Please reach out to a City of Knoxville Zoning Examiner about your project before submitting a variance application.

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | APPLICAN | THIS PROPOSAL PERTAINS |
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| Name (Individual not company) Jim Wright | Owner $\square$ <br> Contractor $\square$ <br> Tenant $\square$ <br> Other $\square$ | New Structure <br> Modification of Existing Structure Off Street Parking <br> Signage $\square$ <br> Other $\qquad$ |
| Street Address 800 Northshore Drive |  |  |
| City, State, Zip Knoxville, TN 37917 |  |  |
| Phone Number 865-207-8572 |  |  |
| Applicant Email jimwright@fishpantry.org |  |  |
| THIS IS A REQUEST FOR: |  |  |
| $\square$ Zoning Variance (Building Permit Denied) $\square$ Extension of Non-Conforming Use/or Structure <br> $\square$ Appeal of Administrative Official's Decision $\square$ Map Interpretation |  |  |
| PROPERTY INFORMATION |  |  |
| Street Address 236 W. Scott Avenue City, State, Zip Knoxville, TN 37917 |  |  |
| See KGIS.org for Parcel \# 081NE003 City Council District \# 4 and Zoning District I-MU |  |  |
| VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS |  |  |
| City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance Article 16, Section 16.3 <br> The City of Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power and authority to grant variances from terms of this ordinance according to the procedure and under the restrictions set out in this section. <br> The purpose of the variance is to modify the strict application of the specific requirements of this ordinance in the case of exceptionally irregular, narrow, shallow or steep lots, or other exceptional physical conditions, whereby such strict application would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship which would deprive an owner of the reasonable use of his land. The variance shall be used only where necessary to overcome some obstacle which is preventing an owner from using his property as the zoning ordinance intended. |  |  |

## DESCRIPTION OF APPEAL

Describe your project and why you need variances.
A. The project involves construction of a new FISH Pantry Warehouse ( $4,888 \mathrm{SF}$ ) to store additional food donations for Knoxville citizens in need of food (groceries) assistance. For food pallet storage use only, not for public distribution of food. However, a zoning variance is required due to a direct conflict between the City's zoning and engineering department requirements. In short, the building cannot be placed within the required Build-To-Zone and meet the minimum distance requirements for the loading dock entrance from the nearest intersection.
B. Zoning - Article 6.4.A Design Standards 30\% transparancy to be placed between $2^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}-1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$ on the walls above grade facing Davanna and West Scott. Request to have the transparancy requirments to be reduced from $30 \%$ to $0 \%$. The project stores pallets of food on the floor and on shelving that occurs along the interior of the walls facing Davanna and West Scott. The intent of this project is to maximize storage of pallets of food for those in need.

Describe hardship conditions that apply to this variance.
See attached continuation sheet, elevations, floor plan and site plan.

Site plans and any other relevant information associated with the hardship must accompany this application.

## APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION

I hereby certify that I am the authorized applicant, representing ALL property owners involved in this request and that all owners have been notified of this request in writing.


## Continuation Sheet for Variance Request

Hardship Conditions that apply to this variance.
A. The $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{MU}$ zoning requires a Build-To-Zone ranging from 0 to 25 feet, and the engineering department requires driveways/entrances to be located 50 feet (min.) from the nearest intersection. Currently, the loading dock entrance is 52 feet from the nearest intersection and the southwest corner of the building is 7.5 feet outside the Build-To-Zone. See site plan for details.
B. The zoning requirement is to provide $30 \%$ transparency along the front facades between $2^{\prime}-0$ " and $10^{\prime}-0$ " above grade.
Davanna Ave and West Scott facing walls are considered to be front facades.
The walls that are required to maintain $30 \%$ transparency along Savanna Ave. and West Scott are designed to have shelving along them and delivery dock.

