met with the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>") on July 6, 2022, to present the Proposed Project. The CSAC was supportive and determined that the scale was respectful of the neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the relief requested is consistent with the character and concerns of the neighborhood such that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good.

# 2) <u>Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or</u> <u>purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons</u>:

Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, the Proposed Project would allow for a reasonably designed parking program for the Proposed Project at the Premises, with the minimum relief necessary to address the hardship imposed by its unique property conditions. Its new parking program will comport with the surrounding context of the area and not negatively impact pedestrian or vehicular at this corner lot location. As processed and favorably received by the CHC and CSAC, the Proposed Project will improve the Premises and its Permitted Use, with no detriment to the public good. Thus, the relief requested is in the public interest, consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance and appropriate under the circumstances. As a result, desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Ordinance.

### BZA APPLICATION FORM SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for 18 Pleasant Street for the Exclusion of Basement Area from the definition of Gross Floor Area pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.00 of the Zoning Ordinance would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

### A) <u>Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:</u>

The proposed project features a Use which is Permitted by the underlying requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (the "<u>Ordinance</u>"). With the issuance of this requested Special Permit, the proposed project would comply with the Ordinance by exempting a portion of space in its basement level from the Gross Floor Area ("<u>GFA</u>") of its proposed new structure at 18 Pleasant Street, also known as 300 Franklin Street, located at the corner of Franklin and Pleasant Streets in the Riverside neighborhood of the City of Cambridge (the "<u>Premises</u>").

By way of background, the Premises consists of approximately 4,259 square feet of land with an existing structure. The proposed project seeks to demolish the existing structure at the Premises and construct a new, four (4) story, six (6) unit residential building (the "<u>Proposed Project</u>"). The existing building at the Premises was constructed in 1864, and as such, required Demolition Review by the Cambridge Historical Commission (the "<u>CHC</u>"). After an extensive review of the existing structure at the Premises, as well as the Proposed Project's new structure, the CHC approved the existing structure's demolition and its replacement by the proposed new structure on May 5, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 4.31(g) of the Ordinance, Multifamily Dwellings are Permitted Uses at this location in the City's Business A Zone, but the Proposed Project's new structure is required to comply with the Ordinance's Floor Area Ratio limitation of 1.75 (pursuant to its Table 5-1), and, as a dwelling in a Business A Zone, is subject to the same dimensional requirements as dwellings in a Residence C-2B District pursuant to Section 5.28.1.a.

In support of its request, the applicant submits that its proposed exclusion of GFA into the basement level of the Proposed Project is consistent with the required findings for the Special Permit. Specifically, the Proposed Project would allow expansion of the existing and preferred residential use into the basement level of this new structure. The exempted area includes approximately 1,318 square feet of proposed residential, common area and support space. Thus, the requested exemption of GFA is consistent with the requirements for the grant of the Special Permit, which is to support the creation of high-quality housing as a result of the Proposed Project, and consistent with the surrounding community.

# B) <u>Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard,</u> or substantial change in established neighborhood character, for the following reasons:

The applicant submits that the area to be exempt from GFA at its Proposed Project will not alter the character of the neighborhood or district but, rather, support its continued vibrancy at the Premises by adding the proposed residential use at the Premises in a manner that is consistent with the existing residential character of the neighborhood and surrounding area.

As part of its Proposed Project, the applicant also notes that it is making certain upgrades to on-site vehicular parking and bicycle storage/lockers; additionally, the Premises is in close proximity to Central Square and the MBTA's rapid transit and nearby bus lines, which lessen potential impacts by vehicular transportation, traffic and congestion. Thus, the grant of the requested Special Permit would allow the Proposed Project to comply with the Ordinance and deliver upon these collateral measures.

# C) <u>The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the</u> <u>Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed</u> <u>use for the following reasons</u>:

The Proposed Project will not adversely affect the continued operation of, or the development of adjacent uses, as permitted in the Ordinance at this location, by merely allowing this exemption of the basement GFA. Again, the requested GFA exemption will simply allow the applicant to utilize the Premises to its fullest potential. The exemption of the approximately 1,318 square feet of space is de minimums in scale and supportive of the future growth and the development of permitted adjacent uses.

# D) Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

No nuisance or hazard will be created by the Proposed Project to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use. Rather, the resulting grant of the requested Special Permit will help to enhance and improve the health, safety and welfare of the residents, visitors and guests of the Permitted Use at the Premises. The exempted GFA is appropriate in scale and use and the Proposed Project will allow for much-needed upgrades in open space, pedestrian access, alternatives means of transportation and public realm. As a result, the overall health and safety of its residents will be improved by the grant of the Special Permit (as part of the Proposed Project).

# E) For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

Originally constructed in 1864 as a single-family dwelling, upon information and belief, the Premises has been used as commercial office space since 1995. By exempting a portion of new basement space, the requested Special Permit will promote the Proposed Project's preferred residential use and is entirely consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance.

In further support of this required finding, the applicant notes that the Proposed Project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant went through an extensive review process with the CHC, including three (3) meetings (March 3, 2022, April 7, 2022, and May 5, 2022), to review the demolition of the existing structure, the Proposed Project and the proposed new structure's impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project received the CHC's approval and has been carefully designed and programmed with feedback from the CHC and the public so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district. The applicant also met with the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>") on July 6, 2022, to present the Proposed Project. The CSAC was supportive and determined that the scale was respectful of the neighborhood. The requested GFA exemption is an integral part of the Proposed Project, it has been carefully evaluated as to the grant of the Special Permit so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance.

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In this regard, the applicant submits that the nature of this existing undersized lot on the corner of Franklin and Pleasant Streets limits the Proposed Project's siting options for the new building's Permitted Use at the Premises. The size and location of this corner lot constrain the applicant's compliance with the Ordinance's requirements for minimum side yard. Due to these unique aspects, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in a substantial hardship upon the applicant, by limiting its ability to comply for this Permitted Use at the Premises.

To address the hardship imposed by the unique property conditions at the Premises, the applicant has carefully designed the new building with ceiling heights congruent with homeownership, such as that planned by the Proposed Project. The new structure will occupy a limited and appropriate amount of land area, with setbacks along the Premises' lot lines that comport with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and provide an improved site design, vastly decreasing the existing nonconformity in side yard setbacks. These considerations require a building designed in a way so as to not meet the minimum side yard requirements. In this regard, the Proposed Project's side yard setbacks and building design is responsive to the existing site and lot size and is an existing nonconformity to these specific Ordinance requirements, and the required Variances for the same are de minimus in nature.

# B) <u>The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions,</u> <u>shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or</u> <u>structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the</u> <u>following reasons</u>:

As detailed above, the Premises is an undersized corner lot that consists of only approximately 4,259 square feet of land, and with two (2) side yards and two (2) front yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's requirements for minimum side yard would impose an unnecessary hardship and prevent the Proposed Project's carefully designed structure from creating a living environment conducive to homeownership and modern living. The Premises' corner lot condition and undersized nature are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances. The hardship imposed by these conditions are unique to the Premises itself as required for the requested Variances.

The applicant restates that the irregularities of the Premises cause major obstacles to siting the building to comply with the minimum side yard requirements while also promoting much-needed homeownership units in the City. Without relief from this requirements, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would deter the applicant from constructing the new building at the Premises, while also providing off-street parking allocated to these homeownership units. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, it will significantly improve the existing nonconformity at the Premises allowing for a new and more appropriate structure that better comports with the surrounding context of the area.

