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Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda September 27, 2022 City Hall 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Open Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting / Swearing in of Witnesses
- 5. Guests and Residents
- 6. New Business

Agenda Item 1

7607 Lakewater Drive: A request from property owners, Kevin and Rachel Namaky, for a variance to allow an accessory off-street parking area to be 6' from the front property line where 25' is required per Schedule 151.1009(B) of the Montgomery Zoning Code.

- 7. Other Business
- 8. Approval of Minutes
- 9. Adjournment



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Application for Variance: Kevin and Rachel Namaky

September 27, 2022 Staff Report

Applicant:

Kevin and Rachel Namaky

7607 Lakewater Drive Montgomery, Ohio 45242

Property Owner: SAME

Vicinity Map:



Nature of Request:

The applicants are requesting a variance to allow an accessory off-street parking area to be 6' from the front property line where 25' is required per Schedule 151.1009(B) of the Montgomery Zoning Code.



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Zoning:

This property is zoned 'A' - Single Family Residential and is used for a singlefamily residence. All surrounding properties are also zoned 'A' single family residential and used for single family residences.

Findings:

- 1. The lot is 0.5739 acres or approximately 25,000 square feet, which exceeds the 20,000 square foot lot minimum in the district.
- 2. The house was built in 1975 and is located on the southside of the Valleystream Drive and Lakewater Drive intersection.
- 3. Schedule 151.1009(b) of the Montgomery Zoning Code requires accessory off street parking to be located 25' from the front property line or the right-of-way line if the property line runs to the centerline of the street.
- 4. The current house has a legal non-conforming front yard setback. The house has a front yard setback of 33.2'. The minimum front yard setback in the 'A' District is 50'.
- 5. The existing driveway is approximately 17' in width.
- 6. The proposed setback for the off-street parking area is 12' from the western property line.

Variance Considerations:

Section 150.2010 allows the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant dimensional variances when the applicant can establish a practical difficulty. The City has established the following criteria for evaluating hardships:

- 1. Whether special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land and/ or structure involved?
 - The property has a legal non-conforming front yard setback of 33.2' where 50' is the minimum required. This reduced front yard setback



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limits the length of an accessory off street parking space permitted by right in the front yard to 8.2'. The design standards in the Zoning Code require a minimum of 18' for the length of a parking space.

2. Will the property yield a reasonable rate of return if the variance is not granted?

Staff is of the opinion that there would be a reasonable rate of return if the variance is not granted, due to the existing two car garage and driveway. However, on street parking is limited due to the property's proximity to the intersection.

3. Is the variance substantial? Is it the minimum necessary?

The variance is substantial, as the applicant is proposing a 76% reduction in the required setback. However, the size of the parking pad of approximately 38' x 12' would only allow for the parking of up to two vehicles.

4. Will the character of the neighborhood be substantially altered?

Staff is of the opinion that the neighborhood would not be substantially altered by granting the variance, as the house has a non-conforming front yard setback, and the proposed accessory parking area would have a 12' setback from the side property line. In addition, the proposed expansion would be located behind the sidewalk and the current driveway apron would not be expanded.

- 5. Would this variance adversely affect the delivery of government services?

 Government services would not be affected by granting the variance.
- 6. Did the owner purchase the property with the knowledge of the zoning restraint?

The applicant has stated that they were not aware of the zoning restraint.

7. Whether special conditions exist as a result of the actions of the owner?

No special conditions exist as a result of the actions of the owner.



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8. Whether the owner's predicament can be feasibly obviated through some other method?

The applicant could extend the driveway along the west side of the house; however, there is an existing tree located along the side and the applicant is proposing to extend the pad the maximum amount necessary for parking and maneuvering a vehicle in and out of the driveway. In addition, this house has non-conforming front yard setback, which severely limits the placement of a bump out. This property is also located at an existing three way stop intersection, which restricts on street parking.

9. Would the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance?

The intent of the accessory off street parking setback is to reduce visual clutter by requiring parking pads to be located closer to the house and to provide for safe travel by requiring the parking pad to be located 25' from the right-of-way. This property does have a sidewalk located in front, as well as a legal non-conforming front yard setback. In addition, there is no on street parking in close proximity due to the nearby intersection.

Staff does not believe that it is the intent of the zoning code to inhibit improvements to an existing property, if the improvement would not be detrimental to the surrounding properties or character of the neighborhood, the request is reasonable, and a practical difficulty has been established.

10. Would granting the variance confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied to other properties in this district?

A variance for 9991 Zig Zag Road to allow an accessory parking area to be 0' from the right of way was granted October 23, 2018.

A variance for 9978 Knollbrook Terrace to allow an accessory parking area to be 0' from the right of way was granted October 18, 2021.

A variance for 7379 Cornell Road to allow an accessory parking area to be 15' from the right of way was granted October 26, 2021.



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A variance for 7875 Pfeiffer Road to allow an accessory parking area to be 2' from the right of way was granted November 23, 2021.

