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#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023 | 5:30 P.M. BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT 196 LAUREL STREET *(SIDE ENTRANCE)*

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 22, 2023 MINUTES

#### III. CRITERIA

#### IV. VARIANCE REQUESTS

- A. Previously Deferred.....David Schwerd with Diamond Shores, agent for 600 Main Street LLC, requests a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Article 6-Design Standards and Article 9-Landscaping & Buffer Requirements, for the property located at 600 Main Street. (PIN 338-13-03-0005)
- B. Keith Skinner, owner, request a variance from the strict application of the *City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO), Article 6-Design Standards and Section 5.2 Accessory Uses & Structures, for the property located at 1003 & 1005 Creel Street. (PIN 369-05-02-0005 and 0006)
- C. Johnathan Hayden, owner, request a variance from the strict application of the *City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO), Section 5.2.3-Fences & Walls, for the property located at **1016 Oglethorpe Drive.** (PIN 336-05-01-0035)
- D. Lawrence Williams, agent for Faith Temple COGIC, request a variance from the strict application of the *City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO), Article 11-Signage, for the property located at 1520 Grainger Road. (PIN 368-01-02-0027)
- E. Todd Grinolds with Diamond Shores, agent for MR Investment Group LLC, requests a variance from the strict application of the *City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO), Article 9-Landscaping & Buffer Requirements and Section 6.3.6-Core Commercial District, for the property located at **1312 Second Avenue.** (PIN 368-04-03-0021)

#### V. ADJOURN

#### CITY OF CONWAY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT 196 LAUREL STREET

Present:	Blake Hendrick, Charles Byrd, Lesley Hill, Jay Sellers
Absent:	Paul Lawson, Sandra James, Catherine Dingle
Staff:	Kym Wilkerson, Zoning Administrator; Vicki Stone, Zoning Officer; Anne Bessant, Planning Assistant; Marcus Cohen, IT
Others:	Jamie Steele, Pablo Batista, Scott Shelby, Tara Little Broughman, Axelrod, Miriam Little, Randy Broughman, David Nye, Jr. Truett

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hill made a motion, seconded by Hendrick to approve the May 25, 2023 minutes as written. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Byrd swore in the applicants and staff.

#### III. CRITERIA

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

*Extraordinary conditions*: There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;

*Other Property*: The extraordinary and exceptional conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;

*Utilization*: 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;

*Detriment*: 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

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Wilkerson stated that the property owner, 600 Main Street, is proposing to renovate the building that was previously Barkers Service Center and reopen it as a convenience store. The parcel is zoned Neighborhood Commercial and is located within the Main Street Corridor Historic Design Review District (HDRD). The zoning district, NC, allows for convenience stores as a permitted use. The exterior renovations for the building and gas canopy were approved by the Community Appearance Board (CAB). CAB must also approve the signage, lighting and landscaping once presented to that board.

Based on Article 12 of the UDO, this site is non-conforming with regard to landscape requirements. Per Section 9.3.4 of the UDO, landscape requirements for the interior of parking areas consist of the following:

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- Each end of each row of parking spaces require a landscape island unless the end of such row of parking spaces is adjacent to a perimeter landscape screen or border as required in Section 9.2.3 (9.3.4, D).
- The minimum width of a landscape island/peninsula is the same as a parking space 9' x 19' and shall contain a minimum of one (1) canopy tree and five (5) shrubs (9.3.4, E).
- Parking spaces adjacent to a landscape island shall have a 2-ft distance between the parking space and curb/gutter (9.3.4, F).

Section 6.6.2-Mechanical Equipment, Dumpster, Recycling and Trash Handling states the following with regard to the dumpster location:

• Trash handling facilities shall be in the rear or side yards. No such facilities shall be located in any yard adjacent to a public street.

This parcel is on a corner lot and therefore has double frontage. The applicant proposes installing the dumpster pad and screening along Sixth Avenue which would be the corner front.

The applicant is requesting a variance from:

- Section 9.3.4 Landscaping Requirements for the Interior of Parking Areas to prevent the property owner from having to tear up existing asphalt and to allow for adequate traffic flow.
- Section 6.6.2 Mechanical Equipment, Dumpster, Recycling and Trash Handling to allow the dumpster pad and screening in the corner front yard since a large portion of the site perimeter is street front which does not allow enough space to put the dumpster in the rear.

The applicant cites the following reasons for which a variance should be granted: 1) This is an existing gas station which limits the amount of available space for landscaping and potential places to install dumpsters. 2) The conditions above are particular to this piece of property as most parcels do not have an existing gas station on them. 3) The strict application of the zoning ordinance would

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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.

Blake Hendick recused himself from this agenda item.

Jamie Steele, Diamond Shores was present to answer any questions.

Jr. Truett, Axelrod, Tara Little Broughman, Scott Shelley, David Nye & Randy Broughman spoke in opposition of the variance request during public input.

After much discussion, Sellers made a motion to table the variance request in order to give the applicant additional time to provide a more detailed landscaping plan. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### V. AJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Approved and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Paul Lawson, Chairman

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#### **CITY OF CONWAY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) & ANALYSIS**

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#### **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

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City of Conway Planning Department 196 Lourel Street, 29526

Phone: (843) 488-9888 Conway, South Carolina

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Property Address: 600 Main Street	erty Address: 600 Main Street Meeting date: 6/22/23		Pin #: 33813030005	
Property Owner: 600 Main Street LLC		time pho	ne:	
Agent: David Schwerd		Daytime phone: 843-488-2900		
Agent's mailing address: 315 Main Street				
City: Conway		e:SC	Zip C o d e: 29526	
Agent's e-mail address: David@DiamondS	hores.net			
Zoning District: Neighborhood Commercial	which is an other we	ALL FL	A TINK BULLET	

## Requested Action:

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# VARIANCE REQUESTS:

Please demonstrate how you satisfy the following **CRITERIA FOR VARIANCE** (see §14.2.1 of the Conway Unified Development Ordinance).

### Please describe your proposal in detail:

We are requesting variance to have the dumpster in the corner front yard as a large portion of the site perimeter is street front, not allowing enough space to put the dumpster in the rear. This project also needs a variance for relief from vehicular use landscaping as it would require the property owner to tear up existing asphalt and prevent adequate traffic flow.

UDO Section and Requirement:	d Development Ordinance in the following way: Proposed Instead:
1. Section 9.3.4	Perimeter landscaping in lieu of landscape islands
2. Section 9.4.2	Dumpster to be located in corner front yard
3.	Part and an contor none yard
4.	

Application Requirements:

Completed BZA application

A filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

A completed application including required signatures. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

A digital site plan drawn illustrating all property lines, existing structures, proposed structures and any other relevant site information can be emailed to planning@cityofconway.com



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2. Are the conditions described above particular to your piece of property? Explain. The conditions above are particular to this piece of property as most parcels do not have an existing gas station on them.

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

Yes, the strict application of the zoning ordinance would unreasonably restrict the use of this property and even potentially prohibit its use all together. The existing pavement precludes being able to install

landscape islands and limits the space available to put a dumpster, hence this variance application.

