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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 | 5:30 P.M. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 196 LAUREL STREET (SIDE ENTRANCE)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2024 MINUTES
- III. CRITERIA
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS VARIANCE REQUESTS
 - A. Dennis J. Disabato Jr., agent for DD&G, LLC, property owner, requests a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), *Section 8.2.7-Entrance and Exit Curb Cuts & Article 9-Landscaping and Buffering*, for the property located at **1809** & **1817 Lonestar Street**. (PIN 383-02-03-0010)
- V. ADJOURN

CITY OF CONWAY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024 BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT 196 LAUREL STREET

Present: Sandra James, Lesley Hill, Donna Baxley, Blake Hendrick, Paul Lawson

Absent: Catherine Dingle, Jay Sellers

Staff: Kym Wilkerson, Zoning Administrator; Vicki Stone, Zoning Officer; Anne Bessant,

Planning Assistant; Charlie Crosby, IT

Others: Joe Brennand, Sasha Fianoula, Tim McGee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lawson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

James made a motion, seconded by Hill to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes as written. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Lawson swore in the applicants and staff.

III. CRITERIA

Lawson read the following four criteria required to be met in order for the Board to grant a variance:

<u>Extraordinary conditions</u>: There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;

<u>Other Property</u>: The extraordinary and exceptional conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;

<u>Utilization</u>: Because of the extraordinary or exceptional conditions, the application of the ordinance to a particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property;

<u>Detriment</u>: The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to the adjacent property or the public good and the character of the district will not be harmed by granting a variance.

IV. VARIANCE REQUESTS/PUBLIC INPUT

A. Joseph Brennand of Seaboard Signs, agent for The Theatre of the Republic, property

owner, requests a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), **Article 11-Signage**, for the property located at **331/335 Main Street**. (PIN 368-04-02-0085)

Wilkerson stated Seaboard Signs has applied for a "Sign Permit" to install two (2) EMC Sign Faces on the marquee at the Theatre of the Republic. The parcel is zoned **Central Business District (CBD)** and is located within the **Commercial Historic Design Review District (HDRD)**.

Per Section 11.4.9 - Electronic Message Centers (EMC's) / Light Emitting Diodes (L.E.D.) Signs with Digital /

Animated Display of the UDO:

- A. **Location and Number.** One (1) EMC / LED is permitted per parcel.
- B. **Size.** The size of the EMC / LED shall be no greater than the sign area allotted by the sign type, as provided
 - for in Section 11.4.
- D. **Zoning.** Electronic Message Centers (EMC's) or L.E.D. (Light Emitting Diode) signs with digital or animated displays are permitted as follows:
 - 2. **Theaters**. Theaters, including buildings or structures (i.e. auditorium) that is designed for, permitted, and is intended for such use, and which contains audience seating, one or more screens and/or stage, and a lobby, for the purpose of showing motion pictures, performing live music, live plays, or other performance art(s), that is located outside of an HDRD, shall be permitted one (1) EMC / L.E.D. sign with digital/animated display.
 - a. Theaters must be located on parcels that are zoned for such use.
 - b. Theaters shall not include any adult entertainment uses as outlined in Section 5.1.1.
 - c. **Historic Design Review Districts** (HDRD's). Theaters located on properties within a HDRD

shall be reviewed by the Community Appearance Board (CAB) for consideration of the installation of an EMC / L.E.D. digital/animated display.

Per **Section 11.4.1 – Wall Signs** of the UDO:

B. Size. Wall signs may be a maximum of 15% of the building face where the sign is attached.

The two (2) proposed EMC Wall Signs do not exceed the 15% maximum allowed for Wall Signs. Also, since this parcel is located within the **Commercial Historic Design Review District (HDRD)**, **Community Appearance Board (CAB)** approval is required prior to any permits being issued.

Variances requested:

Section 11.4.9 (A) - Electronic Message Centers (EMC's):

• A variance to allow two (2) EMC signs on one parcel.

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Staff recommends that the BZA conduct a thorough review of the request and determine if a legal hardship exists and if the best interests of the City of Conway would be served by granting the request.

Joseph Brennand of Seaboard Signs, agent for The Theatre of the Republic, property owner, was present and further explained the request.