A variance for 7880 Pfeiffer Road to allow an accessory parking area to be 10.4' from the right of way was granted May 24, 2022.

Staff Comments and Recommendations

Staff believes that the variance request is reasonable and would not be detrimental to the surrounding properties or the character of the neighborhood. A practical difficulty has been established due to the legal non-conforming front yard setback which limits the placement of an accessory parking space, as well as the lack of available on street parking due to the proximity of the intersection.

Approving an accessory off-street parking area to be 6' from the front property line where 25' is required per Schedule 151.1009(B) of the Montgomery Zoning Code and in substantial compliance with the site plan submitted August 15, 2022 could be justified by criteria #1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.



APPLICATION FORM

Meeting (Circle) Board of Zoning Appeals Planning Commission	
Project Address (Location): 7607 Lakewater Dr. Mor	Hyomeny OH 45242
Project Name (if applicable): Driveway expansion	
Auditors Parcel Number: 603-0016-0133 / 603-00	126-0051
Gross Acres: 0.5739 Lots/Units 34 Commercial S	quare Footage
Additional Information:	2 - 12
PROPERTY OWNER(S) Ken'n & Rachel Namaky Contact	
Address Same as project Phone:	
City State Zi	p
E-mail address Knamaky@gmail.com	
APPLICANT Kevin Namaky Contact 5	13-659-2243
Address <u>Same as project</u> Phone:	
City State	Zip
E-mail address	
certify that I am the applicant and that the information submitted with this application is true are selief. I understand the City is not responsible for inaccuracies in information presented, and that polication may cause the application to be rejected. I further certify that I am the owner or provolved in this application, or the lessee or agent fully authorized by the owner to make this subjection.	ourchaser (or option holder) of the property
Property Owner Signature	FOR DEPARTMENT USE
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ate 8/19/22	Date Received:
	Received By:

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CONSENT OF OWNER(S) TO INSPECT PREMISES

To: City of Montgomery Board of Zoning Appeals Members and Staff City Hall 10101 Montgomery Road Montgomery, Ohio 45242

Re: Review Subject Site

Dear Members and Staff:

Property Owner(s) Signature	
Print Name Kevin Namaky	
Date8/19/22	

Board of Zoning Appeals Members:

Mary Jo Byrnes

Tom Molloy

Catherine Mills Reynolds

Bob Saul

Jade Stewart

Steve Uckotter

Richard White

Kevin Namaky

7607 Lakewater Drive Montgomery OH 45242 513-659-2243 knamaky@gmail.com

August 19, 2022

City of Montgomery Board of Zoning Appeals City Hall 10101 Montgomery Road Montgomery OH 45242

Dear Members and Staff,

We hereby submit our written request, application and supporting documentation related to our driveway expansion project at our residential home address (7607 Lakewater Drive). In this instance, a driveway expansion is needed in order to properly accommodate our vehicle/family needs at this location. However, our home has a legal non-conforming front yard setback of only 35', resulting in a hardship that is not self-imposed and that limits our ability to make reasonable modifications or extensions to the driveway. Therefore, we are requesting plan approval as an exception/variance to the standard zoning requirements.

We propose the driveway extension to be 12 feet wide on the side of our home, suitable for parking of a single vehicle with room for door entry/exit. The driveway would run for 20 feet along the side of the home, then for another 18 feet which is approximately the length of a single vehicle. This length allows for proper entry and exit of the driveway along the side of the home. The bump-out's closest point to the right-of-way would be 6' back from the sidewalk/property line, and 18' back from the street. This seems the most reasonable plan to allow for some setback from the right-of-way, while also still allowing a vehicle to safely enter/exit the bump-out.

The approximate size, style, location and specifications of our proposed driveway extension plan is notably similar to other driveway extensions/bump-outs found elsewhere in the city of Montgomery. The proposed plan would therefore reasonably fit in with the larger community aesthetic.

Other consideration and criteria to note:

- This lot has special circumstances which are not applicable to other lots/homes in the area—namely a shallow lot where the home has a setback of only 35'.
- The proposed variance is the minimum necessary to accomplish the objective, reasonable, and not substantially different from other such variances or grandfathered exceptions already existing in Montgomery.
- The character of the neighborhood would not be substantially altered. In fact, a home three lots away has a similar driveway structure.
- The proposed variance would not affect the delivery of government services.
- As property owners we were not aware of such zoning restraints and could not reasonably foresee such restraint.
- No other method is available to cure this predicament that avoids the requested zoning variance.
- Granting the variance would not confer special privilege not already granted to numerous Montgomery property owners who have driveway extensions/bump-outs of similar construction, including many that exist in variance of the zoning requirements for setback.

Additional information and documentation are included with this submission:

- A Pictures of the current site.
- B Hand drawing/illustration of the proposed driveway extension.
- C Official survey plan, current and proposed.
- D Pictures of relevant examples and precedent in the city of Montgomery. These driveway extensions/bump outs are either similar in shape/size/style and/or are located in conflict with the required setback.
- E Required documentation: proof of ownership (deed), owner consent to inspect, and zoning appeals application.