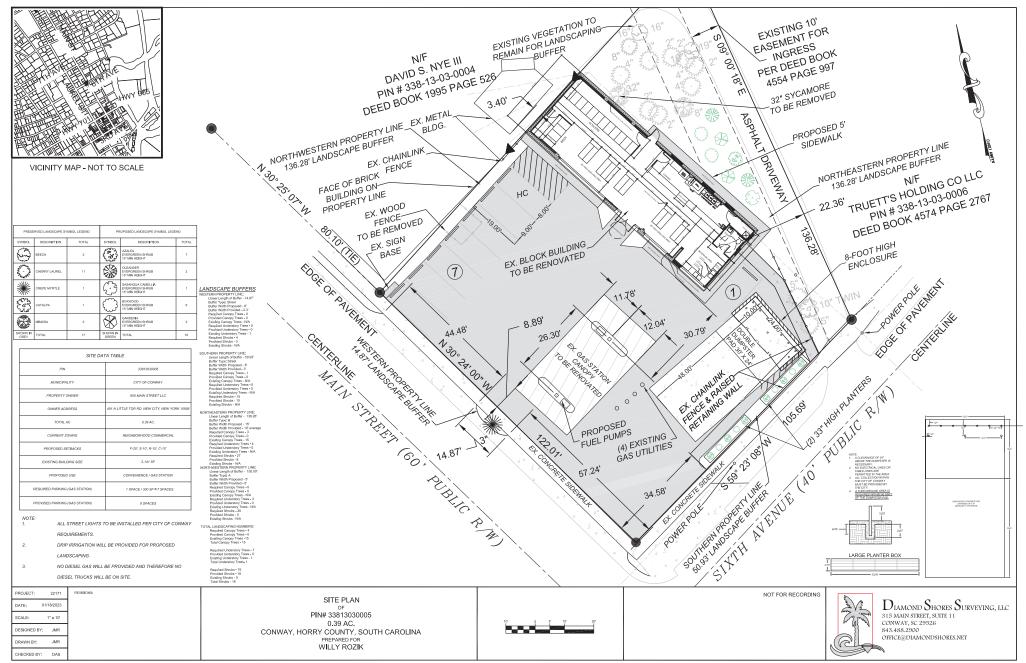
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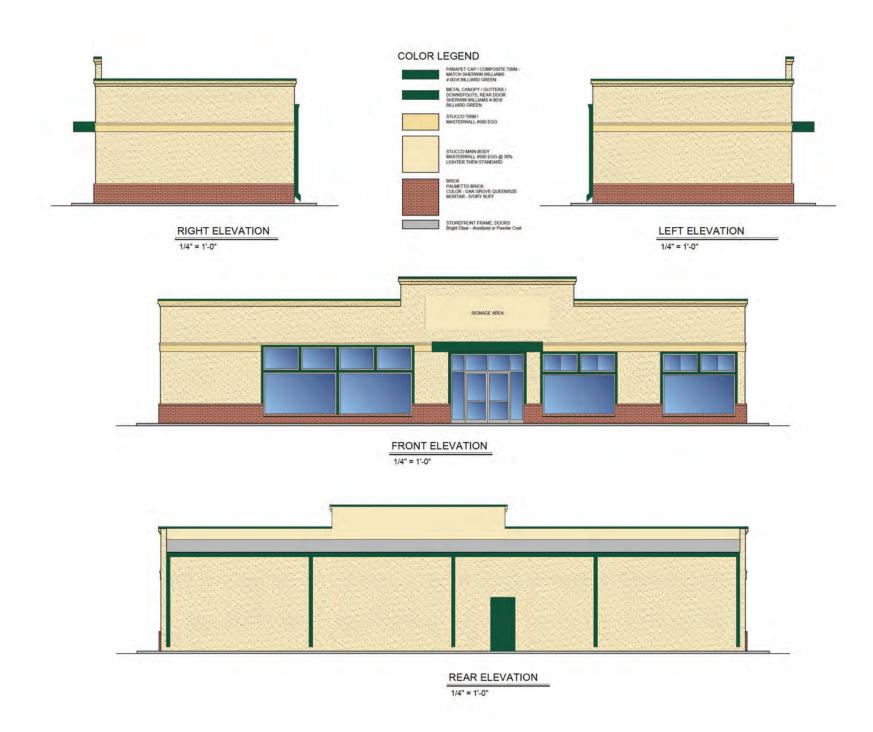
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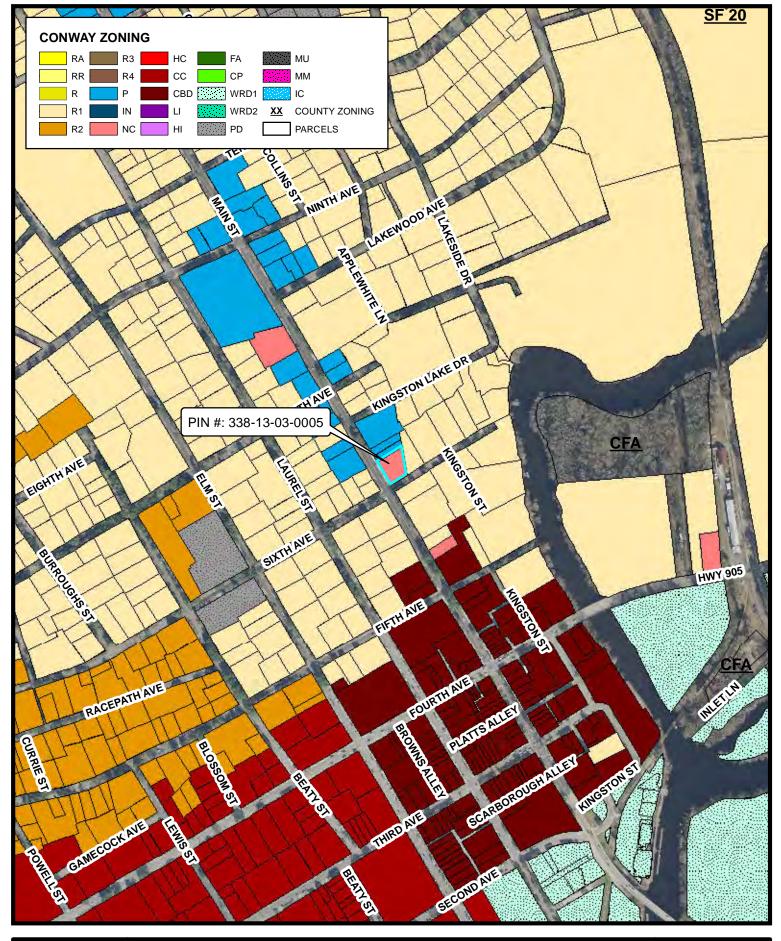
and; "Is the variance request initiated because of hardship and <u>not</u> to increase the profitability of the property?"

This variance is initated because of hardship and not to increase the profitability of the property.

I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is property or the authorized representative of the owner. I authorize the subject submitted to the City of Conway Planning Department no later than thirty (30) of 4th Thursdoy of each month (except November) at 5:30PM of the Planning & E I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary approvals from A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO HAV	t property to be inspected, and that all required material will be <u>lays</u> prior to the meeting date. Board of Zoning Appeals meets the Building Dept., 196 Laurel Street. (unless otherwise posted). other city departments.
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600 MAIN ST (P23-0160)





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## DATE: July 27, 2023 AGENDA ITEM: IV.B

#### ISSUE:

Keith Skinner, owner, request a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Article 6-Design Standards and Section 5.2 – Accessory Uses & Structures, for the property located at 1003 & 1005 Creel Street. (PIN 369-05-02-0005 and 0006)

#### BACKGROUND:

Mr. Skinner owns the residential home at 1005 Creel Street as well as the vacant parcel at 1003 Creel Street. In September of 2022, staff was made aware of a structure that was built behind the residential home without a permit. This structure does not meet the requirements for a Residential Accessory Structure per Section 5.2.1 of the UDO. The size of a residential accessory structure shall not exceed 50% of the primary structure on the same lot. Based on the minor plat that Mr. Skinner submitted for review, the unpermitted accessory structure is approximately 2,400 sq ft and the primary structure (house) is 1,300 sq ft.

Upon notification via email of this violation, Mr. Skinner requested a meeting with staff. At the January 5, 2023 meeting, Mr. Skinner made staff aware of his proposal for a commercial project on the vacant parcel at 1003 Creel Street. In this meeting, he also explained that he planned to add the unpermitted accessory structure to the commercial parcel via a platting action. This unpermitted accessory structure would be a "childcare covered shelter" for use in conjunction with the daycare.

Mr. Skinner has submitted a commercial sketch plan for review by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) as well as a minor plat adding the unpermitted accessory structure to the vacant parcel for future commercial use.