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As detailed above, the Ptemises is an undersized corner for that consists of only upproximately 4.259 square feet of land, and with two (2) side yards and two (2) from yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's requirements for minimum side yard would impose an unnecessary hardship and prevent the Proposed Project's carefully designed structure from creating a living environment conducive to homeownership and modern living. The Premises' corner for condition and undersized nature are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances. The hardship imposed by these conditions are unque to the Premises itself as required to the requested variances.

The applicant restates that the irregularities of the Promises cause major obstacles to siring the building to comply with the minimum side yard requirements while also promoting much-needed homeownership units in the City. Without relief from this requirements, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would deter the applicant from conscructing the new building at the Fremises, while also providing off-street parking allocated to these homeownership units. Grant of the relief requirements while also providing off-street parking allocated to these homeownership units. Grant of the relief requirements while also providing off-street parking allocated to these homeownership units. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, it will significantly improve the existing nonconformity at the Freduises allowing for a new and more, appropriate structure that better comports with the surrounding context of the area.

## O DESIGNABLE RELIEF MAY BE ORAMIED WITHOUT BITHER:

### 1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following ceasons:

There will be no substantial detriment to the public good, as the Proposed Project has been carefully shaped and designed through extensive public review and input by the Cambridge Historical Commission (the "<u>CHC</u>") and the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>"). Grant of the relief requested will also allow for much-needed pedestrian needs and site impreventents for this preferred residential use at this location. With an appropriately designed new building at this unique comer lat, the Proposed Project will reduce the existing nonconformity of the existing side yard setbacks, and better comport with the context of proposed Project will result in the construction for vehicles and pedestrians alike. The proposed Project will result in the construction of a new Multifamily Dytelling with a compatible and contextually appropriate new structure at the Promises. Finally, the requested Variances with non-negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the immediate intersection of Franklin and contextually appropriate new structure at the Promises. Finally, the requested Variances with not negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the immediate intersection of Franklin and Fleasant Streets; but, rasher, would result in nuch-needed improvements to its public realm, site safety and overall site upgrades.

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Proposed Project received the CHC's approval and has been carefully designed and programmed with feedback from the CHC and the public so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district. The applicant also met with the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>") on July 6, 2022, to present the Proposed Project. The CSAC was supportive and determined that the scale was respectful of the neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the relief requested is consistent with the character and concerns of the neighborhood such that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good.

# 2) <u>Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or</u> purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, the Proposed Project would allow for a reasonably designed building at the Premises, with the minimum relief necessary to address the hardship imposed by its unique property conditions. It will comport with the surrounding context of the area and not negatively impact nearby buildings or uses at this corner lot location. As processed and favorably received by the CHC and CSAC, the Proposed Project will improve the Premises and its Permitted Use, with no detriment to the public good. Thus, the relief requested is in the public interest, consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance and appropriate under the circumstances. As a result, desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Ordinance.

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Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:

617-946-4600 nzozula@mqmlip.com

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **BZA Application Form**

### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant:	The Rossmore LLC & Boston Residential LLC
Location:	<u>18 Pleasant St, Cambridge, MA</u>
Phone:	617-946-4600

Present Use/Occupancy: <u>General Office</u> Zone: <u>Business A Zone</u> Requested Use/Occupancy: Multifamily Dwelling

		Existing Conditions	 Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		3,087	8,753(sp for 1,298 in basement)	7,458.5	(max.)
LOTAREA:		4,260	4,260	5,000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		0.72	2.05 (1.75 w/ sp for basement space of 0.3 FAR)	1.75	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		0	710	600	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	60	60	50	
	DEPTH	71	71	0	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	3.6	10	10	
	REAR	0	17.5	H+L/5+2	
	LEFT SIDE	1.2	11.2	H+L/5+2	
	right Side	18.2	10	H+L/5+2	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	30.3	44.4	45	
	WIDTH	67.5	43.5	n/a	
	LENGTH	40	39	n/a	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		n/a	15%	15%	
<u>NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:</u>		0	6	7	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		8	4	3	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		n/a	n/a	n/a	_

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

n/a

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

January 22, 2023

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Danielle Mishkin and I am the owner of 72 Spring Street in Cambridge. I wanted to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed new building at 18 Pleasant Street. Replacing the existing vinyl commercial building with a sophisticated brick residential building as shown in their plans will improve the Central Square neighborhood and create badly needed housing. I hope you are able to vote favorably upon this application and grant the developers the zoning approval they need to complete this project.

Respectfully,

Drill f

Danielle Mishkin

Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeals

January 20, 2023

Re: Redevelopment @ 18 Pleasant St.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Jeff Dunn and I have ewhed and owned 32 Pearl St. in Central Sq. for **39** years.

I am writing to lend my support for the redevelopment of the property at 18 Pleasant St. in order to convert it from a commercial building to six new residential units which the owners intend to market for home ownership.

I have had an opportunity to review the plans for the new building and believe the benefits of adding valuable new housing units to Cambridge's housing stock warrants the zoning approval needed. The plans presented are in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and pose no detriment to other owners such as myself. The owners have engaged the neighborhood and responded to feedback from the neighborhood.

For all these reasons we hope you will vote favorably upon this application and find in favor of the owners' proposal.

Regards, Jeff Dunn

JUby M. Jun Feb 1, 2023.

Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeals

January 18, 2023

Re: Redevelopment @ 18 Pleasant St.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Jeff Meese. I've been a Cambridge resident since 1983.

I'm writing in support of the redevelopment of the property at 18 Pleasant St. The site was originally used as a residence and then converted into office space. The current proposal is to convert the site back to its original residential use, although for six residential units. It's my understanding that the properties are intended for home ownership. The proposed design substantially conforms to the intent and particular requirements of the Central Square Zoning Overlay District. The simple, boxy, flat-roofed design is in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. It's my understanding that the developers have worked constructively with the neighbors and all commissions having review of the site and design.

I hope that the members of the Zoning Board of Appeal will vote in favor of this application.

Sincerely,

Jeff

Jeffrey Meese 51 Prentiss St. Cambridge, MA 02140

January 21st, 2023

Board of Zoning Appeal City of Cambridge

RE: Redevelopment of 18 Pleasant Street

Members of the Board:

My name is William Senné and I am writing to convey my full support of the proposed redevelopment of 18 Pleasant Street. In my view, the requests for relief are reasonable and in line with the need for quality design and residential use density within Central Square.

I have been a resident of Cambridge since 2008, first living on Putnam Avenue until 2014 and presently living on Pacific Street. Central Square is of utmost importance to me both personally as a resident and professionally as my firm manages numerous properties in the area.

The plans presented are in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and pose no detriment to other owners such as myself. The developers have been open and communicative with me about their plans for this project, and I believe they have done that with the community.

I'd encourage the board to grant the relief requested as the proposed project will be an improvement to the corner and an example of how developers can work with the community and the city to achieve both quality design and density. This is exactly what we want in Central Square.

Regards,

RC

William Senné

Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeals

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Re: Redevelopment @ 18 Pleasant St.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name Benjamin Bavly and I have owned and managed 19 Pleasant Street which directly abuts 18 Pleasant St. for 2 years.

I am writing to lend my support for the redevelopment of the property at 18 Pleasant St. in order to convert it from a commercial building to six new residential units which the owners intend to market for home ownership.

