

**Board of Zoning Adjustment**  
**Staff Report**  
 January 24, 2022



<b>Case No:</b>	21-VARIANCE-0166
<b>Project Name:</b>	Ash Street Variance
<b>Location:</b>	844 Ash Street
<b>Owner:</b>	Lauren Ingram & Aaron Nusz
<b>Applicant:</b>	Craig Barnes
<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Louisville Metro
<b>Council District:</b>	15 – Kevin Triplett
<b>Case Manager:</b>	Zach Schwager, Planner I

**REQUESTS:**

**Variations** from Land Development Code section 5.1.10.F to allow a structure to encroach into the required side yard setbacks.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Western Side Yard</b>	<b>2.5 ft.</b>	<b>0.5 ft.</b>	<b>2 ft.</b>
<b>Eastern Side Yard</b>	<b>2.5 ft.</b>	<b>0 ft.</b>	<b>2.5 ft.</b>

**CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND**

The subject property is zoned R-6 Residential Multi-Family and is in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District. It is on the south side of Ash Street in between S. Shelby Street and McHenry Street in the Schnitzelburg neighborhood. The site has a 1 ½ story single-family residence and the applicant is proposing to construct a second story addition on the rear of the existing second story portion.

The subject property is 25 feet in width. Land Development Code section 5.1.10.F allows for a lot less than 50 feet in width to have a side yard setback requirement of 10% of the width of the lot. The required side yard setback is therefore 2.5 ft.

**STAFF FINDINGS**

Staff finds that the requested variances meet standards (b), (c), and (d), but staff is concerned that the variance requests do not meet standard (a) because construction and maintenance of the addition may have an adverse impact on the adjoining property owners.

Based upon the information in the staff report, and the testimony and evidence provided at the public hearing, the Board of Zoning Adjustment must determine if the proposal meets the standards for granting variances established in the Land Development Code section 5.1.10.F to allow a principal structure to encroach into the required side yard setbacks.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW**

The applicant is required to obtain a building permit and the proposed addition or structure may require alterations to the proposed building plans in order to meet building code requirements.

**INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS**

No interested party comments have been received by staff.

**RELATED CASES**

No related cases.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCES FROM SECTION 5.1.10.F**

- (a) The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

STAFF: The requested variances will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare, because the proposed addition must be constructed to comply with all building codes, including fire codes; however, staff is concerned that the variances could adversely affect the adjacent property owners because construction and maintenance of the structure may require encroachment onto the adjacent properties.

- (b) The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

STAFF: The requested variances will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity as there are multiple other properties in the area with similar designs. The addition will also be setback the same distance from the property line as the existing structure.

- (c) The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.

STAFF: The requested variances will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public because the structure must be constructed to comply with all building codes.

- (d) The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.

STAFF: The requested variances will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations as the subject property is only 25 ft. in width and the addition will not encroach any further than the existing structure.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- 1. The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone.

STAFF: The requested variances do not arise from special circumstances which do generally apply to the land in the generally vicinity or the same zone as the lot is similar in size and shape to surrounding lots.

- 2. The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant as the subject property is only 25 ft. in width.

3. The circumstances are the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought.

STAFF: The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought as the applicant has not started construction and is requesting the variances.

### **VARIANCE PLAN REQUIREMENT**

In accordance with LDC Section 11.5B.1.C (Requirement to Follow Approved Plan), a variance shall be approved only on the basis of the plan approved by the Board and shall be valid only for the location and area shown on the approved plan. All construction and operations must be conducted in accordance with the approved plan and conditions attached to the variance.