Staff explained to Mr. Skinner that variances would be required since the accessory structure would not meet setbacks from the new property line and per Section 5.2.1 of the UDO, non-residential accessory structures may be located in the rear and side yards only. Also, the "Childcare Covered Shelter" can only be permitted as an accessory to a principle use. Based on the commercial sketch plan submitted, the "Childcare Covered Shelter" is forward of the "Proposed Childcare Annex Building" and is therefore in the front yard. Furthermore, the accessory structure would not have a principle structure until the project is completed.

Both parcels are zoned Professional (P). Professional has the same setbacks for residential and commercial. Setbacks are 20-ft Front, 15-ft Rear and 10-ft Sides.

Based on the review of the minor plat and the commercial sketch plan, Mr. Skinner is requesting the following variances:

- **Table 6.2** A variance of 6.2-ft from the side setback of 10-ft for the unpermitted accessory structure on the commercial parcel.
- **Table 6.1** A variance of 11.2-ft from the rear setback of 15-ft for the existing accessory structures on Parcel B shown on the minor plat.
- Section 5.2.1 A variance to allow the "Childcare Covered Shelter" to be located in the Front Yard.
- Section 5.2.1 A variance to allow an accessory structure to be located on a parcel without a principle structure.

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

- The gazebo was built on the property and it does not meet the UDO requirements because of its size. The area will be an addition to the new phase of the up and coming YNCDC II in the near future.
- 2. The conditions describe above are particular to my piece of property.
- 3. The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would not prohibit or unreasonable restrict the use of my property.
- 4. Granting the variance would not harm adjacent property since both properties are owned by the same entity.
- 5. The hardship is that the structure was built without proper permit and is not in regulation with the dwelling on the current plot. The structure will be a part of the new daycare for inclement weather usage and outdoor activities.

#### **CITY OF CONWAY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) & ANALYSIS**

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#### **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. Staff also recommends that should the variance requests be granted; the following conditions be placed on the board order:

- A deadline be established for the project's completion of the childcare facility in order for the accessory structure aka "Childcare Covered Shelter" to remain without a principal structure, to include a stipulation that allows the applicant to request additional time for unforeseen issues;
- A requirement that all necessary building permits, inspections and fees for the "Childcare Covered Shelter" be brought into compliance within 30-days of this meeting date; and
- That the "Childcare Covered Shelter" be used as an accessory structure in conjunction with the childcare center only. Any other activity/use for the "Childcare Covered Shelter" must obtain all necessary approvals prior to such use or activity taking place, including, but not limited to: any use that is not directly related to the childcare facility and/or which may require a Special Event Permit, in accordance with Sec. 3-1-36 Special Event Permit, of the City of Conway's Code of Ordinances.



# City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals

VARIANCE/ APPEAL REQUEST

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Property Address: 1003 Creel ST	Meeting	date:22 June 23 Pir	#:36905020006	
Property Owner: YNCDC LLC		Daytime phone:843-647-8913		
Agent: Keith O Skinner		Daytime phone	Daytime phone:843-248-0560	
Agent's mailing address: 1100 Creel St				
City:Conway		State:SC	Zip Code: 29527	
Agent's e-mail address:kskin6@hotmail.co	m			
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#### Please describe your proposal in detail:

Variance request for the property list to meet the required off set stated in the UDO

This proposal does not conform to the Unified Development Ordinance in the following way:		
Proposed Instead:		
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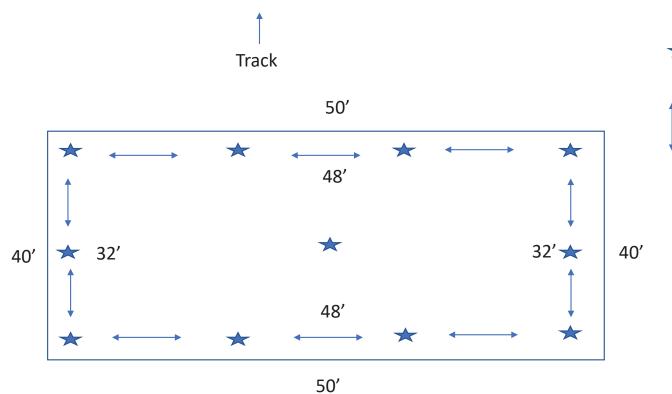
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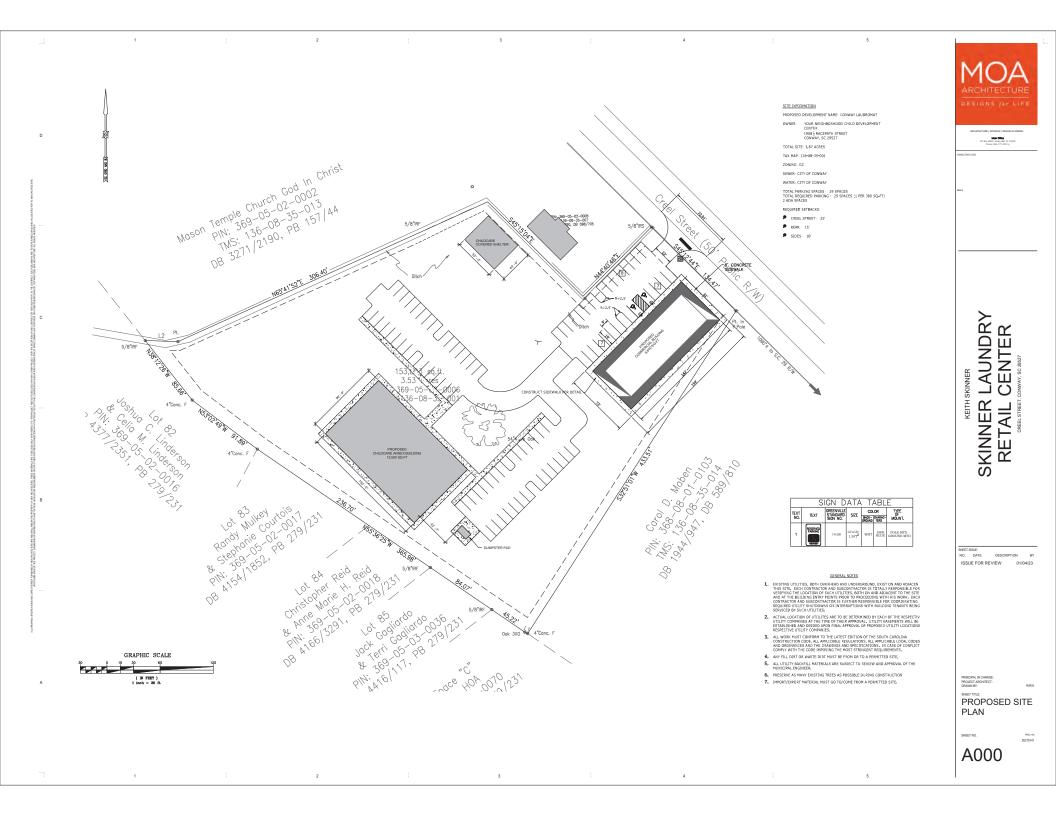


