

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY OF NOVI

Community Development Department (248) 347-0415

Case No. PZ14-0056 West Oaks I

Location: 43741 West Oaks Drive

Zoning District: RC, Regional Center District

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 2400 to allow construction of an additional on the north and west sides of the existing center with a reduced north front yard setback of 69.96 ft. and a reduced west side yard setback of 67.73 ft., and Section 2507 to allow loading zone located on the side of the property. The property is located west side Novi Rd, South of 12 Mile Road.

Ordinance Sections:

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 2400 requires minimum front and side yards setback of 100'. Section 2507, within the RC District, requires the loading zone be located in the rear yard or interior side yards.

City of Novi Staff Comments:

Please see the attached Plan Review Center Report from the Site Plan review process for the redevelopment.

Standards for Granting Dimensional Variances:

A variance may be granted if a practical difficulty exists due to all of the following:

There are unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, topography or similar physical conditions and the need for the variance is not due to the applicant's personal or economic difficulty because_ The need is not self-created because Strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome because The requested variance is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district because The requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values or the use and enjoyment of the property in the neighborhood or zoning district because

<u>Standards for Denying Dimensional Variances:</u>

Petitioner has **not** established a practical difficulty because:

| • | Petitioner has shown no unique circumstance or physical condition of the property because petitioner can reasonably comply with the ordinance by | | | | | | | | | |
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| • | The difficulty described by the Petitioner is a personal or economic difficulty only in that Petitioner stated | | | | | | | | | |
| • | The need for the variance is self-created because Petitioner . | | | | | | | | | |
| • | Conforming to the ordinance would not (either): o be unnecessarily burdensome because, or, o unreasonably prevent petitioner from using the property fo because | | | | | | | | | |
| • | A lesser variance consisting ofwould do | | | | | | | | | |
| | substantial justice to Petitioner and surrounding property owner's because | | | | | | | | | |
| • | The proposed variance would have adverse impact on surrounding property because | | | | | | | | | |



PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT

November 10, 2014

Planning Review

West Oaks I Renovation

JSP14-57

Petitioner

Ramco-Gershenson Inc.

Review Type

Preliminary Site Plan

Property Characteristics

Site Location: 43741 West Oaks Drive (south of West Oaks Drive, west of Novi Road)

(Section 15)

Site Zoning:
 RC, Regional Center District

Adjoining Zoning: North, East and West: RC; South: C, Conference District

Current Site Use: Existing West Oaks shopping center

Adjoining Uses: North, East and West: various retail and restaurant; South: retail and

office

School District: Novi School District

Site Size: 20.12 acresPlan Date: 10-10-14

Project Summary

The applicant is proposing to demolish a portion of the existing West Oaks I shopping center and construct an additional 9,942 sq. ft. on the north and west sides of the existing center with associated parking and landscaping. Existing tenants will be relocated a new tenant has been proposed.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Site Plan. There are minor planning related items to be addressed on the Final Site Plan submittal. Zoning Board of Appeals variances are required. A revised Preliminary Site Plan submittal is required for traffic review. Additionally, there are several façade issues to be addressed in the façade review letter.

Ordinance Requirements

This project was reviewed for conformance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Article 17 (Regional Center District), Article 24 (Schedule of Regulations), Article 25 (General Provisions) and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Items in **bold** below must be addressed by the applicant.

- Building Setbacks: Required building setbacks in the RC District are 100 feet. The proposed setbacks in the northern and western yards are 95 feet and 68 feet. The applicant has applied for variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the deficient setbacks. Plans will not be stamped approved until variances are granted.
- 2. <u>Loading Space</u>: Loading space must be located in the rear yard or interior side yard. The applicant has proposed a loading zone in the exterior side yard and has applied for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for this deficiency. Plans will not be stamped approved until this variance is granted.
- 3. <u>Exterior Lighting:</u> A photometric plan with proposed lighting and manufacturer's details is required with the Final Site Plan submittal.
- 4. <u>Bicycle Parking:</u> Bike parking spaces have been indicated on the east side of the proposed storefront. The applicant should provide a detail of the bike parking layout consistent with the requirements outlined in the planning review chart.

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- 5. <u>Economic Impact:</u> The applicant should provide the total cost of the site improvements, proposed building and approximate number of jobs during and after construction in the response letter.
- 6. <u>Signage:</u> Exterior Signage is not regulated by the Planning Division or Planning Commission. Please contact Jeannie Niland (248.347.0438) for information regarding sign permits.

Site Addressing

The applicant should contact the Building Division for an address prior to applying for a building permit. Building permit applications cannot be processed without a correct address. The address application can be found on the Internet at www.cityofnovi.org under the forms page of the Community Development Department.

Please contact Jeannie Niland [248.347.0438] in the Community Development Department with any specific questions regarding addressing of sites.

Pre-Construction Meeting

Prior to the start of any work on the site, Pre-Construction (Pre-Con) meetings must be held with the applicant's contractor and the City's consulting engineer. Pre-Con meetings are generally held after Stamping Sets have been issued and prior to the start of any work on the site. There are a variety of requirements, fees and permits that must be issued before a Pre-Con can be scheduled. If you have questions regarding the checklist or the Pre-Con itself, please contact Sarah Marchioni [248.347.0430 or smarchioni@cityofnovi.org] in the Community Development Department.

Chapter 26.5

Chapter 26.5 of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances generally requires all projects be completed within two years of the issuance of any starting permit. Please contact Sarah Marchioni at 248-347-0430 for additional information on starting permits. The applicant should review and be aware of the requirements of Chapter 26.5 before starting construction.

