

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATIONS AND REASONS**

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION  
TO THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**FOR AREA VARIANCE**

PERSUANT TO DC ZONING REGULATIONS OF 2016 TITLE 11 SUBTITLE D  
CHAPTER 206.2 AREA VARIANCE FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL  
DEVELOPMENTS IN R-2 ZONING DISTRICT

Address: 4461 B ST SE WASHINGTON DC, 20019

(SQ. PAR 5351 LOT: 0062)

BZA CASE NO. 19968

## APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

This project at 4461 B ST SE is a single family residential detached dwelling. The lot size is 25'-0" X 94'-5" in R-2 Zoning District. As per Subtitle D Chapter 206.2 it requires Area Variance for SIDE YARD from BZA in order to build a single family house.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This single family detached dwelling will have brick front and foot print of 19"X41'-6" (788.5 SQFT) with two floors 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bathrooms, Kitchen with separate dining space, living room and Breakfast nook.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA

The subject property is located in Benning Ridge neighborhood at facing B St SE and in between two major roads E Capital St SE and Southern Ave SE. It is supported by an adequate number of educational facilities, such as Anacostia High School, Sousa Middle School and Plummer Elementary School.

## ZONING

The site is currently in R-2 zoning districts designed to protect quiet residential areas. The tables below show a comparison between the development standards of the R-2 zone and the proposed development.

1. The property is zoned R-2 with lot area of 3,875 SFT and lot width of 25'-0"

### Zone R-2

	Lot Area	Lot Width	Lot Occupancy	Front Yard	Rear Yard	Side Yard	Buildin g Height	Parking Spaces
Zoning Requirement	4,000 sf.	40 ft.	40%	0	25 ft.	8 ft.	40 ft.	1 space
Provided	3,875 sf	25'-0" ft	21.00%	18'-9"	94'-5"	3'-0"	28'-0"	0

## ANALYSIS

The proposal construction of a single family detached structure on the subject lot will be none conforming because the lot is smaller than the minimum side yard permitted in the R-2 District, and do not meet all the Zoning requirements.

#### Subtitle D 206.2 - Side Yard

The minimum side yard required for detached dwelling in the R-2 zone is 8 feet. The proposed structure would be 19 feet in width, which would leave only 3'-0" feet available for side yard setback. Therefore, the applicant would provide side yards of only 3'-0" feet and need relief of 5'-0" feet for both side yards.

#### ANALYSIS

*The property is unique by reason of its exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or other extraordinary or exceptional situation or condition.*

The subject property is unique and in exceptional situation because adjacent property on the right is already developed and in separate ownership, and property on left is developed which is also in separate ownership. Therefore there is no opportunity to combine both lots to create a conforming lot.

*By reason of the aforementioned unique or exceptional condition of the property, the strict application of the Zoning Regulations will result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or to exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of the property.*

Because of this unique and exceptional situation we have a practical difficulty to build a house which can be functional. Without BZA relief the property would be incapable of being developed.

*The variance will not cause substantial detriment to the public good and will not impair the intent, purpose and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map.*

Variance to build proposed two-story structure would not limit the light and air to adjacent properties or to other dwellings in the neighborhood.

#### CONCLUSION

The proposal will contribute to the continued improvement of Benning Ridge area by developing one of the vacant infill lots. The improvement of this infill lot would be for the public good as it would remove a vacant property and prevent the use of the property negative purposes. Variances for the side yard will not have a negative impact on the zoning regulations and would allow the property to be developed with a single-family structure that will be consistent with the development pattern in the area.

Respectfully submitted,

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