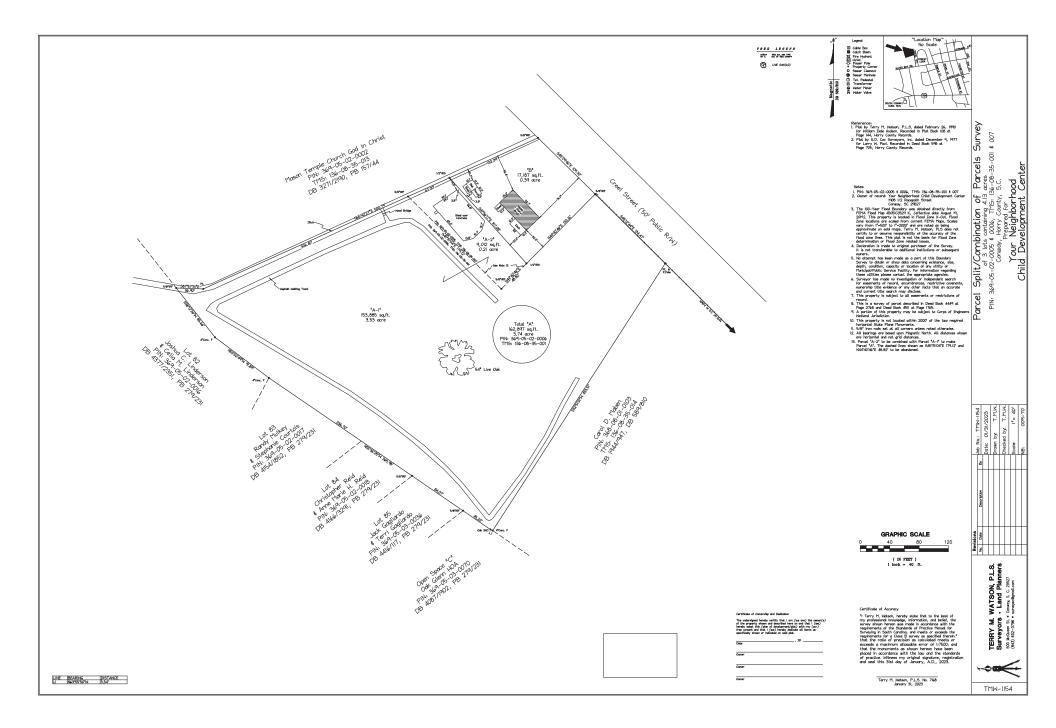
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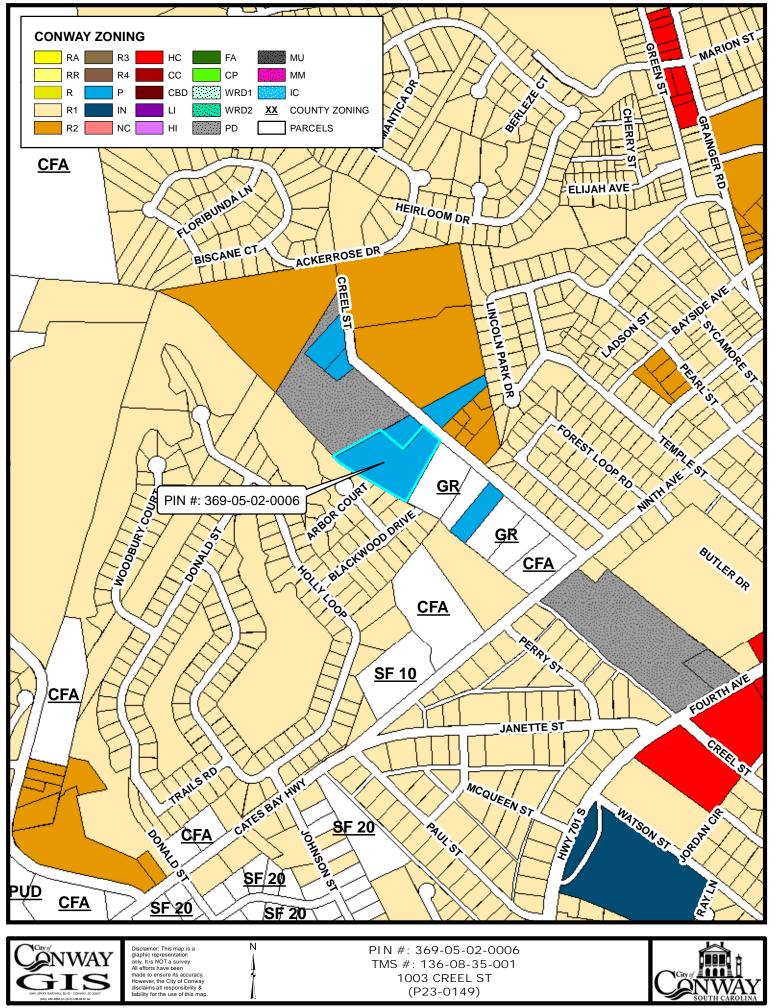


# House

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Reason for Denial: Mr. Skinner – after looking at the illustration titled "Gazebo", this permit will not be approved by Planning.	^
Per the City of Conway's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), a residential accessory structure can not be larger than 50% of the primary structure.	
See #5 of Section 5.2.1-Accessory Structures in the application that you attached.	
The Horry County Land Records site has the primary structure as being 950 sqft so the gazebo can not be larger than 475 sqft.	
The illustration shows it as 2,000 sqft.	
The structure must be reduced in size.	
Any structure 400 square feet or larger must be engineered.	
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PIN #: 369-05-02-0006 TMS #: 136-08-35-001 1003 CREEL ST (P23-0149)



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#### ISSUE:

Johnathan Hayden, owner, request a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 5.2.3-Fences & Walls, for the property located at 1016 Oglethorpe Drive. (PIN 336-05-01-0035)

#### BACKGROUND:

Mr. Hayden has applied for a fence permit at 1016 Oglethorpe Drive. He proposes to install a 6-ft white vinyl fence to the rear of his home. After reviewing the submittal, staff had to deny the request based on Section 5.2.3-Fences & Walls of the UDO since the parcel has double frontage.

The parcel is Lot 57 of the Forest Glen Phase 1 subdivision and is located between Oglethorpe Drive and Public Alley 2. The subdivision is zoned PD (Planned District). Prior to submitting for the fence permit, Mr. Hayden received HOA approval.

Based on the City of Conway's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 5.2.3-Fences & Walls, front yards shall have a fence height maximum of 4-ft. The UDO would allow for a 6-ft fence provided a mandatory 10-ft setback is met from the property line.

Mr. Hayden is requesting the following variance:

• Section 5.2.3-Fences & Walls: A variance to allow a 6-ft fence instead of a 4-ft fence on the property line adjacent the public alley, to the rear of the home.

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

- 1. The extraordinary conditions pertaining to the piece of property is double front yard.
- 2. The double front yard is not a normal condition and is particular to this piece of property.
- 3. The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would unreasonable restrict the use of the property since a 4-ft fence will not hold the neighbor's dogs in and the dogs will potentially hurt our dog.
- 4. Granting the variance will not harm adjacent property. The HOA is aware and has completely approved the fence.
- 5. The variance request is a hardship. We are not worried about property values as far as the fence is concerned.

#### **CITY OF CONWAY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) & ANALYSIS**

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#### **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**

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Agent: TRAVIS OCEANSIDE FEACE		Daytime phone: 330 242.6611		
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## **VARIANCE REQUESTS:**

Please demonstrate how you satisfy the following CRITERIA FOR VARIANCE (see §14.2.1 of the Conway Unified Development Ordinance).

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I want a	6ft fence.	ORDINANCE	5,215 WOX	tallow It

This proposal does not conform to the Unified D	evelopment Ordinance in the following way:
UDO Section and Requirement:	Proposed Instead:
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2. Front Yard - 4ft / Corner Front Yard - 6ft (provided it	FRONT WARD "BACK-YARD"
<ol><li>meets a 10-ft setback from the property line)</li></ol>	
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#### **Application Requirements:**

Completed BZA application

A filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

A completed application including required signatures. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

A digital site plan drawn illustrating all property lines, existing structures, proposed structures and any other relevant site information can be emailed to planning@cityofconway.com



# City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals VARIANCE/ APPEAL REQUEST

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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 <u>thirty (30) days</u> 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.