I have had an opportunity to review the plans for the new building and believe the benefits of adding valuable new housing units to Cambridge's housing stock warrants the zoning approval needed. The plans presented are in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and pose no detriment to other owners such as myself. The owners have engaged the neighborhood and responded to feedback from the neighborhood.

For all these reasons we hope you will vote favorably upon this application and find in favor of the owners' proposal.

Benjamin Bavly Regards,

Benjamin J. Bavly

Marc Siegel 10 Rogers St Apt 220 Cambridge, MA 02142

February 8, 2023

Dear City of Cambridge:

I am writing to support the redevelopment of the property located at 18 Pleasant Street in Cambridge. As a long-term homeowner raising my family in Cambridge it is nice to see a tastefully designed building that will provide housing for families instead of another ordinary office building. After reviewing the developer's plans, I believe this design will integrate well with the Central Square neighborhood and be a nice transition between the higher density commercial district and the residential neighborhood. I would wholeheartedly support the City of Cambridge in granting the relief as requested of their proposed project.

Respectfully,

Marc Siegel

Marc Siegel 10 Rogers Street



# City of Cambridge

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

# **Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form**

The Board of Zoning Appeal	
831 Mass Avenue	
Cambridge, MA 02139	
RE: Case # 206365	·
Address: 18 pleasant	Stuet
□ Owner, □ Petitioner, or ⊠ Representative:	Nicholas J Zozula, Esq

(Print Name)

hereby waives the required time limits for holding a public hearing as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A. The Downer, Detitioner, or Representative further hereby waives the Petitioner's and/or Owner's right to a Decision by the Board of Zoning Appeal on the above referenced case within the time period as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, and/or Section 6409 of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, codified as 47 U.S.C. §1455(a), or any other relevant state or federal regulation or law.

Date: . 2-7-23

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

# BZA

# **POSTING NOTICE – PICK UP SHEET**

The undersigned picked up the notice board for the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

Name: Rym Will (Print)	Date: 2/9/23
Address: 18 pleasant ft.	
Case No. BZA - 206365	,
Hearing Date: 2/23/23	

Thank you, Bza Members

# McDERMOTT QUILTY & MILLER LLP

28 STATE STREET, SUITE 802 BOSTON, MA 02109

## Via Electronic Mail and Viewpoint Upload (mpacheco@cambridgema.gov)

February 7, 2023

Maria Pacheco, Administrative Assistant City of Cambridge Inspectional Services Department 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge MA 02139

# Re: 18 Pleasant Street - BZA206365-2023 Continuance Request

Dear Ms. Pacheco:

This office continues to represent The Rossmore LLC & Boston Residential LLC (the "<u>Petitioner</u>") with regard to the above-referenced Board of Zoning Appeal ("<u>BZA</u>") Case No. BZA-206365-2023 (the "<u>Project</u>") currently pending at 18 Pleasant Street, Cambridge (the "<u>Property</u>") with an upcoming scheduled hearing date of February 23, 2023.

The Petitioner respectfully requests a continuance from this BZA hearing date of February 23, 2023, in order to have additional time to provide an updated presentation and information to the Central Square Advisory Committee ("<u>CSAC</u>") regarding the Project, which is next scheduled to meet on March  $1^{st}$  (as they did not have a meeting in February). As this next CSAC meeting is scheduled for after the Project's initial BZA hearing, we require a continuance in order to accommodate the same.

As a result, the Petitioner hereby respectfully requests a continuance from this hearing date from the BZA with a request for a new continued hearing date of March 9, 2023, if available, in order to provide the Petitioner sufficient time to meet with the CSAC.

We appreciate your continued time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Zozula, Esq.

NJZ/rwl

cc: Drew Kane – Land Use Planner, CDD - <u>dkane@cambridgema.gov</u> Mason Wells - Associate Zoning Planner, CDD - <u>mwells@cambridgema.gov</u>

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AV-4	Shadow study	12/22/2022					

# LOCUS MAP



SUBJECT PROPERTY





# **PROJECT: 18 PLEASANT ST, CAMBRIDGE MA**

# **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

# ARCHITECT

KHALSA DESIGN INC. ADDRESS: 17 IVALOO STREET, SUITE 400 SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

VERDANT ADDRESS: 318 HARVARD STREET, SUITE 25 BROOKLINE, MA 02446

OWNER RYAN WITTIG KIVARRA CAPITOL

**ZBA SET** 1/10/2023

# **CIVIL ENGINEER**

SPRUHAN ENGINEERING, P.C. ADDRESS: 80 JEWETTT ST, SUITE 1 NEWTON, MA 02458



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		MATERIAL LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	AASHTO MATERIAL CLASSIFICATIONS	COMPACTION / DENSITY REQUIREMENT
	D	FINAL FILL: FILL MATERIAL FOR LAYER 'D' STARTS FROM THE TOP OF THE 'C' LAYER TO THE BOTTOM OF FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT OR UNPAVED FINISHED GRADE ABOVE. NOTE THAT PAVEMENT SUBBASE MAY BE PART OF THE 'D' LAYER	ANY SOIL/ROCK MATERIALS, NATIVE SOILS, OR PER ENGINEER'S PLANS. CHECK PLANS FOR PAVEMENT SUBGRADE REQUIREMENTS.	N/A	PREPARE PER SITE DESIGN ENGINEER'S PLANS. PAVED INSTALLATIONS MAY HAVE STRINGENT MATERIAL AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS.
	С	INITIAL FILL: FILL MATERIAL FOR LAYER 'C' STARTS FROM THE TOP OF THE EMBEDMENT STONE ('B' LAYER) TO 18" (450 mm) ABOVE THE TOP OF THE CHAMBER. NOTE THAT PAVEMENT SUBBASE MAY BE A PART OF THE 'C' LAYER.	GRANULAR WELL-GRADED SOIL/AGGREGATE MIXTURES, <35% FINES OR PROCESSED AGGREGATE. MOST PAVEMENT SUBBASE MATERIALS CAN BE USED IN LIEU OF THIS LAYER.	AASHTO M145 <sup>1</sup> A-1, A-2-4, A-3 OR AASHTO M43 <sup>1</sup> 3, 357, 4, 467, 5, 56, 57, 6, 67, 68, 7, 78, 8, 89, 9, 10	BEGIN COMPACTIONS AFTER 12" (300 mm) OF MATERIAL OVER THE CHAMBERS IS REACHED. COMPACT ADDITIONAL LAYERS IN 6" (150 mm) MAX LIFTS TO A MIN. 95% PROCTOR DENSITY FOR WELL GRADED MATERIAL AND 95% RELATIVE DENSITY FOR PROCESSED AGGREGATE MATERIALS. ROLLER GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 12,000 lbs (53 kN). DYNAMIC FORCE NOT TO EXCEED 20,000 lbs (89 kN).
	B	EMBEDMENT STONE: FILL SURROUNDING THE CHAMBERS FROM THE FOUNDATION STONE ('A' LAYER) TO THE 'C' LAYER ABOVE.	CLEAN, CRUSHED, ANGULAR STONE	AASHTO M43' 3, 357, 4, 467, 5, 56, 57	NO COMPACTION REQUIRED.
ſ	A	FOUNDATION STONE: FILL BELOW CHAMBERS FROM THE SUBGRADE UP TO THE FOOT (BOTTOM) OF THE CHAMBER.	CLEAN, CRUSHED, ANGULAR STONE	AASHTO M43' 3, 357, 4, 467, 5, 56, 57	PLATE COMPACT OR ROLL TO ACHIEVE A FLAT SURFACE. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>

STONE WOULD STATE: "CLEAN, CRUSHED, ANGULAR NO. 4 (AASHTO M43) STONE".