Thank you for your reasonable consideration.

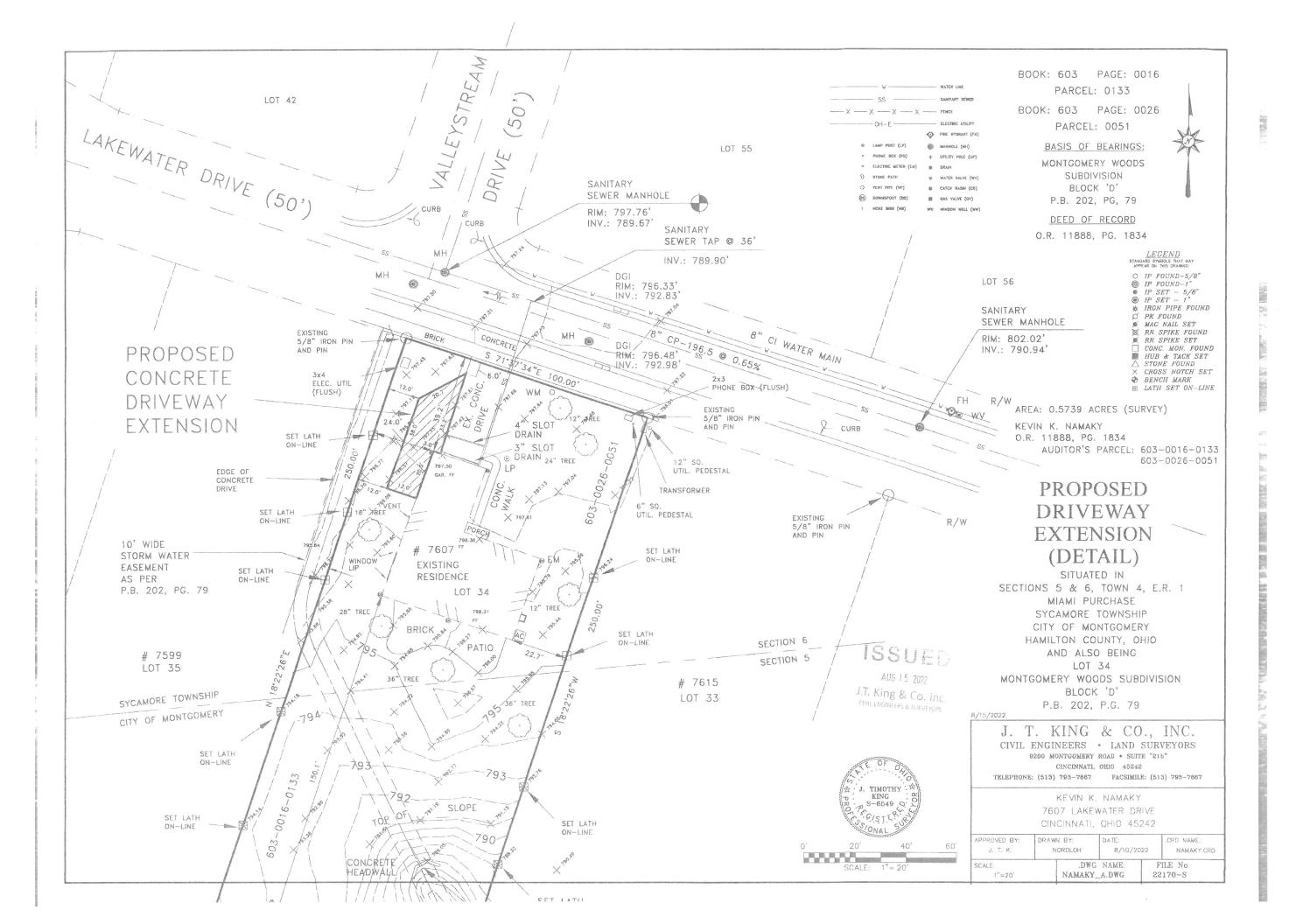
Best Regards,

Kevin Namaky





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Melissa Hays

From: Ryan Nottingham <ryanelisa08@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 7:54 AM

To: Melissa Hays

Subject: Zoning Appeal - 9/27/22

Hello Ms. Hays,

We are unable to attend, in person, the public meeting on September 27, 2022 at 7p for the variance request by Kevin and Rachel Namaky, but wanted to voice our support for their project. Having discussed and reviewed the proposed project with the Namaky's, it is our belief that the project will not impact neighboring property and will actually benefit neighbors and vehicle traffic on Lakewater Dr as it will provide additional off street parking near a heavily trafficked intersection at Valleystream and Lakewater. The Namaky's should not be punished for the location of their home which prevents adhering to the zoning code and should be allowed to make an improvement to their property which will help public safety near an intersection.

We are in support of the Namaky's variance request and would welcome any questions you have.