There was no public input.

Lawson made a motion to grant the variance as requested. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

V. AJOURN

There	being no	further	business to	come b	efore th	e Board	l, a motio	n was r	made and	l seconde	d to a	djourn t	he
meetin	g. The vo	ote in fa	vor was un	animous	s. The n	notion ca	arried and	the me	eeting w	as adjour	ned at	5:37 p.	m.

Approved and signed this	day of	, 2024.
	Paul Lawso	on, Chairman

Variance: 1809/1817 Lonestar Street

DATE: July 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: IV.A

ISSUE:

Dennis J. Disabato Jr., agent for DD&G, LLC, property owner, requests a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 8.2.7-Entrance and Exit Curb Cuts & Article 9-Landscaping and Buffering, for the property located at **1809 & 1817 Lonestar Street**. (PIN 383-02-03-0010)

BACKGROUND:

The above addresses are zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) and are located in Commerce Plaza. The two parcels, 1809 and 1817 Lonestar Street, were combined via a platting action and recorded on 2.2.2024 in plat book 319-210. The property owner submitted Commercial Plans to add an additional building to the site. One side of the new building would be for another business to lease, and the other side would be for the property owner's business storage. Submittal of the Commercial Plans triggered requirements from the UDO. The plans were approved by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) on 5.31.2024 and a Zoning Compliance was signed on 6.3.2024

A building permit for the additional building has been applied for through the Building Department by Homewood Metal Works.

The property owner is seeking a variance to have a larger drive-cut than what is allowed per the UDO. Lonestar Street is a City Maintained ROW and Public Works does not have an issue with this variance request.

Per Section 8.2.7 – Entrance and Exit Curb Cuts:

All curb cuts on public streets shall meet the following requirements:

A. <u>Maximum</u>. A maximum of one (1) driveway per lot shall be permitted. Additional driveways may be permitted with the approval of the TRC and/or SCDOT. <u>Curb cuts shall not exceed forty (40) feet in width</u>.

Variance requested:

A variance of 20-ft to allow for a 60-ft curb cut vs the 40-ft maximum allowed by the UDO.

Variance: 1809/1817 Lonestar Street

The property owner is also seeking a variance on Landscape Requirements.

The property to the rear of this Heavy Industrial (HI) parcel is zoned R3 (High Density Residential).

Per Article 9 - Landscaping & Buffering:

The required landscaping type between HI and R3 is a **Type D Landscape Buffer**.

Table 9.1 Required							
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A Type D Landscape Buffer must be 25-ft in width and contain 4-Canopy Trees, 8-Understory Trees and 30-Tall Shrubs per 100 linear feet on center. Typically, Landscape Buffers are installed close to the property line; however, this parcel has a **40-ft Drainage Easement** running across the rear as well as a **10-ft Maintenance and Access Easement**. (*illustrated on the following plat*)

Variance requested:

• A variance to require no rear landscaping or in the alternative, a variance to reduce the Type D Landscape Buffer to a Type A Landscape Buffer.

A Type A Landscape Buffer must be 5-ft in width and contain 2-Understory Trees and 18-Tall Shrubs per 100 linear feet on center.

Variance: 1809/1817 Lonestar Street

The applicant cites the following reasons for which a variance should be granted:

**See attached application.

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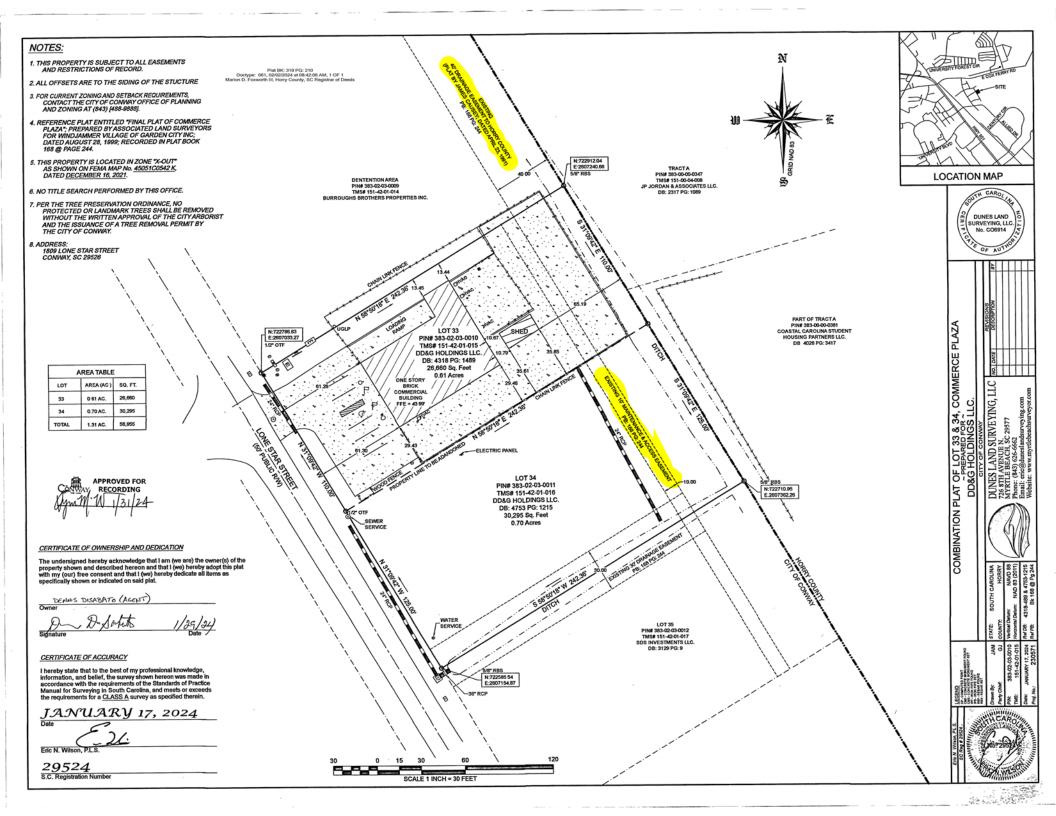
In *Section 14.2.1* of the *UDO*, the duties and powers of the Board of Zoning Appeals reflect *Section 6-29-800* of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

According to *Section 14.1035*, the Board of Zoning Appeals duties are "to hear and decide appeals for variances in specific cases when a strict application of the zoning ordinance would cause an unnecessary hardship, and approval of such variance would not be contrary to public interest or undermine the spirit of the zoning ordinance. The fact that property may be used more profitably if a variance is granted is not grounds for a variance. The Board may attach conditions to a variance that address location, character, or other features of a proposed building, structure, or use, in order to protect the established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare of the community. The Board may grant a variance for an unnecessary hardship if it makes and explains in writing all of the following findings.

- 1. **Extraordinary Conditions:** There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property.
- 2. <u>Other Property:</u> The extraordinary and exceptional conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity.
- 3. <u>Utilization:</u> Because of the extraordinary or exceptional conditions, the application of the ordinance to a particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property.
- 4. **<u>Detriment:</u>** The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by granting a variance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the BZA conduct a thorough review of the request and determine if a legal hardship exists and if the best interests of the City of Conway would be served by granting the request.





City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals VARIANCE/APPEAL REQUEST

Staff Use Only				
Received:				
BS&A #:				

City of Conway Planning Department
196 Laurel Street, 29526

Phone: (843) 488-9888 Conway, South Carolina planning@cityofconway.com www.cityofconway.com

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/ARIANCE REQUESTS: Please demonstrate how you satisfy the following CRITICONWAY Unified Development Ordinance).						
Please describe your p	roposal in detail:					
Please see attached Exhibit						
This proposal does not conform to the Unified Dev	elopment Ordinance in the following way:					
UDO Section and Requirement:	Proposed Instead:					
2.						

Exhibit A

1. The Applicant requests a variance of the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 8.2.7 Entrance and Exit Curb Cuts. The Applicant requests that the entrance to the site be extended to sixty (60) feet in width to accommodate large trailer and/or box truck access from Lonestar Street. There may be a necessity for these types of vehicles to back into the property, which would be impossible at the maximum forty (40) foot width proscribed by the UDO.