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# EROSION CONTROL NOTES

- 1. THE EROSION CONTROL PLANS IN THIS SET SHALL BE REVIEWED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. CONTRACTOR SHALL WORK WITH THE PROJECT'S ENGINEER THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THE SITE IS PROPERLY PROTECTED FROM POSSIBLE POLLUTANTS. THE ENGINEER HAS AUTHORIZATION TO ADD OR REMOVE BMP MEASURES THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION.
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING SITE EROSION CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.
- 3. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER AND THE PERMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT EROSION DOES NOT OCCUR FROM ANY ACTIVITY DURING OR AFTER PROJECT CONSTRUCTION. ADDITIONAL MEASURES, BEYOND THOSE SPECIFIED, MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO CONTROL ACCELERATED EROSION.
- 4. AT THE END OF EACH WORKDAY, AT THE END OF EACH WORKWEEK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMPLEMENT ALL TEMPORARY MEASURES NECESSARY TO PREVENT EROSION AND SILTATION, UNTIL THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FINALIZED. THESE MEASURES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, DIRECT SEEDING OF THE AFFECTED AREAS, STRAW MULCHING, AND/OR INSTALLATION OF STRAW BALES DAMS/SILT FENCES.
- DURING CONSTRUCTION, NO TURBID WATER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SITE. USE OF SILT AND GREASE TRAPS. FILTER BERMS, HAY BALES OR SILT FENCES SHALL BE USED TO PREVENT SUCH DISCHARGE.
- 6. ALL AREAS ON- AND OFF-SITE EXPOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, IF NOT PERMANENTLY LANDSCAPED PER PLAN, SHALL BE PROTECTED BY MULCHING AND/OR SEEDING.
- ALL EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED TO AN APPROVED DISPOSAL SITE OR DISPOSED OF ON-SITE IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT CAUSE EROSION.
- ANY MATERIAL STOCKPILED, FOR LONGER THAN 14 DAYS, DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE COVERED WITH PLASTIC.
- 9. UPON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL REMAINING EXPOSED SOILS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY REVEGETATED.
- 10. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES NECESSARY TO CONTROL SITE EROSION AND PREVENT SEDIMENT TRANSPORT OFF-SITE ARE IMPLEMENTED.
- 11. ALL SPILLS AND/OR LEAKS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY CLEANED UP AND MITIGATED.

# CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

- ALL LOOSE STOCKPILED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT ACTIVELY BEING USED (I.E. SOIL, SPOILS, AGGREGATE, FLY-ASH, STUCCO, HYDRATED LIME, ETC.) SHALL BE COVERED AND BERMED.
- ALL CHEMICALS SHALL BE STORED IN WATERTIGHT CONTAINERS (WITH APPROPRIATE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT TO PREVENT ANY SPILLAGE OR LEAKAGE) OR IN A STORAGE SHED (COMPLETELY ENCLOSED).
- EXPOSURE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO PRECIPITATION SHALL BE MINIMIZED. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BE OUTDOORS AND EXPOSED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (I.E. POLES, EQUIPMENT PADS, CABINETS, CONDUCTORS, INSULATORS, BRICKS, ETC.).
- BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO PREVENT THE OFF-SITE TRACKING OF LOOSE CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPE MATERIALS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED.

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

- DISPOSAL OF ANY RINSE OR WASH WATERS OR MATERIALS ON IMPERVIOUS OR PERVIOUS SITE SURFACES OR INTO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM SHALL BE PREVENTED.
- SANITATION FACILITIES SHALL BE CONTAINED (E.G. PORTABLE TOILETS) TO PREVENT DISCHARGES OF POLLUTANTS TO THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM OR RECEIVING WATER, AND SHALL BE LOCATED A MINIMUM 20 FEET AWAY FROM AN INLET, STREET OR DRIVEWAY, STREAM, RIPARIAN AREA OR OTHER DRAINAGE FACILITY.
- SANITATION FACILITIES SHALL BE INSPECTED REGULARLY FOR LEAKS AND SPILLS AND CLEANED OR REPLACED AS NECESSARY.
- COVER WASTE DISPOSAL CONTAINERS AT THE END OF EVERY BUSINESS DAY AND DURING A RAIN EVENT.
- DISCHARGES FROM WASTE DISPOSAL CONTAINERS TO THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM OR RECEIVING WATER SHALL BE PREVENTED.
- STOCKPILED WASTE MATERIAL SHALL BE CONTAINED AND SECURELY PROTECTED FROM WIND AND RAIN AT ALL TIMES UNLESS ACTIVELY BEING USED.
- PROCEDURES THAT EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS HAZARDOUS AND NON-HAZARDOUS SPILLS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED.EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR CLEANUP OF SPILLS SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE AND THAT SPILLS AND LEAKS SHALL BE CLEANED UP IMMEDIATELY AND DISPOSED OF PROPERLY; AND
- CONCRETE WASHOUT AREAS AND OTHER WASHOUT AREAS THAT MAY CONTAIN ADDITIONAL POLLUTANTS SHALL BE CONTAINED SO THERE IS NO DISCHARGE INTO THE UNDERLYING SOIL AND ONTO THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

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# VEHICLE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE

- MEASURES SHALL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT OIL, GREASE, OR FUEL TO LEAK IN TO THE GROUND, STORM DRAINS OR SURFACE WATERS.
- ALL EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES, WHICH ARE TO BE FUELED, MAINTAINED AND STORED ONSITE SHALL BE IN A DESIGNATED AREA FITTED WITH APPROPRIATE BMPs.
- LEAKS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY CLEANED AND LEAKED MATERIALS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.

# LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

- CONTAIN STOCKPILED MATERIALS SUCH AS MULCHES AND TOPSOIL WHEN THEY ARE NOT ACTIVELY BEING USED
- CONTAIN FERTILIZERS AND OTHER LANDSCAPE MATERIALS WHEN THEY ARE NOT ACTIVELY BEING USED.
- DISCONTINUE THE APPLICATION OF ANY ERODIBLE LANDSCAPE MATERIAL

PREPARE SLOPE BEFORE THE WATTLING PROCEDURE IS STARTED. SHALLOW

- 2. DIG SMALL TRENCHES ACROSS SLOPE ON CONTOUR, TO PLACE WATTLES IN. THE TRENCH SHOULD BE DEEP ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE HALF THE THICKNESS OF THE WATTLE. WHEN THE SOIL IS LOOSE AND UNCOMPACTED, THE TRENCH SHOULD BE DEEP ENOUGH TO BURY THE WATTLE 2/3 OF ITS THICKNESS BECAUSE THE GROUND WILL SETTLE. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WATTLES ARE INSTALLED PERPENDICULAR TO WATER MOVEMENT, PARALLEL
- 3. START BUILDING TRENCHES AND INSTALL WATTLES FROM THE BOTTOM OF
- APART DEPENDING ON STEEPNESS OF SLOPE. THE STEEPER THE SLOPE, THE
- SOIL. MAKE SURE NO GAPS EXIST BETWEEN THE SOIL AND THE STRAW WATTLE. USE A STRAIGHT BAR TO DRIVE HOLES THROUGH THE WATTLE
- 6. DRIVE THE STAKE THROUGH THE PREPARED HOLE INTO THE SOIL. LEAVE ONLY ONE OR TWO INCHES OF STAKE EXPOSED ABOVE WATTLE. IF USING WILLOW STAKES REFER TO USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE TECHNICAL GUIDE, BIOENGINEERING, FOR GUIDELINES TO PREPARING LIVE WILLOW
- 7. INSTALL STAKES AT LEAST EVERY FOUR FEET APART THROUGH WATTLE. ADDITIONAL STAKES MAY BE DRIVEN ON THE DOWNSLOPE SIDE OF THE

8. INSPECT THE STRAW WATTLE AND THE SLOPES AFTER SIGNIFICANT STORMS.

10. RESEED OR REPLANT VEGETATION IF NECESSARY UNTIL THE SLOPE IS

WITHIN 2 DAYS BEFORE A FORECASTED RAIN EVENT OR DURING PERIODS OF PRECIPITATION.