Sincerely, Elisa Marcuccion & Ryan Nottingham 7591 Lakewater Dr Montgomery, OH 45242

Melissa Hays

From:

Amy Huang <beh45246@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 11:34 AM

То:

Melissa Hays

Subject:

Driveway request

Hi, Melissa,

I'm fine with the extra parking space requested by 7607 Lakewater Dr..

Thank you!

Amy, 7628 Lake Water Dr.

Sent from my iPhone

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CITY OF MONTGOMERY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

City Hall · 10101 Montgomery Road · Montgomery, OH 45242

August 23, 2022

	PRESENT	
GUESTS & RES	IDENTS_	STAFF
Brooke Alini Atlantic Sign Company 2328 Florence Ave, 45206	Kevin Namaky 7607 Lakewater Dr., 45242	Melissa Hays, Zoning and Code Compliance Officer Karen Bouldin, Secretary
Doug Baglier 10284 Montgomery Rd, 45242	John Newsom 7970 Huntersknoll Ct., 45242	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Mary Jo Byrnes, Chairman
Lee Ann Bissmeyer Vice Mayor City Council	Jack Rupp Ashford Homes 6355 E. Kemper Rd, #100 Cincinnati, OH 45241	Richard White, Vice-Chairman Catherine Mills Reynolds Tom Molloy Jade Stewart Steve Uckotter
Barb & Mike Giblin 10305 Montgomery Rd, 45242	Nicolette Vanderklaauw 10266 Deerfield Rd., 45242	MEMBERS NOT PRESENT Bob Saul
1	Visit	

Chairman Byrnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called and showed the following responses / attendance:

PRESENT: Ms. Mills Reynolds, Mr. Uckotter, Mr. White, Mr. Molloy, Ms. Stewart,
Chairman Byrnes

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ABSENT: Mr. Saul (1)

Pledge of Allegiance

All of those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Byrnes gave a brief explanation of tonight's proceedings: She stated that tonight the Board will be conducting two public hearings. A public hearing is a collection of testimony from City Staff, the applicant, and anyone wishing to comment on the case. All discussions by the Board of Zoning Appeals and all decisions will take place within the business session of this meeting, which immediately follows the public hearing. Everyone is welcome to stay for the

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- business session of the meeting, however, the Board will not take any further public comment
- during the portion of the meeting, unless clarification is needed by a Board member.
- 28 Chairman Byrnes noted that anyone not agreeing with the Board's decision has the option of
- appealing to Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, under the procedures established by that

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She asked all guests to turn off their cell phones.

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Chairman Byrnes asked that anyone planning to speak to the Board please stand to be sworn in (which includes the applicant). Chairman Byrnes swore in everyone planning to speak.

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Guests and Residents

Chairman Byrnes asked if there were any guests or residents who wished to speak about items that were not on the agenda. There were none.

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New Business (1)

- A request for a variance from Pond Realty, property owner, 9689 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, OH 45242, to allow for a wall sign to be located higher than the head of the second story window. Section 151.3012(b)(5) of the Montgomery Zoning Code states that wall signs shall not be higher than the head of the second story window, as measured from the
- signs shall not be higher than the head of the second story window, as measured from the building grade line to the top of the sign.

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Staff Report

Ms. Hays reviewed the Staff Report dated August 23, 2022, "Application for Variance: Atlantic Sign Company, 9689 Montgomery Road". She stated that all Board members should have received a copy of the updated "Sign Regulations, Chapter 151.30" in their packets.

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Staff showed drawings on the wide screen for all to see, to provide more understanding of the Staff Report. She indicated that there had been no calls or emails received regarding this application.

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Mr. Molloy asked if the head of the second story window was the top of the window. Ms. Hays confirmed. Mr. Molloy noted that this entire sign will be entirely above the window. Ms. Hays stated that the previous Code allowed 20 feet above grade, and it has been modified. Mr. Molly asked for the height of the sign. Ms. Hays deferred to the applicant, who stated it was a little more than 2 feet, because the "i" was a little higher. Mr. Molloy asked if any part of the sign would go over the roofline. Ms. Hays stated that it would not.

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Mr. Uckotter asked when the change of the sign regulations went through. Ms. Hays stated that it was the beginning of this year. He noted that Kroger had their sign on the peak of their roof, and it was at least as high as this proposed sign. He asked how they got their sign. Ms. Hays stated that their building was not two stories. She stated that this building is considered two stories, even though it was one story in the front, the back portion has a second floor, so this building is considered a two story.

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71 Chairman Byrnes asked if the applicant wished to speak.

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Brooke Alini, Atlantic Sign Company, 2328 Florence Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206. She noted that this was a very interesting building and there was really no where else to place a sign.

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- Mr. Molloy asked if the ground sign in the front was internally illuminated. Ms. Alini confirmed that it was. Mr. Molloy asked if the new wall sign would also be internally illuminated. Ms.
- Alini stated that it would not, it is bar mounted with letters. The main wall sign is not
- 79 illuminated, but the ground sign cabinet will be, and this met the Code requirements.