Response Letter

A letter from either the applicant or the applicant's representative addressing comments in this and other review letters is required with the next plan submittal.

If the applicant has any questions concerning the above review or the process in general, do not hesitate to contact me at 248.347.0586 or kkapelanski@cityofnovi.org.

Kristen Kapelanski, Planner, 248.347.0586 or <u>kkapelanski@cityofnovi.org</u>

Attachments: planning review chart

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

CITY OF NOVI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF NOVI

Community Development Department (248) 347-0415

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| Applicant's E-mail address Phone number 248-489-9 | | 248-489-916 | _ | | Fax number | | No Fax | | | |
| Request is | s for: Residenti | al | | Vacant p | property | [X] | Comme | rcial | | Signage |
| Address of subject ZBA case | | | 43741 West | Oaks Drive | | | | Zip code | 48377 | |
| Cross roads of property | | | West Oaks | West Oaks Drive and Donelson Drive | | | | | | |
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| ls the prop | perty within | a Homeow | ner's Assoc | iation jurisd | liction? | | | Yes | × | No |
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| Property o | owner nam | e (if other th | an applica | ant) | | Ramco We | st Oaks 1 LLC | a Delaware Lin | nited Liability | Company |
| Does you | r appeal re | sult from a N | lotice of Vi | olation or C | Citation issu | ed? | | Yes | X | No |
| Indicate (| Ordinance | section(s) ar | nd varianc | es requeste | d: | | | | | |
| 1. | Section | 2400 | Variance requested | | | | Reduce required front yard setback from 100' to 94' | | | |
| 2. | Section | 2400 | Variance requested | | | Reduce required side yard setback from 100' to 67' | | | | |
| 3. | Section | 2507 | Variance requested | | | Locate the loading zone in the side yard | | | | |
| 4. | Section | | Variance requested | | | | | | | |
| Please sul | omit an ac | curate, scale | ed drawing | of the prop | perty showi | ng: | | | | |
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| Э. | The location and dimensions of all existing and proposed structures and uses on property. | | | | | | | | | |
| c. | Any roads, easements, drains, or waterways which traverse or abut the property and the lot area and setback. | | | | | | | | | |

Dimensions necessary to show compliance with the regulations of this Ordinance.

State the practical difficulties which prevent conformance with the Zoning Ordinance requirements (attach separate sheet if necessary):

Due to this location at the intersection of West Oaks Drive and Donelson Drive what would otherwise be a side yard is classified as a front. Because of this unique location the only practical way to expand the existing building to accommodate the new tenant is to expand to the North. Together these unique site constraints create the practical difficulty which prevents conformance with the Zoning Ordinance.

Describe any unique circumstances regarding the property (i.e., shape, topography, etc.) which are not common to other properties in the area and which prevent strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance:

The unique location of this development at the intersection of West Oaks Drive and Donelson Drive causes, in effect, the location to have two front yards (East and North) and one exterior side yard (West). Because of this there is no rear yard or interior side yard in which to locate the loading space, therefore strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance is not possible.

Under these circumstances the best and logical location for the loading space is on the West side of the building (an exterior side yard) and because of the necessity to locate the loading space on the West side a reduction in the side yard setback is needed which prevents a strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

There is a five (5) day hold period before work/action can be taken on variance approvals.

SIGN CASES ONLY:

Your signature on this application indicates that you agree to install a **Mock-Up Sign** ten (10) days before the scheduled ZBA meeting. Failure to install a mock-up sign may result in your case not being heard by the Board, postponed to the next scheduled ZBA meeting, or cancelled. A mock-up sign is **NOT** to be the actual sign. Upon approval, the mock-up sign must be removed within five (5) days of the meeting. If the case is denied, the applicant is responsible for all costs involved in the removal of the mock-up or actual sign (if erected under violation) within five (5) days of the meeting.

City of Novi Ordinance, Section 3107. - Miscellaneous

No order of the Board permitting the erection of a building shall be valid for a period longer than one (1) year, unless a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within such period and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

No order of the Boord permitting a use of a building or premises shall be valid for a period longer from one-number and eighty (180) days unless such use is established within such a period; provided, however, where such use permitted is dependent upon the erection or alteration of a building such order shall continue in force and effect if a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within one (1) year and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

The undersigned hereby appeals the determination of the Building Official / Inspector or Ordinance made

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

| | Construct new home/building | X | 71 = 0 = 1 = 1 = 1 = 1 = 1 = 1 = 1 = 1 = | to existing home/building |
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| | Accessory building | Use | | Signage Other |
| | C.E. form | _ | | 10/24/2014 |
| | Applicants Signature | | | Date |
| | Frederick & Tantel | lo, Ex | U.P. | October 22, 2014 |
| | Property Owners Signature | , , | | Date |
| | | DECISION ON | APPEAL | |
| | Granted | | | Denied |
| The Buildi | ing Inspector is hereby directed to issue a p | permit to the App | olicant upon | the following items and conditions: |
| _ | Chaire area 7-viv Devel of Asset | | <u> </u> | |
| | Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appe | CIIS | | Date |



December 18, 2014

City of Novi Community Development Department 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375 Attn: Tom Walsh

Re: ZBA Case No. PZ 14-0056 43741 West Oaks Drive

Dear Mr. Walsh,

Changes required by the potential tenants of this project have necessitated building footprint changes that will also require a revision to the previously requested front yard reduction. We are now requesting a reduction of the front yard from 100' to 69'. The requested reduction of the side yard will remain at 67' as will the request to locate the loading zone in the side yard.

The attached Site Plan Documents have been revised to reflect this change in the front yard reduction request.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Fosse, NCARB

Principal

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