APPLY ERODIBLE LANDSCAPE MATERIAL AT QUANTITIES AND APPLICATION RATES ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURE RECOMMENDATIONS OR BASED ON WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED FIELD PERSONNEL.

STACK ERODIBLE LANDSCAPE MATERIAL ON PALLETS AND COVERING OR STORING SUCH MATERIALS WHEN NOT BEING USED OR APPLIED.

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# PROBABLE PLANT LIST | 18 PLEASANT STREET

Decid	duous Tre	ees:	
СС	1	Carpinus caroliniana	Musclewood
LSS	1	Liquidambar styraciflua 'Slender Silhouette'	Fastigiate Swe
Shrul	os/Vines:		
CA	5	Clethra alnifolia	Summersweet
IG	4	llex glabra 'Densa'	Inkberry
LB	1	Lonicera brownii 'Dropmore Scarlet'	Honeysuckle V
RA	7	Rhus aromatica 'Low Gro'	Fragrant Suma
VD	1	Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood Vi
Perer	nnial Blen	d Planting	
ср	103	Carex pensylvanica	Pennsylvania S
hm	4	Hakonechloa macra 'All-Gold'	Japanese Fore

18 Pleasant Street Tree Tabulation	Caliper of Trees To Be Removed	Caliper of Trees To Be Preserved	Caliper of Proposed Trees
Elm #1 at Sidewalk		9	
Elm #2 at Sidewalk		7	
(1) Carpinus @ 2.5" cal.			2.5
(1) Sweetgum @ 2.5" cal.			2.5
Norway Maple Off Property	10		
Total Inches	10	16	21.0

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Visitor Bike Parking

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42" ht. Gaurdrail @ Top of walls, 48" ht. @ Southern PL

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Blu 60 Smooth Techo-block Permeable Pavers at Patio, and 4' Walkway Color Shale Grey

vood re Sweetgum	2-2.5' 2-2.5'
rsweet	5 gal. 24-30
ickle Vine	5 gal.
Sumac	3 gal.
ood Viburnum	5 gal.
rania Sedge	l qt.
e Forest Gras	l gal.

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2 2-SECOND FLOOR 1/8" = 1'-0"

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7 <u>5-TOP OF ROOF</u> 1/8" = 1'-0"

![](_page_31_Picture_6.jpeg)

FAR CALCULATIONS			
Name	Area		
1-GROUND FLOOR			
UNIT 2	478 SF		
UNIT 1	746 SF		
STAIR A	168 SF		
STAIR B	177 SF		
	1570 SF		
UNIT 4	699 SF		
UNIT 3	759 SF		
STAIR B	174 SF		
STAIR A	170 SF		
	1802 SF		
UNIT 6	693 SF		
UNIT 5	796 SF		
STAIR B	175 SF		
STAIR A	139 SF		
	1803 SF		
	699 SF		
UNIT 5	945 SF		
STAIR B	137 SF		
	1782 SF		

143 SF 28 SF STAIR B MAINT. ACCESS DECK UNIT 5 - ROOF DECK 163 SF UNIT 6 - ROOF DECK 162 SF 497 SF 7455 SF

UNIT TYP	E RATIO
Comments	Count
i bed	1
2 BED	2
3 BED	2
3 BED + STUDY	1
	6

UNIT AREAS			
Name	Area	Comments	
	T		
UNIT 1	746 SF	3 BED	
UNIT 1 - BASEMENT	1129 SF		
UNIT 2	478 SF	1 BED	
UNIT 3	759 SF	2 BED	
UNIT 4	699 SF	2 BED	
UNIT 5	1741 SF	3 BED + STUDY	
UNIT 6	1393 SF	3 BED	
	6946 SF	· ·	

ROOF HATCH ACCESS

AC CONDENSERS, 6 TOTAL

- ROOF HATCH ACCESS

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18 PLEASANT ST

# DERO BIKE LOCKER 301 SERIES OR SIMILAR

- Long life in all weather conditions
- Finish Resistant to Scratches, UV Damage, Graffiti, will never need painting
- One piece with no external or internal frame no assembly required

- Standard pop out T-handle lock (3 keys) recessed in door face

Manufactured with molded fiberglass reinforced plastic composite

- 2 standard colors available tan or medium gray
- No Common Walls lockers are easily relocated
- Features zinc, chome, aluminum, and stainless steel parts handle, locking, hinges, vents and door number plates
- Internal locking bar or padlock handle available
- Can be stacked with add-on adapter

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3 3-THIRD FLOOR 1/4" = 1'-0"

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4-FOURTH FLOOR 1/4" = 1'-0"

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42" RAILING WITH 36" WIDE ACCESS GATE FOR ROOF MAINTENANCE

42" RAILINGS AT ROOF PERIMETER

> 2 5-TOP OF ROOF 1/4" = 1'-0"

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# 4 WEST ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"

### METAL CORNICE, MATCH TO SIDING COLOR

# RIMLESS GLASS RAILING SYSTEM

HARDI PANEL, \_\_\_\_\_ COBBLE STONE

CAST STONE CORNICE, GINGER OR SIM

BRICK, SEASHELL COLOR ALTERNATING EXTRUDED BRICK

COURSES BLACK METAL PANEL TO MATCH WINDOW

CASING GLASS CANOPY SYSTEM

FROSTED GLASS AT BOTTOM PANE

CAST STONE CLADDING, GINGER OR SIM BLACK METAL RAILING SYSTEM

CAST STONE WATER TABLE, GINGER OR SIM 48" HORIZONTAL

BOARD FENCE, SEE LANDSCAPE PLAN

PRE-CAST CONCRETE W/ DYE AND REVEAL PATTERN. COLOR UMBER OR SIM

![](_page_37_Figure_14.jpeg)

7 EAST ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0" 5 NORTH ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"

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3 SOUTH ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"

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# <u>VIEW AT PLEASANT ST & FRANKLIN ST</u>