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Ms. Mills-Reynolds asked if there would be any landscaping lights. Ms. Alini stated not.

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Chairman Byrnes asked if any guests or residents had comments. There were none.

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Adjournment

- Mr. White moved to close the public hearing.
- 87 Mr. Uckotter seconded the motion.
- The public hearing adjourned at 7:15p.m.

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Chairman Byrnes opened the business session at 7:15p.m.

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Business Session (1)

- 93 A request for a variance from Pond Realty, property owner, 9689 Montgomery Road,
- 94 Montgomery, OH 45242, to allow for a wall sign to be located higher than the head of the
- 95 second story window. Section 151.3012(b)(5) of the Montgomery Zoning Code states that wall
- 96 signs shall not be higher than the head of the second story window, as measured from the
- 97 building-grade line to the top of the sign.

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Ms. Stewart was very happy that this property will be improved, and she was sure the sign would be lovely. Chairman Byrnes agreed.

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Mr. Molloy acknowledged that there was a practical difficulty, which would support the location of the sign on the building.

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Mr. White pointed out that on the building right next door, there was a sign in about the same place as this proposed location.

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Mr. Uckotter also pointed out that Heritage Bank had a sign at the same height, so there would be three signs, all the same height.

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- 111 Mr. Molly moved to approve the request for a variance from Atlantic Sign Company, 2328
- 112 Florence Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206, to allow for a wall sign to be located higher than the
- head of the second story window, as measured from the building- grade line to the top of the
- sign, for the property located at 9689 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, OH 45242, as defined

until formally adopted by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Formal adoption is noted by signature of the Clerk within the Minutes. **Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting** August 23, 2022 by Section 150.3012.(b)(5) of the Montgomery Zoning Code, and described in the City of 115 Montgomery Staff Report, dated August 23, 2022. 116 117 This approval is in accordance with the Storefront Elevation drawing dated May 13, 2022. 118 119 120 This approval is justified by criteria # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, as outlined in Montgomery Codified Ordinance Chapter 150.2010 (d) for granting variances. 121 122 123 Mr. White seconded the motion. 124 The roll was called and showed the following vote: 125 126 AYE: Mr. Molloy, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Mills Reynolds, Mr. Uckotter, Mr. White, 127 Chairman Byrnes (6) 128 (0)129 NAY: (1) 130 ABSENT: Mr. Saul (0)131 ABSTAINED: 132 133 This motion is approved. 134 135 Adjournment Mr. Uckotter moved to close the business session. 136 Mr. White seconded the motion. 137 The business session adjourned at 7:20p.m. 138 139 Chairman Byrnes opened the public hearing at 7:20p.m. 140 141 142 New Business (2) A request for a variances from Ashford Homes to allow a proposed two-family dwelling to 143 have an internal side yard setback of zero feet, where 10 feet is required per Schedule 144 151.1005 of the Montgomery Zoning Code. Third and fourth variances are being requested to 145 allow for the proposed subdivided lots to each have a lot width of 55 feet, where 65 feet is 146 required, per Schedule 151.1004 of the Montgomery Zoning Code. Fifth and sixth variances 147 are being requested to allow for a lot size of 9,313 square feet for the southern lot, and 10,097 148 square feet for the northern lot, where 12,000 square feet is the minimum permitted, per 149 Schedule 151.1004 of the Montgomery Zoning Code. 150 151 152 Staff Report Ms. Hays reviewed the Staff Report dated August 23, 2022, "Application for Variance: Ashford 153 154 Homes, 10275 Montgomery Road". 155 She showed drawings on the wide screen for all to see, to provide more understanding of the 156 157 Staff Report. She indicated that one resident stopped by to review the plans, and his main

concern was with the drainage on this property, from the west to the east, to Montgomery Road.

Ms. Havs acknowledged that the Huntersknoll area has drainage issues that the City is working

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on. The city engineer will check this, to be sure that there is no damming of water coming from the west.

Ms. Stewart asked if Lucke Homes had needed any variances, for their buildings across the street. Ms. Hays stated that the Lucke lots were a larger development, and he qualified for a Planned Unit Development (PUD), which allowed flexibility. Ms. Hays stated that the dimensions were comparable.

Ms. Hays showed all on the wide screen. She stated that the Lucke lot sizes were a bit larger than these lot sizes, because of the access road, and that was included. The access road allowed the homes to sit back further in the lot.

Ms. Stewart asked, if, visually, they would appear the same, on both sides of the road. Ms. Hays confirmed, except that this side will sit a little bit closer to the road, but it still adheres to the front yard setback; there is a larger than typical right-of-way on Montgomery, so they will appear to be further back.