Hardship

- Limitations of wall area for transparency
- The West Scott elevation (short elevation)
- The Dock which is elevated above grade by $48^{\prime \prime}$
- The wall contains (2) $3^{\prime} \times 7^{\prime}$ man doors, and a $12^{\prime} \mathrm{W} \times 10 \mathrm{H}$ loading dock door.
- Stair access to the dock along the wall with railing overlap
- Interior storage shelving along the wall
- Davanna Ave. elevation (long elevation)
- Interior storage shelving along the entire length of the wall.
- X bracing along one $25^{\prime}$ wall bay.

The walls would not provide any transparency beyond a view of the cases of food if the shelving were to remain along these walls. The purpose of this building is to store as much food as possible. Moving shelving from the exterior walls would greatly reduce the capacity.

- Theft
- There is a large population of homeless located close by. We would prefer to not provide the temptation to this community.
- Windows at this level would be more of an advertisement of access to the products that are intended for distribution vs a nondescript business that would attract less attention.
- Damage
- Damage to the installed windows from the above associated with theft.
- Forklift will be used to stack product on shelving. Operator error has potential to break windows in this wall area.
- Windows would provide a void in the wall for any dropped boxes to fall between palleted goods below and the window area potentially causing breakage.
- Windows next to the cases of food would accelerate deterioration of stored food.

The cost of window replacement would take away from the mission of Fish Food Pantries to provide food to the needy


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## Is a plat required? Yes $\square$ No $\quad \checkmark$ VARIANCE REQUEST(S) WITH ORDINANCE CITATION(S):

1. Increase the minimum corner side setback from Build-To-Zone 0 feet to 25 feet to 30.4 feet. Per Article 6.3; Table 6-1 in an I-MU zoning district.
2. Decrease transparency requirement in an I-MU zone from $30 \%$ to $0 \%$ measured between two and ten feet in height from grade. Per Article 6.4; Table 6-2.

| Date Filed 5/2/23 | Fee Amount $\$ 250.00$ |
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| Council District 4 | BZA Meeting Date $6 / 20 / 23$ |
| PLANS REVIEWER Mike Robinson | DATE 5/8/23 |





## 236 W. SCOTT AVE






June 12, 2023

Mr. Bryan Berry, Deputy Director
Board of Zoning Appeals
Room 475, City-County Building
P. O. Box 1631

Knoxville, Tennessee 37901
Dear Mr. Berry:

## Re: Variance Requests 5-E-23-VA, 6-A-23-VA, 6-B-23-VA, 6-C-23-VA, 6-D-23-VA, and 6-F-23-VA

We have reviewed our records and, as far as we have been able to determine, KUB has no existing utility facilities located within the variance areas and we have no objection to the requested variances. However, KUB does not release and hereby retains all easements and rights for existing facilities, whether or not identified in our research.

Sincerely,


Christian Wiberley, P.E. Engineering

CGW

| From: | Steve Borden |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | Jennifer Scobee |
| Subject: | RE: June Board of Zoning Appeals Applications - City of Knoxville |
| Date: | Monday, June 12, 2023 4:24:04 PM |
| Attachments: | image001.png <br> imaqe002.png |

Jennifer,

Please find the following responses to the referenced BZAs:
5-E-23-VA 5402 Rutledge Pk (postponed from May): Operations has no opposition to the changing of parking requirements specifically, but would remind that on-street parking along Rutledge Pike is not permitted.
6-A-23-VA 236 W. Scott Ave: Operations has no comment.
6-B-23-VA 321 Deaderick Ave: Operations has no comment.
6-C-23-VA 519 Douglas Ave: Operations has no comment.
6-D-23-VA 109 S. Broadway: Operations has no opposition to the requested modification of the build-to setback along Worlds Fair Park Drive. The Department would like to emphasize that no structure, appurtenance, or signage (at grade or over-hanging) shall be permitted to be constructed within the limits of State-Owned ROW.
$6-F-23-V A \quad 1931 \& 1923$ Forest Ave: Operations has no comment.
Thank you,

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