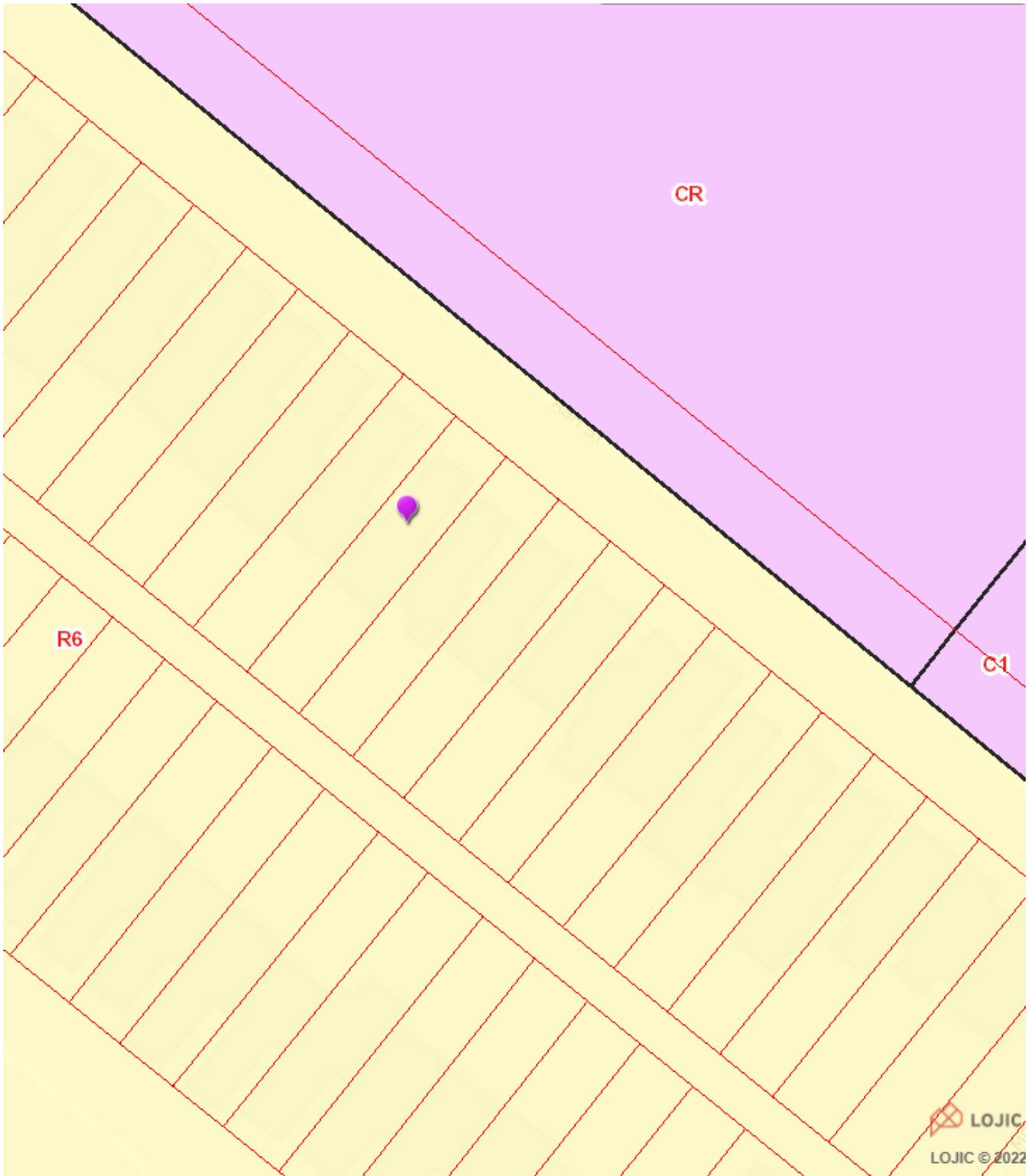
### **NOTIFICATION**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose of Notice</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
<b>1/6/2022</b>	Hearing before BOZA	1 <sup>st</sup> tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 15
<b>1/10/2022</b>	Hearing before BOZA	Notice posted on property