Propose UDO Section 8.2.7 be removed and Applicant be allowed to add a Sixty (60) foot wide entrance to the property while leaving all other criteria in Section 8.2.7 in tact.

2. The Applicant requests that no rear landscape buffer be required pursuant to UDO Section 9.2.1. There exists and opaque buffer of vegetation that is currently situated between the Applicants property and the residential neighborhood to the rear of the property. Requiring a Type D Landscape Buffer would cost the Applicant roughly one quarter of the entire value of the lot. Additionally, adjacent commercial and industrial properties located in the industrial complex do not have such onerous landscape buffers between themselves and the adjacent residential neighborhood. In the alternative, if a landscape buffer will be required, the Applicant asks that the density be reduced to a Type A buffer, due to the existing vegetation currently separating the property from the residential neighborhood.

Propose UDO Section 9.2.1 be removed, or in the alternative, be reduced to a Type A Landscape Buffer.



City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals VARIANCE/APPEAL REQUEST

Staff Use Only	
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Please see attacked Exhibit 3.
Are the conditions described above particular to your piece of property? Explain.
3. Would the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance prohibit or unreasonably restrict the use of your property? Explain.
4. Will the granting of the variance harm adjacent property, the character of the area or the public good? Explain:
and; "Is the variance request initiated because of hardship and not to increase the profitability of the property?"
Application Requirements:
A completed BZA application including required signatures (incomplete applications will not be accepted) A Silvery for a of these leaves of signatures (\$0.50.00).
 A filing fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) A digital site plan illustrating property lines, existing structures, proposed structures and any other relevant site information. (may be emailed to planning@cityofconway.com)
I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is complete and accurate and that I am the owner of the subject property or the authorized representative of the owner. I authorize the subject property to be inspected, and that all required material will be submitted to the City of Conway Planning Department no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date. Board of Zoning Appeals meets the 4th Thursday of each month (except November) at 5:30PM at the Planning & Building Dept., 196 Laurel Street. (unless otherwise posted). I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary approvals from other city departments.
I also acknowledge that once my property is posted, the signs can only be removed by an agent of the City of Conway are to remain in place until retrieved.
A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST HEARD. Applicant's Signature: Date: 4/34/34
Print name legibly: DEHNIS DISABATE SR.

Exhibit B

1. Describe the extraordinary conditions pertaining to your particular piece of Property:

The Applicant has owned the property located at 1809 Lonestar Street for over twenty (20) years and has simply acquired the adjacent parcel located at 1817 Lonestar in an effort to combine the two parcels and add a metal frame building to be utilized as a trade shop to be leased to a vendor of the applicant and for additional personal storage. The property was being utilized as a heavy industrial commercial property for the duration of the time it has been owned. The residential neighborhood had only recently been established behind the two lots, and serves as rental properties for predominantly student housing.

Nothing in this Variance Application would change the character or nature of the surrounding properties not would the requests cause harm to the residential neighborhood located tot eh rear of the Applicant's property.

2. Are the conditions described above particular to your piece of property? Explain:

Yes, as stated this property is in a commercially zoned district and existed prior to the residential student housing that was developed to the rear of the Atlantic Center.

3. Would the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance prohibit or unreasonably restrict the use of your property? Explain:

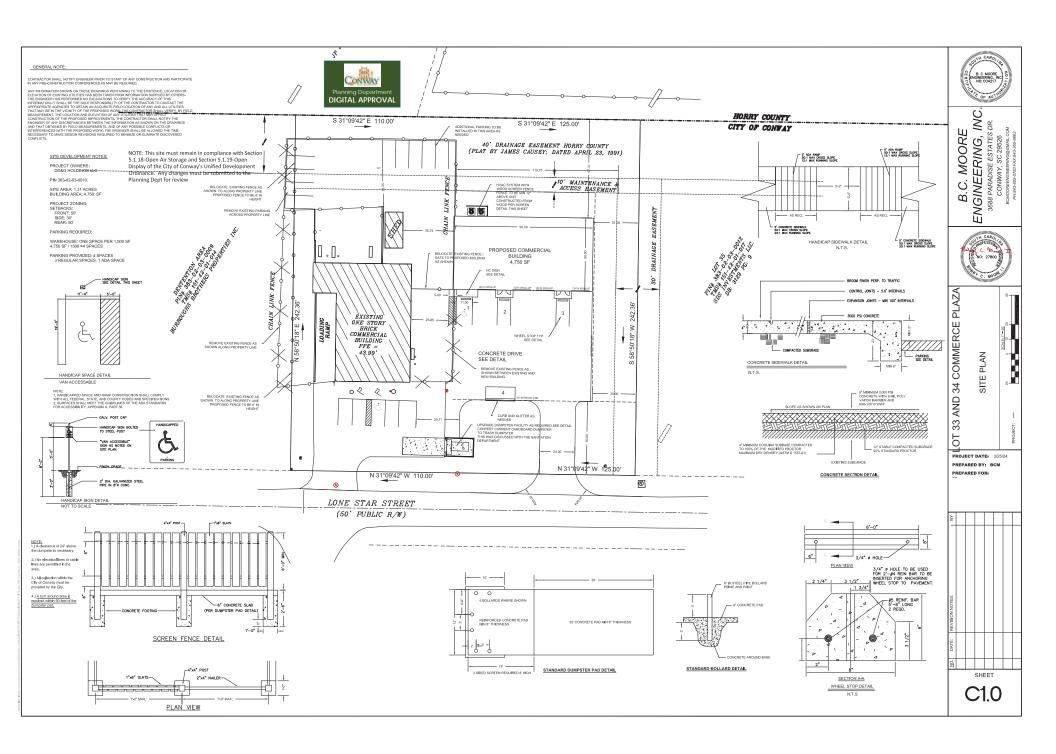
Yes, strict application of UDO 8.2.7 would restrict reasonable access to the property for the types of vehicles that would need to enter the property.

Additionally, the landscape buffer requirements in UDO 9.2.1 are excessive for this type of property and not strictly necessary to preserve the residential nature of the adjacent property to the rear due to the fact that there already exists and opaque vegetation buffer between the two parcels.

4. Will the granting of the variance harm the adjacent property, the character of the area or the public good? Explain:

No, please se the response to questions number four above.

The variance request is initiated as a result of the hardship to the Applicant and not to increase property value.



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CYPRESS HARDWOOD MULCH 3" IN ALL BEDS

LANDSCAPE BUFFER:

FRONT: 8' REAR: 25' SIDES: 5'

LANDSCAPE NOTES:

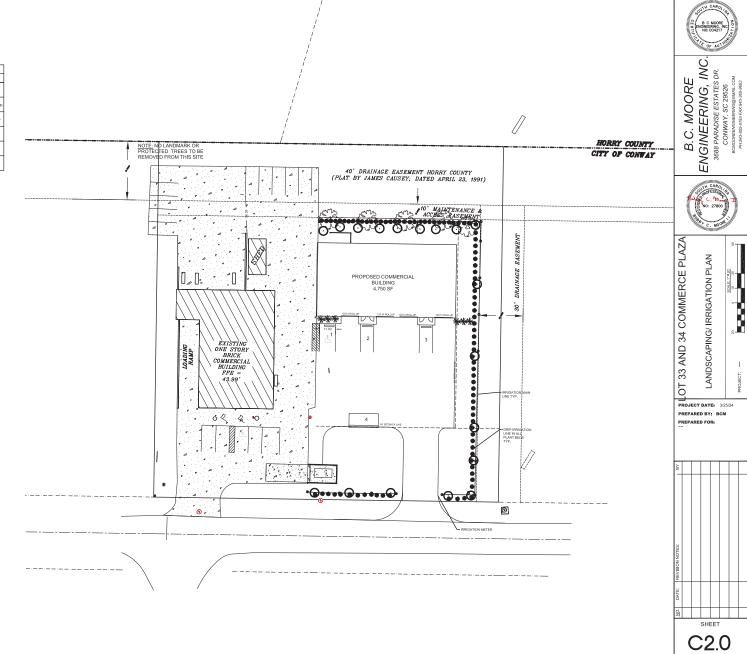
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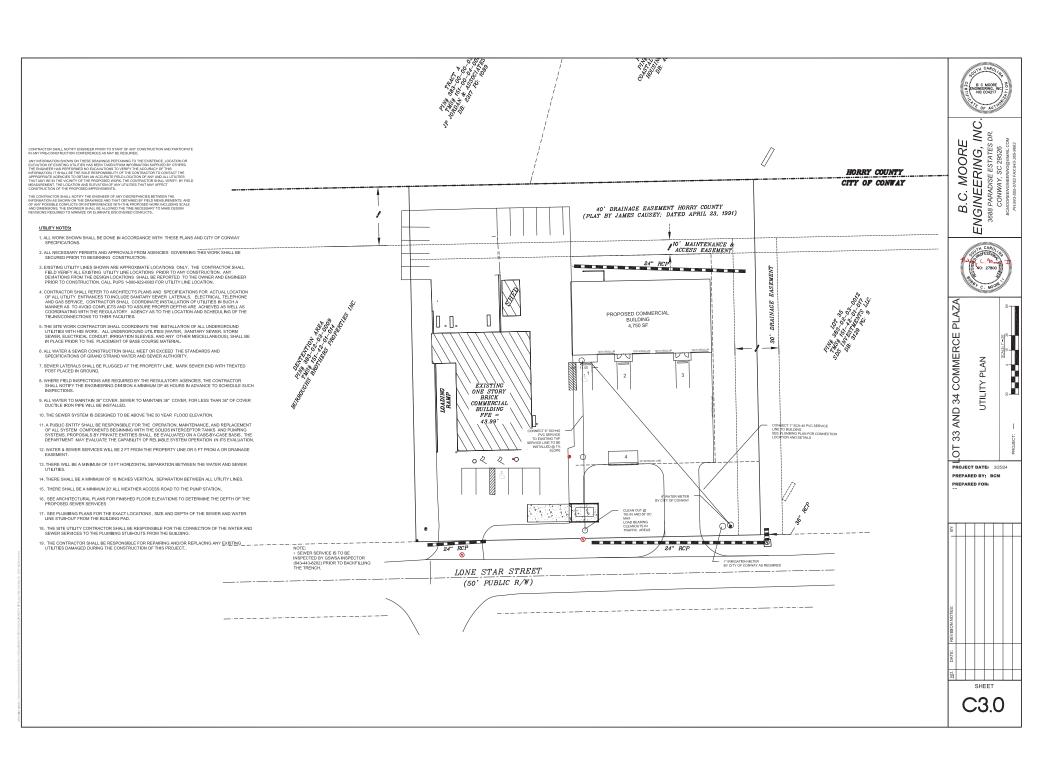
LANDSCAPING IS TO BE PROVIDED AS SHOWN PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF BUILDINGS.

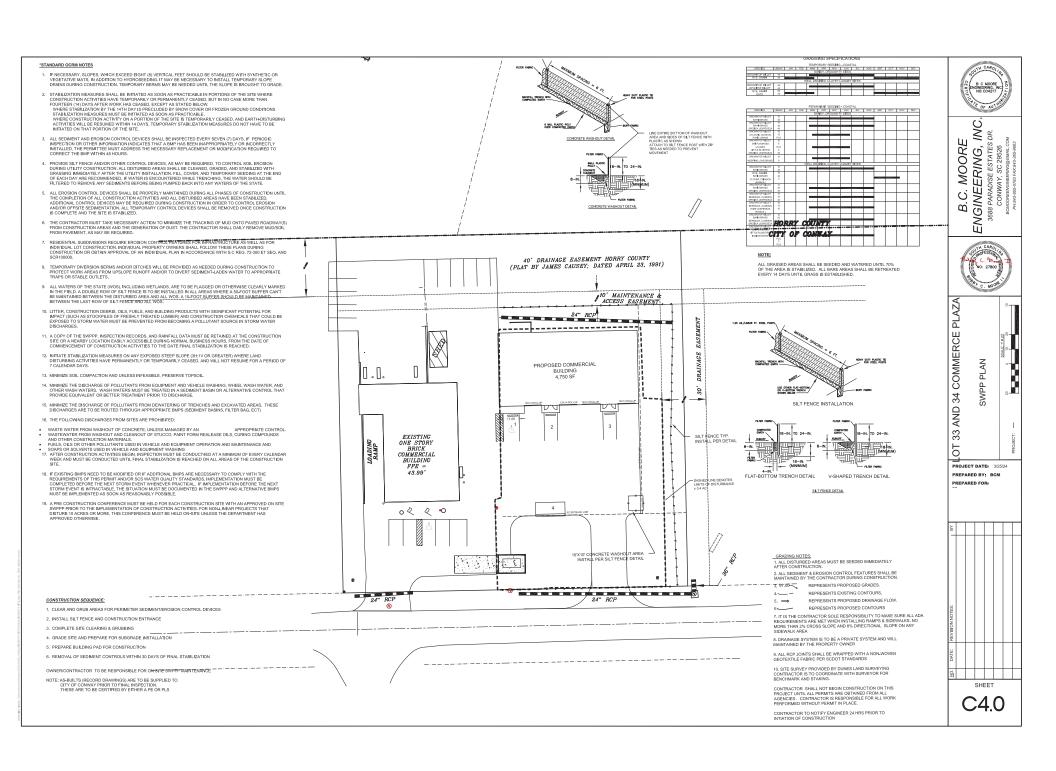
THIS LANDSCAPE PLAN HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE OWNER/RESPONSIBLE AGENT WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT ANY CHANGES, SUBSTITUTIONS, OR DELETIONS WILL REQUIRE REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY OF CONWAY.