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# VIEW AT WESTERN AVENUE

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# EROSION CONTROL NOTES

- 1. THE EROSION CONTROL PLANS IN THIS SET SHALL BE REVIEWED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. CONTRACTOR SHALL WORK WITH THE PROJECT'S ENGINEER THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THE SITE IS PROPERLY PROTECTED FROM POSSIBLE POLLUTANTS. THE ENGINEER HAS AUTHORIZATION TO ADD OR REMOVE BMP MEASURES THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION.
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING SITE EROSION CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.
- 3. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER AND THE PERMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT EROSION DOES NOT OCCUR FROM ANY ACTIVITY DURING OR AFTER PROJECT CONSTRUCTION. ADDITIONAL MEASURES, BEYOND THOSE SPECIFIED, MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO CONTROL ACCELERATED EROSION.
- 4. AT THE END OF EACH WORKDAY, AT THE END OF EACH WORKWEEK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMPLEMENT ALL TEMPORARY MEASURES NECESSARY TO PREVENT EROSION AND SILTATION, UNTIL THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FINALIZED. THESE MEASURES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, DIRECT SEEDING OF THE AFFECTED AREAS, STRAW MULCHING, AND/OR INSTALLATION OF STRAW BALES DAMS/SILT FENCES.
- DURING CONSTRUCTION, NO TURBID WATER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SITE. USE OF SILT AND GREASE TRAPS. FILTER BERMS, HAY BALES OR SILT FENCES SHALL BE USED TO PREVENT SUCH DISCHARGE.
- 6. ALL AREAS ON- AND OFF-SITE EXPOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, IF NOT PERMANENTLY LANDSCAPED PER PLAN, SHALL BE PROTECTED BY MULCHING AND/OR SEEDING.
- ALL EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED TO AN APPROVED DISPOSAL SITE OR DISPOSED OF ON-SITE IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT CAUSE EROSION.
- ANY MATERIAL STOCKPILED, FOR LONGER THAN 14 DAYS, DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE COVERED WITH PLASTIC.
- 9. UPON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL REMAINING EXPOSED SOILS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY REVEGETATED.
- 10. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES NECESSARY TO CONTROL SITE EROSION AND PREVENT SEDIMENT TRANSPORT OFF-SITE ARE IMPLEMENTED.
- 11. ALL SPILLS AND/OR LEAKS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY CLEANED UP AND MITIGATED.

# CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

- ALL LOOSE STOCKPILED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT ACTIVELY BEING USED (I.E. SOIL, SPOILS, AGGREGATE, FLY-ASH, STUCCO, HYDRATED LIME, ETC.) SHALL BE COVERED AND BERMED.
- ALL CHEMICALS SHALL BE STORED IN WATERTIGHT CONTAINERS (WITH APPROPRIATE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT TO PREVENT ANY SPILLAGE OR LEAKAGE) OR IN A STORAGE SHED (COMPLETELY ENCLOSED).
- EXPOSURE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO PRECIPITATION SHALL BE MINIMIZED. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BE OUTDOORS AND EXPOSED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (I.E. POLES, EQUIPMENT PADS, CABINETS, CONDUCTORS, INSULATORS, BRICKS, ETC.).
- BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO PREVENT THE OFF-SITE TRACKING OF LOOSE CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPE MATERIALS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED.

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

- DISPOSAL OF ANY RINSE OR WASH WATERS OR MATERIALS ON IMPERVIOUS OR PERVIOUS SITE SURFACES OR INTO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM SHALL BE PREVENTED.
- SANITATION FACILITIES SHALL BE CONTAINED (E.G. PORTABLE TOILETS) TO PREVENT DISCHARGES OF POLLUTANTS TO THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM OR RECEIVING WATER, AND SHALL BE LOCATED A MINIMUM 20 FEET AWAY FROM AN INLET, STREET OR DRIVEWAY, STREAM, RIPARIAN AREA OR OTHER DRAINAGE FACILITY.
- SANITATION FACILITIES SHALL BE INSPECTED REGULARLY FOR LEAKS AND SPILLS AND CLEANED OR REPLACED AS NECESSARY.
- COVER WASTE DISPOSAL CONTAINERS AT THE END OF EVERY BUSINESS DAY AND DURING A RAIN EVENT.
- DISCHARGES FROM WASTE DISPOSAL CONTAINERS TO THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM OR RECEIVING WATER SHALL BE PREVENTED.
- STOCKPILED WASTE MATERIAL SHALL BE CONTAINED AND SECURELY PROTECTED FROM WIND AND RAIN AT ALL TIMES UNLESS ACTIVELY BEING USED.
- PROCEDURES THAT EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS HAZARDOUS AND NON-HAZARDOUS SPILLS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED.EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR CLEANUP OF SPILLS SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE AND THAT SPILLS AND LEAKS SHALL BE CLEANED UP IMMEDIATELY AND DISPOSED OF PROPERLY; AND
- CONCRETE WASHOUT AREAS AND OTHER WASHOUT AREAS THAT MAY CONTAIN ADDITIONAL POLLUTANTS SHALL BE CONTAINED SO THERE IS NO DISCHARGE INTO THE UNDERLYING SOIL AND ONTO THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

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# VEHICLE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE

- MEASURES SHALL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT OIL, GREASE, OR FUEL TO LEAK IN TO THE GROUND, STORM DRAINS OR SURFACE WATERS.
- ALL EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES, WHICH ARE TO BE FUELED, MAINTAINED AND STORED ONSITE SHALL BE IN A DESIGNATED AREA FITTED WITH APPROPRIATE BMPs.
- LEAKS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY CLEANED AND LEAKED MATERIALS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.

# LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

- CONTAIN STOCKPILED MATERIALS SUCH AS MULCHES AND TOPSOIL WHEN THEY ARE NOT ACTIVELY BEING USED
- CONTAIN FERTILIZERS AND OTHER LANDSCAPE MATERIALS WHEN THEY ARE NOT ACTIVELY BEING USED.
- DISCONTINUE THE APPLICATION OF ANY ERODIBLE LANDSCAPE MATERIAL

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3 VIEW AT PLESANT ST

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### BZA APPLICATION FORM SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for 18 Pleasant Street for the Exclusion of Basement Area from the definition of Gross Floor Area pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.00 of the Zoning Ordinance would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

### A) <u>Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:</u>

The proposed project features a Use which is Permitted by the underlying requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (the "<u>Ordinance</u>"). With the issuance of this requested Special Permit, the proposed project would comply with the Ordinance by exempting a portion of space in its basement level from the Gross Floor Area ("<u>GFA</u>") of its proposed new structure at 18 Pleasant Street, also known as 300 Franklin Street, located at the corner of Franklin and Pleasant Streets in the Riverside neighborhood of the City of Cambridge (the "<u>Premises</u>").

By way of background, the Premises consists of approximately 4,259 square feet of land with an existing structure. The proposed project seeks to demolish the existing structure at the Premises and construct a new, four (4) story, six (6) unit residential building (the "<u>Proposed Project</u>"). The existing building at the Premises was constructed in 1864, and as such, required Demolition Review by the Cambridge Historical Commission (the "<u>CHC</u>"). After an extensive review of the existing structure at the Premises, as well as the Proposed Project's new structure, the CHC approved the existing structure's demolition and its replacement by the proposed new structure on May 5, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 4.31(g) of the Ordinance, Multifamily Dwellings are Permitted Uses at this location in the City's Business A Zone, but the Proposed Project's new structure is required to comply with the Ordinance's Floor Area Ratio limitation of 1.75 (pursuant to its Table 5-1), and, as a dwelling in a Business A Zone, is subject to the same dimensional requirements as dwellings in a Residence C-2B District pursuant to Section 5.28.1.a.