A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST HEARD. Date: June 02 2003 Applicant's Signature: Print name legibly:

# FOREST GLEN

# Architectural Review/HOA Approval - Home Exterior Changes (Interior Lot)

Applicant Johnathan Hayden Lot # (Homeowner signature required below) Please Print
Address 1016 Oblethorpe Drive ConWay, SC 29527 Lot 57
<u>Home Exterior Changes</u> – All exterior changes including, but not limited to, fencing, small storage buildings, garages, screened rear porches, inground pools, driveway extensions, and roof replacements, etc., must be aesthetically tasteful and must be approved by the Architectural Review Board/Home Owners Association (HOA) and the City of Conway prior to construction and/or installation. Please check below the change you intend to make:
<ul> <li>Fencing</li> <li>Storage Building (See note below)</li> <li>Screened Rear Porch</li> <li>Inground Swimming Pool</li> <li>Pool Building</li> <li>C) Pool Building</li> <li>C) Driveway Extension (DimensionsX)</li> <li>Driveway Extension (DimensionsX)</li> </ul>
Please show on a drawing, the general location of your structure in reference to your house. This drawing must accompany your application. Other notes about your requested change
<ul> <li>Fencing - Should be a white composite material (wooden fencing not allowed) / 6 ft forsce of Co futty</li> </ul>
City Approval Obtained (Copy/Permit Attached)
Buildings: Exterior Color Schemes must be identical to your home: This would also apply to screened porches.
Building Size: (e.g. 10 X 12 – 120 Sq. Ft.)
Building Roof Pitch: (metal roofs are prohibited)
Siding Color: Shutter Color:
Shingle Color: Trim Color:
City Approval Obtained (Copy/Permit Attached)
Note: All storage buildings must be City approved and must conform to all city requirements for setbacks and property line requirements
Swimming Pools – Must conform to City of Conway setback requirements and must be located to the rear of the main dwelling and shall not project with their coping more than two (2) feet above the established lot grade. Please show the general location of your swimming pool in reference to your house. This drawing must accompany your application.
City Approval Obtained (Copy/Permit Attached)
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# 1016 Oglethorpe Drive



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To:	Anne Bessant
Subject:	1016 Oglethorpe Dr Variance Request
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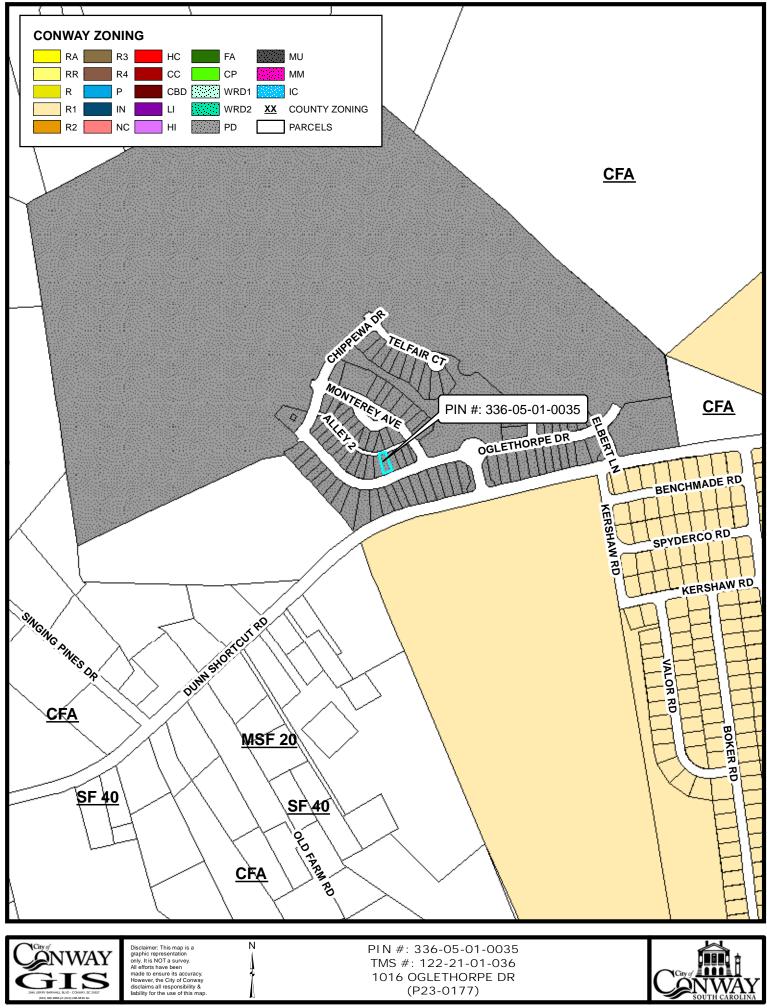
**CAUTION-External Email:** This email originated from outside of the City of Conway. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I as owner of 1014 Oglethorpe Dr am replying to your letter of June 5, 2023. I want the Conway Board of Zoning to know that I can not be at their hearing July 27, 2023, however I fully approve of Jonathan Hayden's application for a fence variance on 1016 Oglethorpe drive.

Sincerely,

Vincent A Sarni Jr,

Concord Investments, LLC 419-944-3739



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#### ISSUE:

Lawrence Williams, agent for New Faith Temple COGIC, request a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Article 11-Signage, for the property located at 1520 Grainger Road. (PIN 368-01-02-0027)

#### BACKGROUND:

Mr. Jarrett Wallace, member of New Faith Temple COGIC, applied for a variance to allow for an Electronic Message/LED Digital Sign (EMC) for New Faith Temple COGIC. Mr. Lawrence Williams is present as the agent for the variance request. The church is zoned R1 (Low Medium Density Residential).

Skyline Signs submitted for a sign permit on March 17, 2022. At that time, staff made the applicant aware that Electronic Message/LED Digital Signs (EMC) are not permitted in the R1 zoning district. Per the UDO, EMCs/LEDs shall be permitted only in the Institutional (IN) and Institutional Campus (IC) Zoning Districts, and on properties zoned Highway Commercial (HC) that are located on US Highway 501, including all areas of Church Street and Highway 501 Bypass, however, parcels located on Highway 501 Business shall not be eligible for EMC signage.

Based on the Horry County Land Records, the church owns approximately 4.23 acres. Section 5.1.22-Religious Institutions of the UDO states that "*Religious institutions over three (3) acres in size are subject to the review and procedures indicated by the Planned Development District (PD)*". Rezoning to a PD would allow the church to basically write their own zoning ordinance and include EMC signs as an allowed sign type. The applicant was made aware of the rezoning process to a PD that requires a Master Plan, a PD Narrative and a \$2,500 fee. The proposed PD would have a public hearing at Planning Commission and then Planning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council.

Any person or entity may apply for a variance; however, this particular variance is considered a "use" variance since EMC Signs are permitted in other zoning districts. In order to grant a "use" variance, the following finding must be determined and made part of the record: the use requested can be documented to have been a past use of the property.

The New Faith Temple COGIC is requesting the following variance:

• Section 11.4.9-Electronic Message Centers/LED Digital Signs: A variance to allow a "use" of an EMC sign in a zoning district that does not allow for such use.

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

- 1. We are a church that resides in a zoning district under R1. We fall under the classification of an institution. Because of the zoning we cannot operate a digital sign and would like to have that option so that we can share the gospel every day.
- 2. Conditions particular to this piece of property is due to the fact that other churches have digital signs and we would like to utilized the same ability.
- 3. The strict zoning prohibits digital signs in the district even though we are considered an institution.
- 4. Granting a variance would not harm the adjacent property as to the right of our property is a day care that I am not sure is in operation. Directly across the street from us is a cemetery. I strongly doubt they would have anything to say. To the left of us is one house that is separated by at least an acre of land.
- 5. This variance request is strictly because of the hardship. We want to be able to share with the community and let them know about the free programs we offer. WE have been in the community over 50 years and have no intentions on leaving.

#### **CITY OF CONWAY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) & ANALYSIS**

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4. **Detriment:** 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 applicant seek to rezone the property to a district that would allow for the Electronic Message Center/LED Digital Sign.



# City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals

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City of Conway Planning Department F 196 Laurel Street, 29526

Phone: (843) 488-9888 Conway, South Carolina

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Property Address: 1520 Grainger Rd	Meeting date: July 27		Pin #:36801020027	
Property Owner: Faith Temple COGIC		Daytime phone: 843-503-1711		
Agent: Jarrett Wallace (Lawrence Williams)		Daytime phone: 843-503-1711		
Agent's mailing address:1520 Grainger Rd	)			
City: Conway		State: SC	Zip Code:29527	
Agent's e-mail address: jdub7581@gmail.co	om			
Zoning District: R1				

#### **Requested Action:**

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#### Please describe your proposal in detail:

Our church falls under the classification of institutional but the zoning is under R1. This creates a hardship for our church because we would like to install a new digital sign.