3 INCHES OF MULCH SHALL BE APPLIED OVER ALL PLANT BEDS.

NO LANDMARK OR PROTECTED TREES ARE TO BE REMOVED







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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE

DATE OF APPLICATION: May 31, 2024 | PIN: 383-02-03-0010 ADDRESS OF WORK PROPOSED: 1809 & 1817 Lonestar Street (P23-0353)

ZONING DISTRICT:

Heavy Industrial (HI)

FRONT SETBACK:

50-ft

SIDE SETBACK:

30-ft

REAR SETBACK:

50-ft

PROPOSED:

DD&G Holdings Tradeshop Building

The use of the building(s) and/or land as shown above conforms to the requirements of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). This is subject to the following conditions, restrictions, and limitations:

- All conditions specified in the TRC comments and/or approval letter must be met. If there are any changes
 other than what was approved by TRC, the applicant is responsible for ensuring such changes are reviewed
 and approved prior to a CO being issued.
- 2. All landscaping & parking must be installed and inspected prior to a CO being issued.
- 3. All landscape planting areas shall always contain the ground cover as required by the approved landscape plan. All landscape planting areas on all properties shall be kept free of weeds, debris or refuse, shall maintain a three (3) inch layer of mulch, and shall present a neat and orderly appearance at all times.
- 4. Any changes to landscaping and/or parking must be reviewed by the Planning Dept.
- 5. Irrigation Plan must be implemented & in working order prior to the CO being issued.
- Per Section 10.3.8 Lots and Building Sites, of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), building
 area(s) shall lie at or be elevated to at least two (2) feet above the 100-year flood elevation as provided for
 in the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Title 5, Chapter 2 of the City of Conway Code of Ordinances).
- 7. Encroachments on to adjacent parcel must be removed prior to a CO being issued.
- 8. Single Dumpster Facility must be inspected and approved by Sanitation prior to a CO being issued.
- 9. ALL SIGNAGE MUST BE REVIEWED AND PERMITTED SEPARATELY.

I hereby make application for a Zoning Compliance Certificate for this property to be used as shown above. All statements are true and have been verified by me. I understand that it is my responsibility to verify all existing easements on site and accurately depict those easements on the site plan. By submitting a site plan drawn to scale but not prepared by a surveyor, I accept that is my responsibility, and not that of the City of Conway, to verify and accurately depict all existing structures and easements on the site.

Owner/Applicant: N

Date 6/3/24

This Certificate is subject to cancellation if any misrepresentations have been made or if any changes are made which violate any provisions of the UDO. This Certificate is based on the above application.

Zoning Administrator

Date 5.31.2024











<u>CITY OF CONWAY</u> **2024 Board of Zoning Appeals - 5:30 pm**

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