# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE 

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL
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617-349-6100

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## BZA Application Form

## General Information

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:
Special Permit: $\qquad$ Variance: __X_
Appeal: $\qquad$

PETITIONER: Jameson Rogers C/O Adam J. Glassman, R.A. GCD Architects
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 2 Worthington St , MA, Cambridge 02138
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 383 Windsor St, Cambridge, MA
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: multifamily residential ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C-1 Zone

## REASON FOR PETITION:

/Additions/ /New and enlarged non conforming window openings, exclusion of basement from calculated GFA /

## DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:

Proposed Non Conforming 3rd Story Addition and Rear Decks per Existing Non-Comforming FAR and Set-Backs and Increasing GFA of an Existing Non-Comforming Structure by more than 20\%.

Proposed Non-Conforming New and Enlarged Window openings per Non-Conforming Set-Backs
Proposed Exclusion of Basement from the Calculation of the GFA

## SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

Article: 8.000 Section: 8.22.2 (Non-Conforming Structure).
Article: 8.000 Section: 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming Structure).
Article: 5.000 Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
Article: 2.000 Section: GFA (16) Basement Exemptions from GFA

Original
Signature (s):
Adam T. Chessmen; MA.

Address:


Date: $1 / 25 / 2]$
. No.
E-Mail Address: ajglassman.ra@gmail.com

## BRA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

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

I/we Jameson Rogers
(OWNER)
Address: 50 Incan St. Cambridge MA 02139
State that I/We own the property located at 383-385 Windsor ST. which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of
$383-385$ Windsor Realty Trust
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $10 / 30 / 20$, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 76040 , Page 305 ; or Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No. $\qquad$ Book $\qquad$ Page $\qquad$ Cor.


Commonwealth of Massachuset tor County of $\qquad$
SIGNATURE BY/ LAND OWINg? OR
AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT*
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
$\checkmark$ New York $s$

The above-name
 amesor Roger personally appeared before me, this Ult of Jonvay, 2021, and made oath that the above statement is true.
 My commission expires $12 / 2,2023$ (Notary Seal).

- If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.


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

A literal enforcment of the ordinance would make it impossible to moderinize the 3 existing legal dwelling units so all 3 can be properly upgraded into comfortable and functional spaces for a modern family. The existing attic cannot be utilized as it is unusally small and cannot be converted into habitable space without substantial modifications to the existing low profile hip roof.

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

The pre-existing lot is non-comforming due to size and setbacks and no substantial exterior modifications to the building envelope can be made without obtaining zoning relief, even if there is no actual increase in FAR or increase in existing non-comformities.
C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:
1)

Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The proposed work will cause no loss of off-street parking, will add no additonal FAR, it will add no additional dwelling units, it will cause no light or noise pollution, it will cause no loss of open space, it will maintain a conforming building height and will cause no loss of privacy or incease shadows cast on abutting lots. The existing building non-conformities such as FAR and rear-setback will be reduced, and the non-conforming private open space will be increased. The proposed work would raise the existing roof height less than $1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$ and the buidling height would remain conforming.
2)

Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

Zoning relief for the proposed work would allow the owner to convert a structure that was built and historically occupied as 4 cramped 'worker cottage' style flats into 3 dwelling units which can comfortably and functionally accommade a family without increasing the density of the neighborhhod. Additionally, the physical scale and archtectural character of the neighborhood would be maintianed and enhanced, the existing non-conforming FAR would be decreased, the existing non-coforming rear set back would be improved, and the usable private open space would be made conforming to the benefit of each dwelling unit, and as part of this work the pervious surface area would be increased reducing storm water runoff. The proposed 3rd story addition and rear decks would be consistent with the use, scale and character of the neighbood, they would not contribute to increased neighborhood density, and would have no negative impacts on either the neighborhood or the city.
*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

## 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 383 Windsor St, Cambridge, MA (location) would not be a detriment to the public interest because:
A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:

There will be no loss of privacy to abutters per the proposed modifications to windows within the side and rear setbacks. The exclusion of the basement from the GFA would be consistent with and therefore in support of the character of the neighborhood or district as the basement would remain as unfinished building support space. Additionally, the existing basement ceiling height could allow some portion of the basement to be legally converted, by future owners, into additional 'playroom' or similar space for Unit 1.
B) Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:

The proposed modified and new window openings and the exclusion of the basement from the GFA would have no impact on traffic patterns as they do not contribute in any way to additional neighborhood density.
C) The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:

The modified and new window openings and exclusion of the basement from the GFA would have no impact on the adjacent building uses as there would be no loss of privacy or loss of off street parking.
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:

The modified and new window openings and exclusion of the basement from the GFA would result in no additional detriment of any kind to the neighborhood.
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:

The modified and new window openings and exclusion of the basement from the GFA would have no impact on the scale, character or quality of life in the neighborhood.
*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

## DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

| Applicant: Jameson Rogers |  | Present Use/Occupancy: |  |  | multifamily residential |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Location: 2 Worthington St <br> Phone: 617-412-8450 |  |  | Zone: <br> Requested Use/Occupancy: |  | Residence C-1 Zone multifamily residential |
|  |  | Existing Conditions | Requested Conditions | Ordinance <br> Requirements |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL GROSS } \\ & \hline \text { FLOOR AREA: } \end{aligned}$ |  | 5,606.0 | 5,402.0 | 2,686.5 | (max.) |
| LOT AREA: <br> RATIO OF GROSS |  | 3,582.0 | No Change | 5,000.0 | (min.) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ELOOR AREA TO |  | 1.57 | 1.50 | . 75 |  |
| LOT AREA: ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| LOT AREA OF |  |  |  |  |  |
| EACH DWELLING |  | 1,194.0 | No Change | 1,500.00 |  |
| UNIT |  |  |  |  |  |
| SIZE OF LOT: | WIDTH | 50 | No Change | 50 |  |
|  | DEPTH | 73.0 | No Change | NA |  |
|  |  | 0.0 to front stairs \& |  |  |  |
| SETBACKS IN FEET: | FRONT | $3^{\prime}-7$ " to bay window | No Change | 15.0 |  |
|  | REAR | 0.0 to existing ramp | 11.4 to proposed deck stair | 20.0 |  |
|  | LEFT <br> SIDE | 3.2 | No Change | 15.5 |  |
|  | RIGHT SIDE | 2.0 | No Change | 15.5 |  |
| SIZE OF BUILDING: | HEIGHT | 34.2 | 34.92 | 35.0 |  |
|  | WIDTH | 72.0 | 60.5' | 33.0 |  |
| RATIO OF USABLE |  |  |  |  |  |
| OPEN SPACE TOLOT AREA: |  | 559.0 16\% | 1,166.0 32\% | 1,074.6 30\% |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NO. OF DWELLING |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |
| UNITS: |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |
| NO. OF PARKING |  | 0 | 0 | 3 |  |
| NO. OF LOADING |  | 0 | 0 | NA |  |
| AREAS: |  | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| NEAREST BLDG |  | NA | NA | NA |  |

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.

1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT $7^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$ IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN $5^{\prime}$ ) DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF $15^{15}$.


EXISTING STREET VIEWS

PROJECT:
INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE, MA

EXISTING BUILDING PHOTOS

Job No.:
Date:

Drawing No C1

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Existing


| PROJECT: | KEY: |
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| INTERIOR RENOVATIONS | $\square=$ HABITABLE AREA |
| AND ADDITIONS | $\square$ |
| 383-385 WINDSOR ST |  |
| CAMBRIDGE, MA |  |


| RES C-1 MAX FAR ALLOWABLE . 7 GROSS FLOOR AREA EXISTING |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| BASEMENT | 1,814.0 GSF |
| FIRST FLOOR | 1,814.0 GSF |
| SECOND FLOOR | 1,814.0 GSF |
| ATTIC | 164.0 GSF |
| 5,606.0 GSF / 3,58 | SF LOT = 1 |

GROSS FLOOR AREA PROPOSED
BASEMENT 00.0 GSF FIRST FLOOR $\quad$ 1,917.0 GSF SECOND FLOOR 1,917.0 GSF THIRD FLOOR 1,568.0 GSF PER AREA WITH 5'-0"+
5,402.0 GSF / 3,582.0 SF LOT = 1.50 FAR PROPOSED


PROPOSED STREET VIEW


EXISTING STREET VIEW

RENDERING OF PROPOSED PROJECT - STREET VIEW

Job No.
Date:

A160.00
15 January 2021

Drawing No
R1

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PROJECT:
INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE, MA

RENDERING OF PROPOSED PROJECT - STREET VIEW

Job No.
Date:

A160.00
15 January 2021

Drawing No
R2

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PROPOSED STREET VIEW


EXISTING STREET VIEW

RENDERING OF PROPOSED PROJECT - STREET VIEW

Job No.
Date:

A160.00
15 January 2021

Drawing No
R3

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INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE, MA

RENDERING OF PROPOSED PROJECT - STREET VIEW

Job No.
Date:

A160.00
15 January 2021

Drawing No
R4

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PROJECT:
INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE. MA

EXISTING \& PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS
BASEMENT

| Scale: $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}=1$ 1-0" |  | Drawing No. : |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Job No. | A160.00 |  |

ARCHITECT:
GCD ARCHITECTS

Cambridge, MA 02138
Tel. $617-412-8450$
ajglassman@ hotmail. com



PROPOSED
FIRST FLOOR PLAN - 1,814.0 GSF
FIRST FLOOR PLAN 1,917.0 GSF

PROJECT:

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE. MA

EXISTING \& PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS
FIRST FLOOR


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PROJECT:
INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS 383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE, MA