This proposal does not conform to the Unified D	evelopment Ordinance in the following way:
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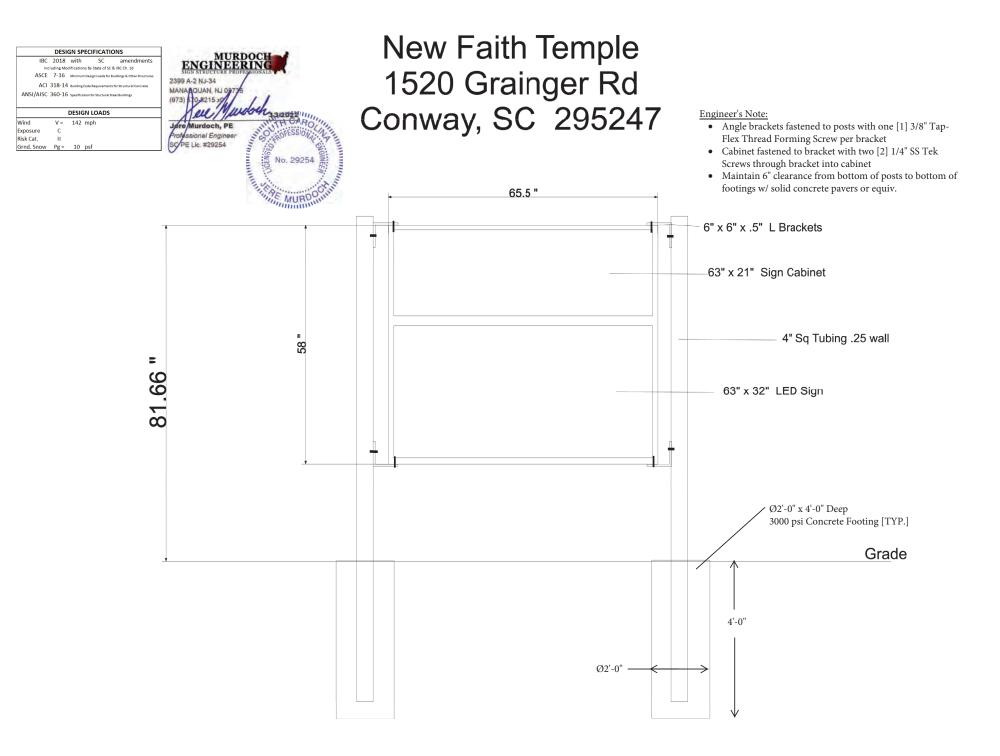
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Print name legibly: Jarrett Wallace	_	



# New Faith Temple Church of God in Christ

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*MAYOR* Barbara Blain-Bellamy



*COUNCIL MEMBERS* Amanda Butler William M. Goldfinch IV Beth Helms Justin D. Jordan Larry A. White

MAYOR PRO TEM B. Alex Hyman

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

March 21, 2022

Skyline Signs ATTN: Nick Bruno <u>Richard@skylinesignsusa.com;nick@skylinesignsusa.com</u> Re: 1520 Grainger Rd.

#### Dear Applicant(s):

Planning has reviewed your sign permit for the above project and the following comments apply.

Please submit revised sign renderings addressing the comments via email to me at <u>vstone@cityofconway.com</u>. Thank you.

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT – Vicki Stone (843) 488-9888:

- 1. The parcel is zoned R1 (Residential) & is located in the Gateway Corridor Overlay (GCO).
- 2. Pylon Sign: Per Section, 11.2.2 / 2 Prohibited Signs Of the City of Conway's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)
  - Pole signs and Pylon signs are prohibited
- 3. Per Section 11.4.9. D, Electronic Message Centers / L.E.D Digital Signs
  - EMCs / LEDs shall be permitted only in the IN and IC Zoning Districts, and on properties zoned HC that are located on US Highway 501, including all areas of Church Street and Highway 501 Bypass.
- 4. I need a scaled drawing, including superimposed rendering of sign. (I need to see what the sign will look like on its base.)
- 5. I need to have a scaled site plan of the property on which the sign is to be located, indicate property lines, all site improvements, location and setbacks from property lines of proposed sign, sight triangles at street/driveway intersections, and any existing signs to remain.

https://www.cityofconway.com/UDO%20Updated%208.16.2021.pdf

There may be items not mentioned in the above comments at this time, which may require revisions. The City reserves the right to add comments that may become germane to the review.

Please give our office a call if you have any questions. Sincerely, Vicki Stone Planning Department

From:	Kym Wilkerson		
То:	"jdub7581@gmail.com"		
Cc:	Jessica Hucks; Anne Bessant; Vicki Stone		
Bcc:	John Rogers		
Subject:	1520 Grainger Road - PIN# 36801020027		
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 5:50:00 PM		
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	6.4.2 Planned Development (PD).pdf		
	PD Trinity (Jan 2020).pdf		
	PD Jamestown Bap Church (7.12.2016).pdf		
	PD_Ekklesia Church (7.28.22).pdf		

Hi – per our conversation Monday after City Council, please find attached the following items:

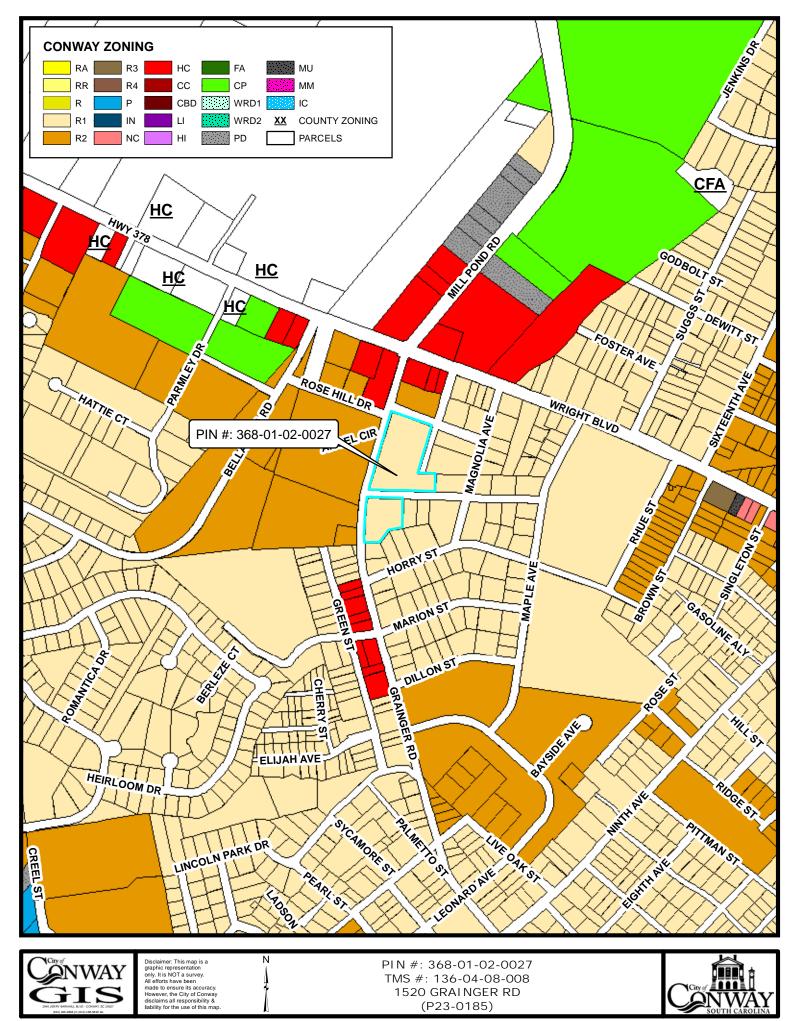
- Rezoning Application (partially filled out)
- Section 6.4.2 Planned Development of the UDO
- Examples of PD Narratives of various churches