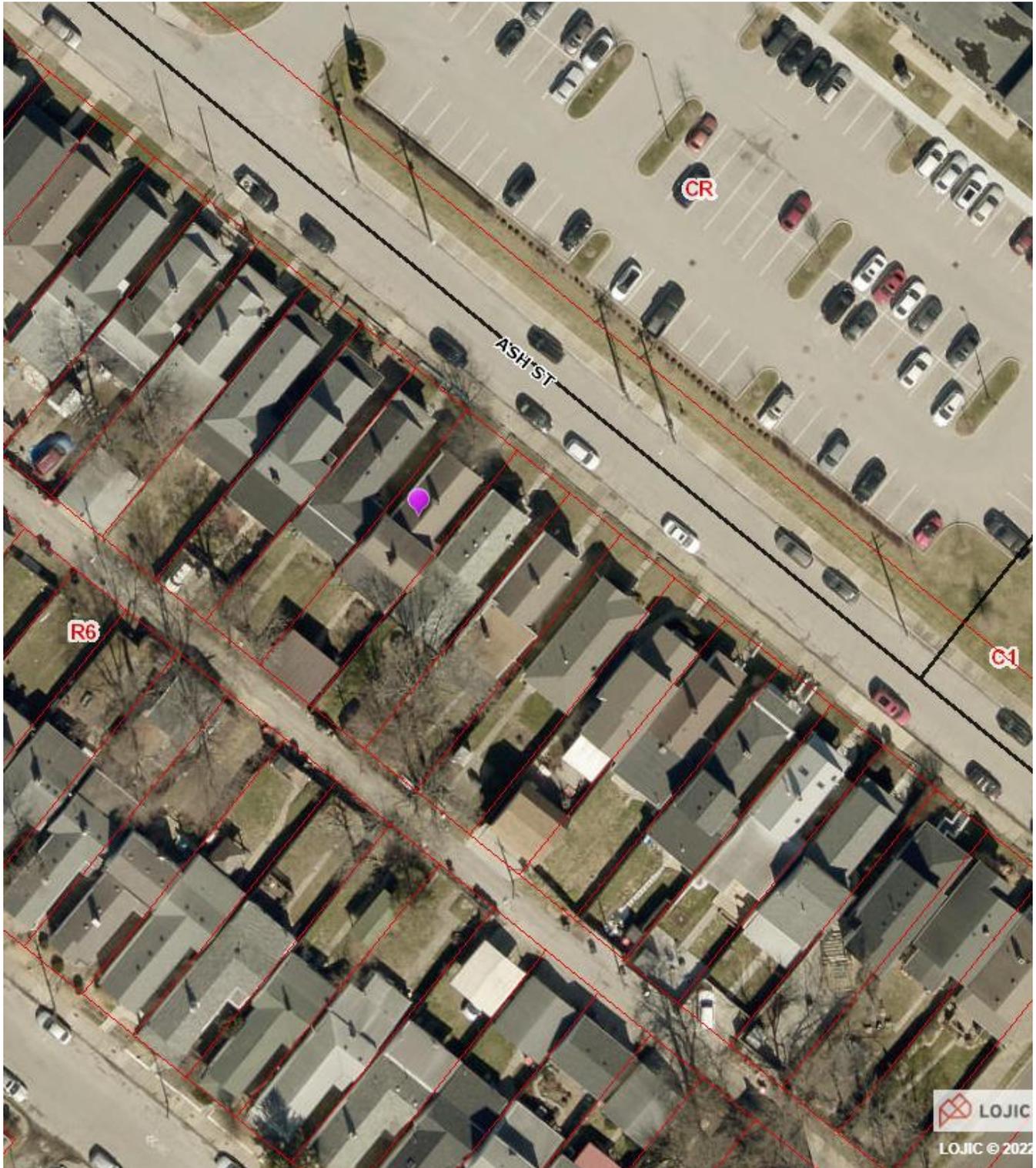
### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Site Plan
4. Site Photos

1. Zoning Map



2. Aerial Photograph



### 3. Site Plan



4. Site Photos



Front of subject property.



Variance area.