EXISTING \& PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS SECOND FLOOR



PROPOSED NEW MANSARD ROOF


PROPOSED NEW 3RD STORY
THIRD FLOOR PLAN $\frac{\text { THIRD FLOOR PLAN }}{\text { Ceiling Height }=8-0 "+-}$

| PROJECT: |  |  | Drawing No. : |  |
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| INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS | PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS | Job No.: A160.00 |  | GCD ARCHITECTS <br> 2 Worthington S <br> Cambridge, MA 02138 |
| 383-385 WINDSOR ST CAMBRIDGE, MA | THIRD FLOOR AND ROOF | Date: 15 January 2021 | $A \perp . S$ | Tel. 617-412-8450 ajglassman@hotmail.com .glassmanchungdesign.com |



FRONT EXISTING


FRONT PROPOSED


INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

EXISTING \& PROPOSED ELEVATIONS FRONT

A2.1


RIGHT SIDE EXISTING
RIGHT SIDE PROPOSED

EXISTING \& PROPOSED ELEVATIONS


REAR EXISTING
REAR PROPOSED


LEFT SIDEEXISTING


LEFT SIDE PROPOSED
jiglassman@hotmail.co


## GCD ARCHITECTS

383-385 Windsor St.
Cambridge, MA

## Proposed Front Elevation

| Project number | A160.00 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $01 / 14 / 2021$ |  |
| Drawn by | Author |  |

01/14/2021 Author


## GCD ARCHITECTS

383-385 Windsor St.
Cambridge, MA

## Proposed Right Elevation

| Project number | A160.00 | 3.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date | $01 / 14 / 2021$ |  |
| Drawn by | Author |  | 01/14/2021 Checked by Checker



## GCD ARCHITECTS

 Tel. 617-412-8450 www.glassmanchungdesign.com383-385 Windsor St.
Cambridge, MA

## Proposed Rear Elevation

| Project number | A160.00 | 3.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date | $01 / 14 / 2021$ |  |
| Drawn by | Author |  |



## GCD ARCHITECTS

## 383-385 Windsor St.

Cambridge, MA

Proposed Left Elevation

| Project number | A160.00 | 3.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | 01/14/2021 |  |
| Drawn by | Author |  |

## To:

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals
831 Mass Ave.
Cambridge MA 02139

## Dear Cambridge BZA,

I am writing to express my support for the relief sought for 383-385 Windsor Street which include the proposed third story, rear decks, modified windows and the exclusion of the basement from the GFA calculation.

I have reviewed the plans and renderings for the proposed work, the design is tasteful, reasonable and it compliments the scale and character of our neighborhood extremely well.

The existing structure is clearly in need of many upgrades, inside and out, including the reconfiguration of the existing units to be more accommodating to families looking to live in our neighborhood. We are very supportive of keeping this structure as a 3 family and adding a full third story to create three comfortable and functional dwelling units.

The proposed work requiring zoning relief would have no negative impacts on our neighborhood that I can see and will create the benefits of a more attractive street scape, more landscaped area, and a modest amount of outdoor space that each unit can enjoy. Our neighborhood needs more high-quality housing for families and we therefore support this project.

We ask the BZA to support this request for zoning relief.

Sincerely,
Joseph Bisognano
376-378 Windsor St
January 19, 2021


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| PIMENTEL, ANTONIO J. \& |  |
| MARIA PIMENTEL LIFE ESTATE | SKODNEK, RICHARD P. \& ANDREW Q. OLDMAN, |
| 40 UNION ST | TRS. OF 44 TOWNHOUSE TRUST |
| CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141 | 339 BROADWAY |



# City of Cambridge Massachusetts ${ }^{\prime}$ 

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL
831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

## BRA <br> POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

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


Case No. H2 A-105802

Hearing Date: $2 / 25 / 21$

Thank you,
Baa Members

To:
Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals
831 Mass Ave.
Cambridge MA 02139
b24-105802

Dear Cambridge BZA,

I am writing to express my support for the relief sought for 383-385 Windsor Street, which include the proposed third story, rear decks, modified windows and the exclusion of the basement from the GFA calculation.

I have reviewed the plans and renderings for the proposed work, it conforms with the existing neighborhood in a well thought out manner. The existing structure is clearly in dated and in need of upgrades, to keep consistent with the current changes to the neighborhood. They are not requesting to change occupancy amounts and however they are encouraging a well thought out design to provide for future families to eventually reside here.

The proposed work requiring zoning relief would have no negative impacts on our neighborhood that I can see, and will create the benefits of a more attractive streetscape, more landscaped area, and a modest amount of outdoor space that each unit can enjoy. Our neighborhood needs more high-quality housing for families and we therefore support this project.

I ask the BZA to support this request for zoning relief.

Sincerely,

Mario Massimino
617-352-8883
384 Windsor St \#1
Cambridge, MA 02141