Mr. Molloy stated that we only have one parcel to talk about, relative to these variances, so we will evaluate these variances, based on the anticipation of splitting the lots. They have not yet been split, is that correct? Ms. Hays confirmed. Mr. Molloy asked why we were doing it this way, versus waiting for the lots to be split, so that they could tie the variances to the specific properties. Ms. Hays stated that she is not able to sign off on the lot split, without receiving the variance approval first. It must be approved by the Board before it can be recorded at the County; and if it doesn't meet the current zoning, then she can't sign off on it. The hold-up for dividing the property is the square footage.

Mr. Molloy wasn't sure what the practical difficulty would be, with this property. He understood there was once a single family residence there, and noted that another single family residence could be placed there, and it would meet the Code. Ms. Hays agreed, but stated that to some degree, the practical difficulty is the fact that this area was rezoned a few years ago to a C zoning classification, to allow for higher density – a 2-family, as well. The practical difficulty is the Code – it doesn't allow for an attached, single-family product in the C zoning classification, which is essentially what the applicant is requesting – an attached single-family product. But the Code is written for the classic 2-family where there is one owner of the entire building.

Mr. Molloy stated that this reference of it being a 2-family dwelling -- it really is not, it is actually two, individual single dwellings, connected by a common wall. Ms. Hays confirmed, however the Code defines this as a 2-family dwelling.

Chairman Byrnes asked how this worked with insurance companies. Mr. Uckotter stated that the insurance goes to the center of the common wall; he had just insured one of the units across the street.

Mr. Molloy asked where the C District was. He asked what would prevent anyone else from coming in and purchasing a couple of lots, subdividing them, and put more residences in than are

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- currently there. Ms. Hays stated there was nothing to prevent this, but there was not much area
- 206 zoned as C -- it was basically this lot, from Pfeiffer to Deerfield. She believed that Planning
- 207 Commission and City Council chose this section for higher density because it was along
- 208 Montgomery Road, and with a higher volume of traffic. This allowed flexibility for one and
- 209 two-family dwellings, but not apartments which would be permitted in zones D-2 or D-3.
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 211 Ms. Mills-Reynolds would have liked to see a drawing of the homes. She wondered if you
- divided the lots, if it would be a higher-end purchase price. Ms. Hays confirmed, and deferred to
- 213 the applicant.

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- Chairman Byrnes noted that we have only a handful of apartments, and they are scattered, knowing that there will be some at Montgomery Quarter.
- Mr. White asked if they would share one driveway that would be wider than that of a single house. Ms. Hays believed they would have two, so that each individual would have their own; she deferred to the applicant.
- 222 Chairman Byrnes asked if the applicant wished to speak.
 - Jack Rupp, Ashford Homes, 6355 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241 stated that the homes would look similar to those in the Lucke Group, across the street. He stated that they had actually built this same home on Orchard Trail, and one on Bookmark. The only difference is that these are single family attached, duplexes. Sale price will be \$700,000 to \$800,00, for each unit.
- 230 Ms. Mills-Reynolds asked about the driveway. Mr. Rupp stated that there would be two driveways, separated by a couple of feet. Mr. White asked how they would turnaround and get 231 back out onto Montgomery Road --would they back-out to get out on Montgomery Road? 232 233 Mr. Rupp stated that once this is approved, if they have room, they will have a hammerhead turnaround – probably a 12' x 14', on each side, so that they could back up into it and then pull 234 out. Mr. Rupp felt there would be room, just because of the way they have positioned the 235 driveways. He noted that it would not be a circular drive. Ms. Hays did not think this would be 236 a problem, with the 50 foot setback. Mr. Rupp stated that they would position the driveways to 237
- be more in the center of the lot, so there is more room on the side setbacks.

 Chairman Byrnes asked if there would only be one curb cut. Mr. Rupp confirmed, from the existing home that was torn down years ago, there was a 38-foot wide apron, so hopefully they

would just use that, shared by the two driveways. They would obviously replace it with new

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- 245 Chairman Byrnes asked if any guests or residents had comments. 246
- John Newsom, 7970 Huntersknoll Court, Montgomery, OH 45242 is a resident of Huntersknoll, has been since 1999. He noted that the single-family residence that had been on
- that lot was torn down in 2002. He asked Mr. Rupp for the square footage of the new units. Mr.

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Rupp stated that it was about 2400 square feet for each unit; they would be a story and a half,

with two front-entry car garages. He stated that the lots would be 40' x 74'.

Mr. Rupp asked if they had a grading plan. Mr. Rupp stated they had not gotten to that step, because this has not been approved yet. Mr. Newsom asked if their plan was to take out all of the trees. Mr. Rupp said no. Mr. Newsom reiterated the drainage issues in Hunters Knoll.

Chairman Byrnes recalled seeing a video one time of a backyard that looked like a river!

Ms. Hays stated that there is a private drainage easement and a public drainage easement that is

melded together back there, and over the years, there have been many issues and the city is

working with the residents to improve the drainage.

Mr. Newsom stated that he put a dry bed around the drain that leads off of his property, which has taken care of 90% of everything in his yard, but he still has small tunnels of water creeping up. He had wanted to put in an inground pool, and the engineer told him that there was an underground creek there, and encouraged him not to crack that slate under there.