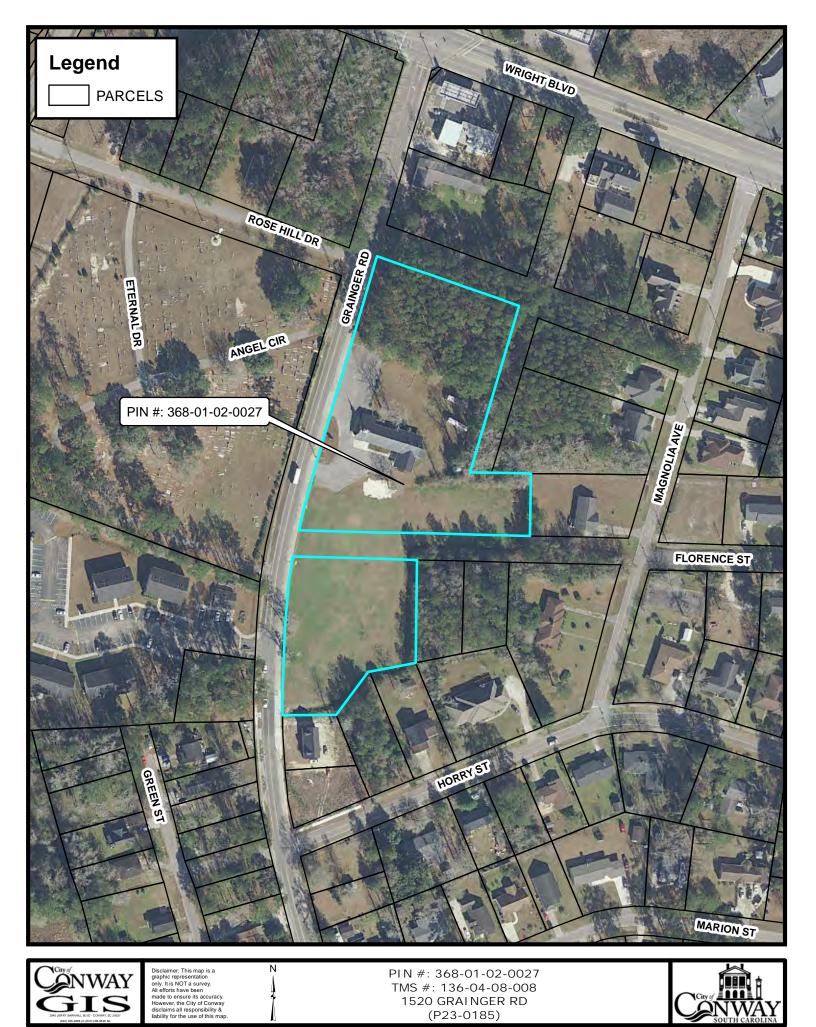
Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way.

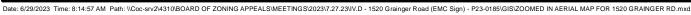
Thanks!

Kym Wilkerson | Zoning Administrator **City of Conway** 196 Laurel Street, Conway, SC 29526 Phone: 843-488-7618

Use the following link to access: **City of Conway's Unified Development Ordinance** <u>https://www.cityofconway.com/UDO%20(last%20amended%2011.21.22).pdf</u>







#### ISSUE:

Todd Grinolds with Diamond Shores, agent for MR Investment Group LLC, requests a variance from the strict application of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Article 9-Landscaping & Buffer Requirements and Section 6.3.6-Core Commercial District, for the property located at 1312 Second Avenue. (PIN 368-04-03-0021)

#### BACKGROUND:

Mr. Grinolds has submitted a commercial sketch plan for Technical Review Committee (TRC) to get initial comments on the 7-Unit commercial project at 1312 Second Avenue. The parcel is zoned Core Commercial (CC) but is not within the Historic Design Review District (HDRD) and does not require CAB (Community Appearance Board) review.

Per Section 6.3.6-Core Commercial of the UDO, all buildings shall be oriented towards the street, and each building shall have a clearly defined primary entrance that shall front the street, rather than to a courtyard, alleyway, or parking lot. Based on the size and shape of the lot, the applicant proposes to have Unit 1 facing Second Avenue and the other 6 Units will face the parking lot. This will eliminate the side of the building facing Second Avenue.

Per Table 9.1-Required Landscaping, a Type A Landscape Buffer is required along the sides and rear property lines. The applicant is requesting a variance of 2-ft on the eastern property line to provide a 3-ft landscape buffer vs a 5-ft landscape buffer. The applicant proposes to use the same number of plantings required but with a smaller width buffer. Core Commercial does not have a front buffer requirement since the structure is required to be built to or within the build-to-zone (btz). The btz is an area within 3-ft of the public right of way (sidewalk line).

The applicant is requesting the following variances:

- Section 6.3.6-Core Commercial: A variance from the Building Orientation & Entrances required in the Core Commercial zoning district to allow the first of seven units in a row to face Second Avenue and the additional six units to face the parking lot.
- **Table 9.1-Required Landscaping:** A variance of 2-ft from the 5-ft required perimeter landscape buffer.

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

- 1. Based on existing shape & size of the property, we cannot provide the 5-ft landscape strip required along the NW property line. We can provide 3-ft on this side with plantings as required per the code.
- 2. We are surrounded by development on 3-sdes and a road out front. With the drainage easement and existing property width, it limits greatly the buildable area on the site.
- 3. We are compounded by the existing property size, shape and existing drainage easement. We have a very limited buildable area for development on this parcel.
- 4. Granting the variance will not harm adjacent property, the character of the area or the public good.
- 5. This variance request is because of a hardship and not to increase the profitability of the property.

#### **CITY OF CONWAY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) & ANALYSIS**

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#### **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

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City of Conway Planning Department 196 Laurel Street, 29526 Phone: (843) 488-9888 Conway, South Carolina

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Property Address: NW Side of 2nd Avenue	Meeting date: 07/27/23 Pin #: 368-04-		Pin #: 368-04-03-0021
Property Owner: MR Investment Group, LLC.		Daytime phone: 843-385-3877	
Agent: Diamond Shores, LLC.		Daytime phone: 843-422-2900	
Agent's mailing address: 315 Main Street - Su	ite 11		
City: Conway	State	e: SC	Zip Code: 29526
Agent's e-mail address: todd@diamondshores	s.net		
Zoning District: Core Commercial District			

#### **Requested Action:**

I am requesting a <u>variance</u> from the strict application of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). **Please continue to the following section**.

I am requesting an administrative **appeal** of the action or decision of the Zoning Administrator, which I believe to be contrary to the meaning of the Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). **Please continue to page three**.

## VARIANCE REQUESTS:

Please demonstrate how you satisfy the following **CRITERIA FOR VARIANCE** (see §14.2.1 of the Conway Unified Development Ordinance).

#### Please describe your proposal in detail:

2 variances:

#1 - Reduced width in one of the four required landscape strips. (See below and attached site plan)

#2 - Variance for building orientation as mentioned in the TRC review comments.

(only one of the 6 units proposed will be oriented towards the street)

This proposal does not conform to the Unifie	d Development Ordinance in the following way:
UDO Section and Requirement:	Proposed Instead:
1. 5' Landscape Buffer required on all 4 sides.	5' provided on 3 sides. 3' buffer along NW property line
2. All units must be oriented towards the street.	1 of 6 units will be facing street due to lot size/shape.
3.	
4.	

**Application Requirements:** 

- Completed BZA application
- A filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- A completed application including required signatures. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- A digital site plan drawn illustrating all property lines, existing structures, proposed structures and any other relevant site information can be emailed to <a href="mailto:planning@cityofconway.com">planning@cityofconway.com</a>



# City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals

VARIANCE/ APPEAL REQUEST

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1. Describe the extraordinary conditions pertaining to your particular piece of property: Based on existing shape and size of the property we cannot provide the 5' landscape strip required along the NW property line. We can provide 3' on this side with plantings as required per the code. We can also offer some street trees in the ROW in front of the property.

2. Are the conditions described above particular to your piece of property? Explain. Yes. We are surrounded by development on 3 sides and a road out front. With the drainage easement & existing property width it limits greatly the buildable area on the site.