In support of its request, the applicant submits that its proposed exclusion of GFA into the basement level of the Proposed Project is consistent with the required findings for the Special Permit. Specifically, the Proposed Project would allow expansion of the existing and preferred residential use into the basement level of this new structure. The exempted area includes approximately 1,318 square feet of proposed residential, common area and support space. Thus, the requested exemption of GFA is consistent with the requirements for the grant of the Special Permit, which is to support the creation of high-quality housing as a result of the Proposed Project, and consistent with the surrounding community.

# B) <u>Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard,</u> <u>or substantial change in established neighborhood character, for the following</u> <u>reasons</u>:

The applicant submits that the area to be exempt from GFA at its Proposed Project will not alter the character of the neighborhood or district but, rather, support its continued vibrancy at the Premises by adding the proposed residential use at the Premises in a manner that is consistent with the existing residential character of the neighborhood and surrounding area.

As part of its Proposed Project, the applicant also notes that it is making certain upgrades to on-site vehicular parking and bicycle storage/lockers; additionally, the Premises is in close proximity to Central Square and the MBTA's rapid transit and nearby bus lines, which lessen potential impacts by vehicular transportation, traffic and congestion. Thus, the grant of the requested Special Permit would allow the Proposed Project to comply with the Ordinance and deliver upon these collateral measures.

# C) <u>The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the</u> <u>Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed</u> <u>use for the following reasons</u>:

The Proposed Project will not adversely affect the continued operation of, or the development of adjacent uses, as permitted in the Ordinance at this location, by merely allowing this exemption of the basement GFA. Again, the requested GFA exemption will simply allow the applicant to utilize the Premises to its fullest potential. The exemption of the approximately 1,318 square feet of space is de minimums in scale and supportive of the future growth and the development of permitted adjacent uses.

# D) <u>Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety</u> and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

No nuisance or hazard will be created by the Proposed Project to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use. Rather, the resulting grant of the requested Special Permit will help to enhance and improve the health, safety and welfare of the residents, visitors and guests of the Permitted Use at the Premises. The exempted GFA is appropriate in scale and use and the Proposed Project will allow for much-needed upgrades in open space, pedestrian access, alternatives means of transportation and public realm. As a result, the overall health and safety of its residents will be improved by the grant of the Special Permit (as part of the Proposed Project).

## E) <u>For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or</u> <u>adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance</u> <u>for the following reasons:</u>

Originally constructed in 1864 as a single-family dwelling, upon information and belief, the Premises has been used as commercial office space since 1995. By exempting a portion of new basement space, the requested Special Permit will promote the Proposed Project's preferred residential use and is entirely consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance.

In further support of this required finding, the applicant notes that the Proposed Project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant went through an extensive review process with the CHC, including three (3) meetings (March 3, 2022, April 7, 2022, and May 5, 2022), to review the demolition of the existing structure, the Proposed Project and the proposed new structure's impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project received the CHC's approval and has been carefully designed and programmed with feedback from the CHC and the public so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district. The applicant also met with the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>") on July 6, 2022, to present the Proposed Project. The CSAC was supportive and determined that the scale was respectful of the neighborhood. The requested GFA exemption is an integral part of the Proposed Project, it has been carefully evaluated as to the grant of the Special Permit so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district, its surrounding areas and the intent of the Ordinance.

### BZA APPLICATION FORM SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10:

# A) <u>A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial</u> hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

In support of the required findings for the grant of Variances under the Zoning Ordinance (the "<u>Ordinance</u>"), the applicant submits that the project site is burdened by its unique shape, existing layout and its corner location at 18 Pleasant Street, also known as 300 Franklin Street, located at the corner of Franklin and Pleasant Streets in the Riverside neighborhood of the City of Cambridge(the "<u>Premises</u>"), and the Variances are justified by this.

By way of background, the Premises is a corner lot of approximately 4,259 square feet of land which fronts on two (2) streets (Pleasant Street and Franklin Street), and with an existing structure thereon. The proposed project seeks to demolish the existing structure at the Premises and construct a new, four (4) story, six (6) unit building with four (4) at grade parking spaces (the "<u>Proposed Project</u>"). Due to its corner lot condition with two (2) front streets, existing curb cut and existing trees, the Proposed Project requires two (2) Variances, both pursuant to Section 6.44.1 of the Ordinance. Specifically, the Proposed Project requires relief from the following subsections of the Section 6.44.1 of the Ordinance: (1) Subsection (c) no on grade open parking space shall be allowed within the required front yard setback; and (2) Subsection (d) the area between the required parking setback line and the lot line shall be landscaped.

In this regard, the applicant submits that the location of the existing curb cut to remain along Franklin Street and existing street trees along Pleasant Street limits the Proposed Project's siting options for parking at the Premises. Compliance with the Ordinance's Layout of Off-Street Parking Facilities requirements is further constrained by the size of this corner lot at this corner location. Due to these unique aspects, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in a substantial hardship upon the applicant, by limiting its ability to provide off-street parking for this Permitted Use at the Premises.

To address the hardship imposed by the unique property conditions at the Premises, the applicant has carefully designed and sited the on-grade parking to utilize the existing curb cut along Franklin Street, to not interfere with the existing trees along Pleasant Street and with the minimal relief from the Ordinance under the circumstances. The new building will occupy a limited and appropriate amount of land area, with setbacks along its two front streets that comport with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and provide much-needed upgrades to pedestrian access and an improved site design. The location of the Proposed Project's parking program, which is already an existing condition, is limited by these existing conditions and the Dimensional Standards of the Ordinance. It utilizes the Premises' existing curb cut while reducing the on-grade parking currently existing on the Premises from eight (8) to four (4) spaces. These considerations require the parking program to utilize this existing curb cut. Furthermore, in order meet the Ordinance's minimum Off-Street Parking requirements and

accommodate the Proposed Project's four (4) parking spaces, these spaces are located along the lot's East side. This design will result in an off-street parking program that occupies the yard between the building and the lot line. In this regard, the Proposed Project's parking program location and design on Franklin Street is responsive to the existing site and lot size and is an existing nonconformity to these specific Ordinance requirements.

# B) <u>The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions,</u> <u>shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or</u> <u>structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the</u> <u>following reasons</u>:

As detailed above, the Premises is a corner lot that consists of only approximately 4,259 square feet of land; combined with its existing curb cut, street trees and two front yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's Layout of Off-Street Parking Facilities requirements would impose and unnecessary hardship and prevent the Proposed Project from meeting the Ordinance's off-street parking requirement. The Premises' corner lot condition, existing curb cut and street trees at the Premises are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances. The hardship imposed by these conditions are unique to the Premises itself as required for the requested Variances.

The applicant restates that the irregularities of the Premises cause major obstacles to siting the Proposed Project parking program. Without relief from the parking facilities layout requirements, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would prevent the applicant from constructing the new building at the Premises, while also providing off-street parking. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, it will reduce the current non-conforming parking programing and allow for a new and more appropriate parking program that better comports with the surrounding context of the area.

# C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

# 1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

There will be no substantial detriment to the public good, as the Proposed Project has been carefully shaped and designed through extensive public review and input by the Cambridge Historical Commission (the "<u>CHC</u>") and the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>"). Grant of the relief requested will also allow for much-needed pedestrian access and site improvements for this preferred residential use at this location. With an appropriate new parking program at this unique corner lot, the Proposed Project will reduce the existing nonconformity of the off-street parking program and better comport with the context of surrounding area. The Proposed Project will result in the construction of a new Multifamily Dwelling with a compatible and contextually appropriate new structure at the Premises. Finally, the requested Variances will not negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the immediate intersection of Franklin and Pleasant Streets; but, rather, would result in much-needed improvements to its public realm, site safety and overall site upgrades.