Mr. Newsom talked to Mr. Rupp about the back left corner, where the ridge was – that was behind his property. He was concerned about cutting into that too far, and wondered about a wall or the grading plan, but understood it was too early to know this yet. Mr. Rupp understood these issues.

Ms. Hays stated that the City contracts CT Engineering. Mr. Rupp stated that their civil engineer will actually go onsite to assess; they are very detailed, and will then send their report to CT Engineering with recommendations and concerns. Mr. Rupp stated that they have not have an issue with this, and he has built 15 homes in the last year.

Ms. Hays stated that Mr. Newsom could email her, and she would send him the grading plan.

Nicolette Vanderklaauw, 10266 Deerfield Road, Montgomery, OH 45242 stated that she was an adjacent property owner. She asked if she had the right or the ability to make requests concerning the tree line, specifically regarding privacy and the sound from Montgomery Road. She pointed out that in the winter, the sound is much louder from Montgomery Road than it is in the summer. Also, when more trees disappear, she will have a straight look into their home, and they into her back porch/deck. She stated that there was a noticeable difference in having trees there or not.

Ms. Stewart stated that purchasers of an \$800,000 home would also want the same privacy. Ms. Vanderklaauw agreed, but has seen otherwise is other places. Mr. Rupp stated that the trees were a value, and they would keep most of them; there was one that might go, as it didn't look very good.

Ms. Vanderklaauw asked how far the proposed building would be set-back in that lot, from Montgomery Road. Mr. Rupp stated that, from the back property to the right back corner of the

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- 294 house was 32.4 feet and the left one was 43.7 feet. Ms. Hays stated that the closest portion to
- Ms. Vanderklaauw's home would be about 43 feet.

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Mr. Molloy asked what the rear yard setback was, for C District. Ms. Hays stated it was 30 feet, and both dwellings met this requirement.

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Adjournment

- 301 Mr. Molloy moved to close the public hearing.
- 302 Mr. White seconded the motion.
- The public hearing adjourned at 7:50p.m.

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Chairman Byrnes opened the business session at 7:50p.m.

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Business Session (2)

308 A request for a variance from Ashford Homes to allow a proposed two-family dwelling to have 309 an internal side yard setback of zero feet, where 10 feet is required per Schedule 151.1005 of 310 the Montgomery Zoning Code. A second variance is being requested to allow for the proposed subdivided lots to each have a lot width of 55 feet, where 65 feet is required, per Schedule 311 151.1004 of the Montgomery Zoning Code. Third and fourth variances are being requested to 312 allow for a lot size of 9,313 square feet for the southern lot, and 10,097 square feet for the 313 314 northern lot, where 12,000 square feet is the minimum permitted, per Schedule 151.1004 of 315 the Montgomery Zoning Code.

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Mr. Uckotter stated that this boiled down to one question: do you want a 2-family of renters, or a 2-family of owners. Chairman Byrnes pointed out that someone could buy both and then rent one.

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Ms. Stewart did not believe you would find an \$800,000 property being rented out. Chairman Byrnes felt it might have an appeal to people who might be snowbirds, knowing that someone was right next door, while they were gone. She did not think they would have any trouble finding buyers. Ms. Stewart asked if the lots across the street were still empty. Ms. Hays noted that there were a few still left.

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Mr. Molloy asked how many bedrooms/bath. Mr. Rupp stated there were 2 ½ baths, 3 bedrooms and a study; 2 beds up, master bedroom on the first floor, and the study, without finishing the basement.

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Mr. Molloy noted that he had been concerned with the practical difficulty and what would stop others from doing this, but now he believed that the zoning would prohibit that.

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Ms. Mills-Reynolds stated that they do this a lot in Canada, and she thought they were quite lovely, you actually had your own yard. She noted that that the trees would add value.

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- 337 Mr. White asked if there was any common area, and only easements? Without a Homeowners
- 338 Association (HOA), what manner do you handle this kind of problem: if one of them gets rented

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out, and someone is not cutting grass. Ms. Hays stated that she would be the one to deal with 339 this type of issue; the property owner is responsible for maintenance, regardless if there is an 340

HOA or not. 341

There was discussion among the Board, and it was decided to propose 6 motions. 343

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- Motion 1: North Lot Side Yard Setback
- Mr. Molloy moved to approve the request for a variance from Ashford Homes, 6355 East 347 Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241, for the property located at 10275 Montgomery Road 348 (north lot) to allow for a side yard setback of zero feet along the south property line, where a 349 side yard setback of 10 feet is required, per Schedule 151.1005 of the Montgomery Zoning 350 Code; and as described in the City of Montgomery Staff Report dated August 23, 2022. 351

353 This approval is in accordance with the survey drawing dated June 22, 2022.

- This approval is justified by criteria # 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 & 10, as outlined in Montgomery Codified 355 Ordinance Chapter 150.2010 (d) for granting variances. 356 357
- 358 Mr. Uckotter seconded the motion.