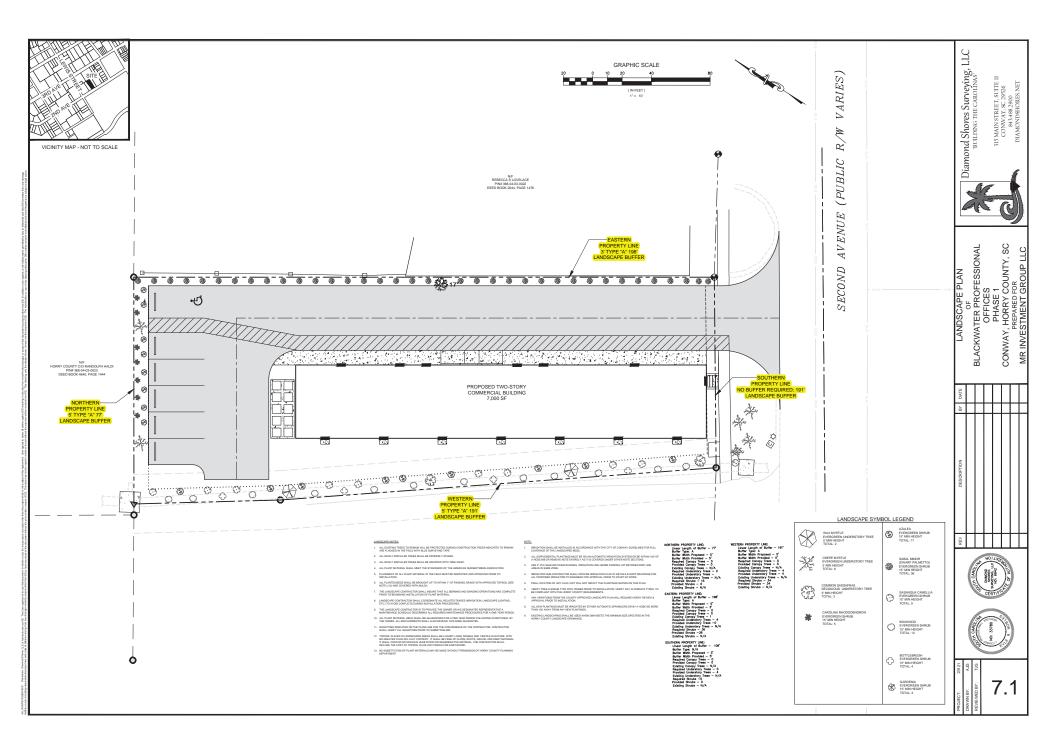
3. Would the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance prohibit or unreasonably restrict the use of your property? Explain.

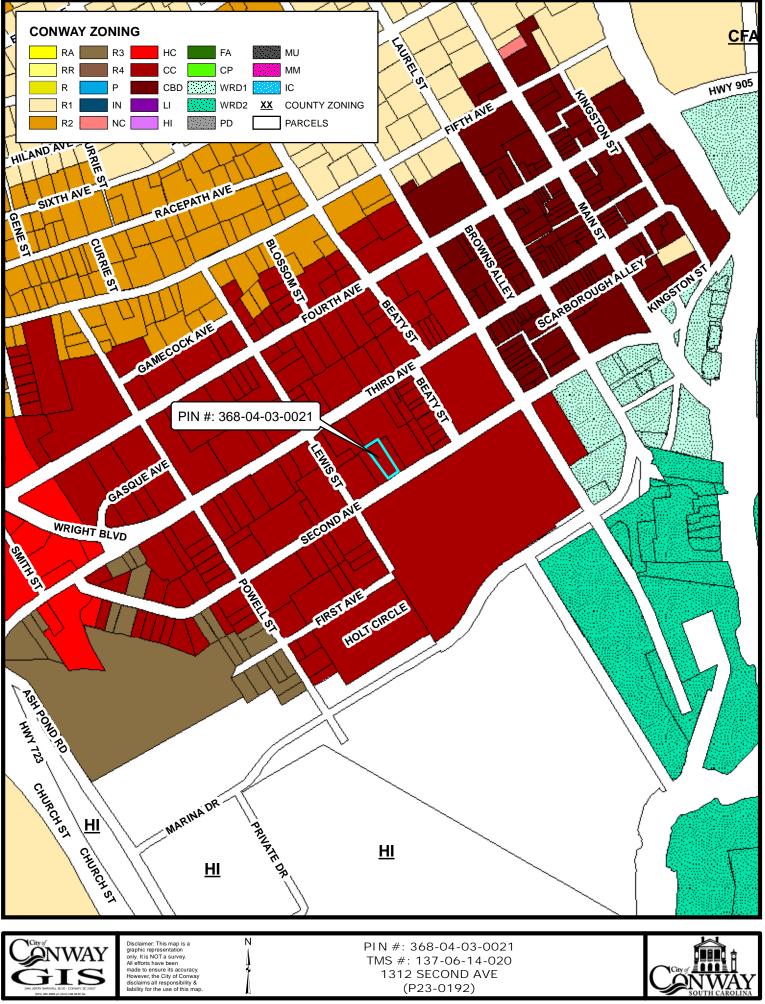
Yes. We are compounded by the existing property size, shape and existing drainage easement. We have a very limited buildable area for development on this parcel.

4. Will the granting of the variance harm adjacent property, the character of the area or the public good? Explain: No.

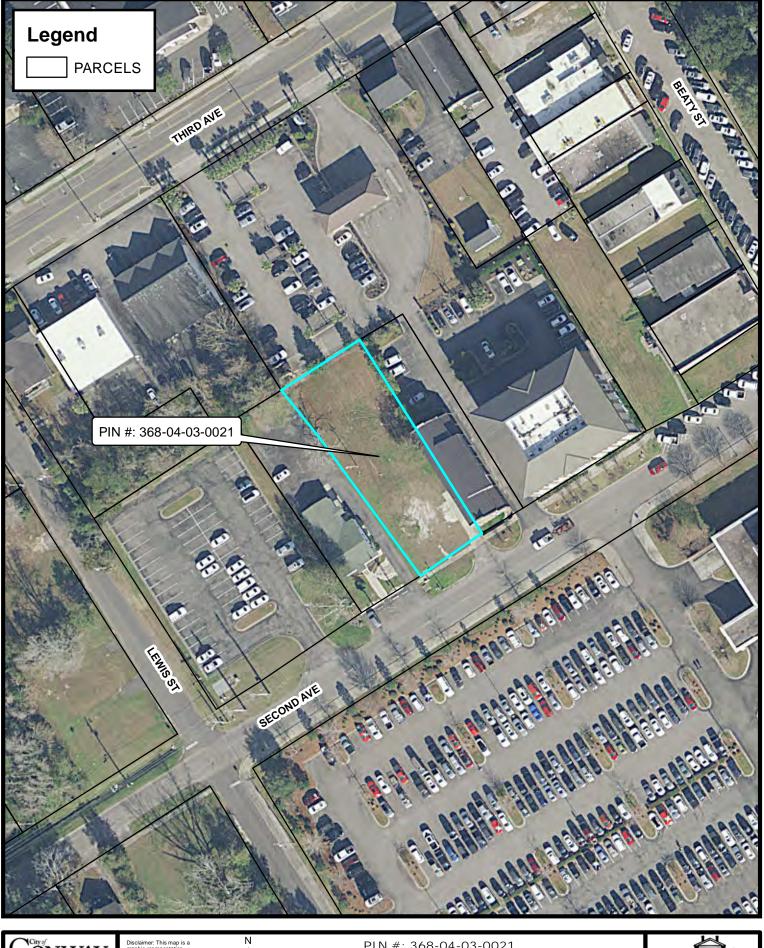
**and**; "Is the variance request initiated because of hardship and <u>**not**</u> to increase the profitability of the property?" Yes.

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 Ny)/ember) 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.
A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST HEARD.
Applicant's Signature: Date: 6/27/23
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## **CITY OF CONWAY**

# 2023 Board of Zoning Appeals - 5:30 p.m.

Deadline	Meeting Date
December 28, 2022	January 26, 2023
January 24, 2023	February 23, 2023
February 21, 2023	March 23, 2023
March 28, 2023	April 27, 2023
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