In further support of this required Variance finding, the applicant notes that the Proposed Project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant went through an extensive review process with the CHC, including three (3) meetings (March 3, 2022, April 7, 2022, and May 5, 2022), to review the demolition of the existing structure, the Proposed Project and the proposed new structure's impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project received the CHC's approval and has been carefully designed and programmed with feedback from the CHC and the public so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district. The applicant also met with the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>") on July 6, 2022, to present the Proposed Project. The CSAC was supportive and determined that the scale was respectful of the neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the relief requested is consistent with the character and concerns of the neighborhood such that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good.

# 2) <u>Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or</u> <u>purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons</u>:

Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, the Proposed Project would allow for a reasonably designed parking program for the Proposed Project at the Premises, with the minimum relief necessary to address the hardship imposed by its unique property conditions. Its new parking program will comport with the surrounding context of the area and not negatively impact pedestrian or vehicular at this corner lot location. As processed and favorably received by the CHC and CSAC, the Proposed Project will improve the Premises and its Permitted Use, with no detriment to the public good. Thus, the relief requested is in the public interest, consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance and appropriate under the circumstances. As a result, desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Ordinance.

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By way of background, the Premises is a corner lot of approximately 4,259 square feet of land which fronts on two (2) streets (Pleasant Street and Franklin Street), and with an existing structure thereon. The proposed project seeks to demolish the existing structure at the Premises and construct a new, four (4) story, six (6) unit building with four (4) at grade parking spaces (the "<u>Proposed Project</u>"). Due to its corner lot condition with two (2) front streets, existing curb cut and existing trees, the Proposed Project requires two (2) Variances, both pursuant to Section 5.31 of the Ordinance. Specifically, the Proposed Project requires relief from the Ordinance's side yard requirements for the Residence C-2B Zoning District as shown on Table 5-1, Table of Dimensional Requirements – Residential Districts.

In this regard, the applicant submits that the nature of this existing undersized lot on the corner of Franklin and Pleasant Streets limits the Proposed Project's siting options for the new building's Permitted Use at the Premises. The size and location of this corner lot constrain the applicant's compliance with the Ordinance's requirements for minimum side yard. Due to these unique aspects, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in a substantial hardship upon the applicant, by limiting its ability to comply for this Permitted Use at the Premises.

To address the hardship imposed by the unique property conditions at the Premises, the applicant has carefully designed the new building with ceiling heights congruent with homeownership, such as that planned by the Proposed Project. The new structure will occupy a limited and appropriate amount of land area, with setbacks along the Premises' lot lines that comport with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and provide an improved site design, vastly decreasing the existing nonconformity in side yard setbacks. These considerations require a building designed in a way so as to not meet the minimum side yard requirements. In this regard, the Proposed Project's side yard setbacks and building design is responsive to the existing site and lot size and is an existing nonconformity to these specific Ordinance requirements, and the required Variances for the same are de minimus in nature.

# B) <u>The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions,</u> <u>shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or</u> <u>structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the</u> <u>following reasons</u>:

As detailed above, the Premises is an undersized corner lot that consists of only approximately 4,259 square feet of land, and with two (2) side yards and two (2) front yards (as defined by the Ordinance), strict compliance with the Ordinance's requirements for minimum side yard would impose an unnecessary hardship and prevent the Proposed Project's carefully designed structure from creating a living environment conducive to homeownership and modern living. The Premises' corner lot condition and undersized nature are distinct and supportive of the relief requested under the circumstances. The hardship imposed by these conditions are unique to the Premises itself as required for the requested Variances.

The applicant restates that the irregularities of the Premises cause major obstacles to siting the building to comply with the minimum side yard requirements while also promoting much-needed homeownership units in the City. Without relief from this requirements, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would deter the applicant from constructing the new building at the Premises, while also providing off-street parking allocated to these homeownership units. Grant of the relief requested would also not negatively impact the surrounding community but, rather, it will significantly improve the existing nonconformity at the Premises allowing for a new and more appropriate structure that better comports with the surrounding context of the area.

# C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

# 1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

There will be no substantial detriment to the public good, as the Proposed Project has been carefully shaped and designed through extensive public review and input by the Cambridge Historical Commission (the "<u>CHC</u>") and the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>"). Grant of the relief requested will also allow for much-needed pedestrian access and site improvements for this preferred residential use at this location. With an appropriately designed new building at this unique corner lot, the Proposed Project will reduce the existing nonconformity of the existing side yard setbacks, and better comport with the context of surrounding area while improving the corner condition for vehicles and pedestrians alike. The Proposed Project will result in the construction of a new Multifamily Dwelling with a compatible and contextually appropriate new structure at the Premises. Finally, the requested Variances will not negatively impact pedestrian and vehicular safety at the immediate intersection of Franklin and Pleasant Streets; but, rather, would result in much-needed improvements to its public realm, site safety and overall site upgrades.

In further support of this required Variance finding, the applicant notes that the Proposed Project is the result of extensive public review and input. In this regard, the applicant went through an extensive review process with the CHC, including three (3) meetings (March 3, 2022, April 7, 2022, and May 5, 2022), to review the demolition of the existing structure, the Proposed Project and the proposed new structure's impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As a result, the

Proposed Project received the CHC's approval and has been carefully designed and programmed with feedback from the CHC and the public so that it is consistent with the integrity of the district. The applicant also met with the Central Square Advisory Committee (the "<u>CSAC</u>") on July 6, 2022, to present the Proposed Project. The CSAC was supportive and determined that the scale was respectful of the neighborhood. As a result, the Proposed Project has been carefully designed and programmed with public feedback and local support, and the relief requested is consistent with the character and concerns of the neighborhood such that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good.

# 2) <u>Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons</u>:

Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, the Proposed Project would allow for a reasonably designed building at the Premises, with the minimum relief necessary to address the hardship imposed by its unique property conditions. It will comport with the surrounding context of the area and not negatively impact nearby buildings or uses at this corner lot location. As processed and favorably received by the CHC and CSAC, the Proposed Project will improve the Premises and its Permitted Use, with no detriment to the public good. Thus, the relief requested is in the public interest, consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance and appropriate under the circumstances. As a result, desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Ordinance.

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December 29, 2022

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re: Case D-1609: 18 Pleasant Street, Cambridge

Dear Mr. Miller,

On March 3, 2022, the Cambridge Historical Commission voted to find the building at 18 Pleasant Street to be significant, as defined in the city's demolition delay ordinance, Chapter 2.78, Article II of the City Code. It further found that the building was preferably preserved in the context of the proposed replacement project titled, "18 Pleasant St, Cambridge MA," by Khalsa Design dated November 5, 2021. With this decision, a demolition delay was imposed for up to twelve months.

At a subsequent hearing on May 5, 2022 the Commission found that the existing building was no longer preferably preserved in the context of an updated and revised design for the replacement building as shown on plans by Khalsa Design titled, "18 Pleasant St, Cambridge MA," and dated April 28, 2022. The demolition delay was terminated pending CHC staff review of construction details and review of further design development. Please let me know the status of your project's review by the Central Square Advisory Committee and other city departments.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Burks Preservation Planner

cc: Ranjit Singanayagam, Inspectional Services Commissioner