The roll was called and showed the following vote: 360

362 AYE: Mr. White, Mr. Molloy, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Mills Reynolds, Mr. Uckotter, (6) 363 Chairman Byrnes (0)364 NAY: 365 ABSENT: Mr. Saul (1) (0)ABSTAINED: 366

This motion is approved.

369 370 Motion 2: South Lot Side Yard Setback

372 Mr. Molloy moved to approve the request for a variance from Ashford Homes, 6355 East 373 Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241, for the property located at 10275 Montgomery Road (south lot) to allow for a side yard setback of zero feet along the north property line, where a 374 side yard setback of 10 feet is required, per Schedule 151.1005 of the Montgomery Zoning 375 Code; and as described in the City of Montgomery Staff Report dated August 23, 2022. 376 377

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Mr. White seconded the motion.

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415	ABSENT: Mr. Saul	(1)
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420	Motion 4: South Lot Width	
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433	Mr. White seconded the motion.	
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445	Motion 5: North Lot Size	
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447	Mr. Molloy moved to approve the request for a variance from Ashford Homes, 6355 East	
448	Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241, for the property located at 10275 Montgomery Road	
449	(north lot) to allow for a lot size of 10,097 square feet, where 12,000 square feet is the	
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Mr. Mollov asked if Staff could place the updated date in the footer section of each page, when parts of the code were updated. Staff stated that she would do this.

Ms. Hays was thinking of reprinting and sending an entire copy of the Code to members, since there have been several changes. She asked who preferred a physical copy. Mr. Uckotter asked if the one online was current, as he referred to that. Ms. Hays stated she would reach out to them regarding their preference of receiving an updated code.

Council Report

515 Ms. Bissmeyer gave an account of the last City Council meeting:

- 25-year proclamation to Tri-Health
- Authorized rock salt purchase

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- Approved the continuance of contributions to the Employee Health Savings & Reimbursement Accounts (as we always have)
 - Established a special account (required by Ohio) to receive funds from Ohio, in which Montgomery would utilize for opioid education and prevention (in schools). The state mandates the use of these funds, and it is for a very limited purposes. Chairman Byrnes noted that Bethesda North administered to a large number of overdoses.
 - Transfer of liquor license approved for Board & Brush, relocated into the Kroger lot.

Two items on tomorrow's City Council agenda:

In various parts of the City, it was discovered that some streets were developed years ago, and had been dedicated but never accepted by the County. We need to clean up these minor paperwork items.

Annual review process for the TIF projects for the Vintage Club, the Triangle and Montgomery Quarter.

- Ms. Bissmeyer noted that a new employee, Cody, started today with Public Works.
- Six people passed the Sargeant's exam, which puts them in the running for the one to be selected, for a new sergeant.
- This Thursday, from 5-7pm, there is a Yappy Hour a themed DORA (Designated Open Refreshment Area) event, on the corner of Cooper & Montgomery bring your dogs.
- On Saturday, September 3, at the Montgomery Public House (MPH), there is another DORA event from 1pm to11:30pm watch the Ohio State / Notre Dame game; and the Mystics will be playing.
- Hellman's Fine Men's Apparel, previously (Blaine's) is now located in the Montgomery Quarter, and just opened this past week. The owner had a men's store named Hellman's in Carew Tower, then purchased Blaine's, and moved into the Montgomery Quarter, and closed the downtown store.
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 5/3 Bank moved in yesterday, located on the top floor, with 48 employees, and hope to have 84
 by the end of the year. There is an article in The Business Courier about this. They named their
 conference rooms after historic places in Montgomery.
- There are 3 restaurants: 1) Bru Burger, 2) Livery Latin American (owned by the Cunningham Group, who also owns Stone Creek), and 3) Genki Ramen & Izakaya Japanese (chain one in Deerfield, one in Oakley and Over The Rhine). There is also one larger restaurant, to be announced soon.
- There is a subcommittee dedicated to art in the City and they met with a marketing group, and brainstormed art ideas for the future. The last time they looked at art in Montgomery was in

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1999. Ms. Bissmeyer went by NAPA Kitchen – to possibly think of placing murals or some art 562 piece, to spruce it up. When it was built, it was the back and now it is a front. They discussed 563

identifying different spaces, maybe addressing random walkways throughout the city. Perhaps

they would put something in /on the parking garage in Montgomery Quarter to welcome people 565 566

in Montgomery. Do we use lights versus water? Temporary, or permanent?

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Chairman Byrnes suggested that we could also get company sponsors.

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Ms. Mills-Reynolds stated that Oklahoma City is the mural capital of the world, and they had some very beautiful ones.

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The Farmer's Market will run through October, on Saturdays. There is a chance that this will move, when the Quarter is up and running.

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Minutes

Mr. Molloy moved to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022, as written. 577

Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. 578

579 The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

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582 Mr. Molloy moved to adjourn. Mr. Uckotter seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m. 583

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Karen Bouldin, Clerk

Mary Jo Byrnes, Chairman

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