



Application for **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Department of Planning and Development Review

Land Use Administration Division

900 E. Broad Street, Room 511

Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Application is hereby submitted for: (check one)

- ☐ **special use permit, new**
☐ **special use permit, plan amendment**
☐ **special use permit, text only amendment**

Project Name/Location

Property Address: _____ Date: _____

Tax Map #: _____ Fee: _____

Total area of affected site in acres: _____

(See **page 6** for fee schedule, please make check payable to the "City of Richmond")

Zoning

Current Zoning: _____

Existing Use: _____

Proposed Use

(Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report)

Existing Use: _____

Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?

Yes

No

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If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number: _____

Applicant/Contact Person: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _(_____) _____ Fax: _(_____) _____

Email: _____

Property Owner: _____

If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee: _____

(The person or persons executing or attesting the execution of this Application on behalf of the Company certifies that he or she has or have been duly authorized and empowered to so execute or attest.)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _(_____) _____ Fax: _(_____) _____

Email: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

The names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures of all owners of the property are required. Please attach additional sheets as needed. If a legal representative signs for a property owner, please attach an executed power of attorney. **Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.**

NOTE: Please attach the required plans, checklist, and a check for the application fee (see Filing Procedures for special use permits)

APPLICANT'S REPORT

August 26th, 2022

*Special Use Permit Request
211 E 15th Street, Richmond, Virginia
Map Reference Number: S000-0191/004*

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Introduction

The applicant is requesting a special use permit (the “SUP”) for the property known as 211 E 15th Street (the “Property”). The SUP would authorize the construction of a single-family detached dwelling. While single-family use is permitted by the underlying R-7 Single- and Two-Family Urban Residential zoning district, some of the applicable feature requirements cannot be met and, therefore, the SUP is required.

Existing Conditions

SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located on the western line of E 15th Street between Stockton and Everett Streets. It is referenced by the City Assessor as tax parcel number of S000-0191/004. The Property is roughly 16 feet in width and 102 feet in depth, contains approximately 1,700 square feet of lot area, and is currently unimproved. Access is provided by a north-south alley located to the rear of the Property.



The developed properties in the vicinity primarily contain single-family attached and detached dwellings though many of the properties on the eastern portion of E 15th Street are currently unimproved. To the east, across E 15th Street, lies Blackwell Elementary School. Several blocks to the north lies the major commercial corridor of Hull Street and to the west lies the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) corridor.

EXISTING ZONING

The Property and the surrounding properties are zoned R-7 Single- And Two-Family Urban Residential, which permits single-family detached dwellings. To the west, along the commercial corridor on Hull Street lies the B-5 Central Business District. Further south, along the commercial corridor on Richmond Hwy lies the B-3 General business District.

MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Richmond 300 Master Plan (the “Master Plan”) suggests “Residential” for the Property. The Master Plan suggests this future land use designation allow for a variety of housing types that are consistent with the scale, density, and design of what exists in the vicinity. This designation also encourages that developments reinforce a gridded street pattern to increase connectivity. Single-family dwellings are the contemplated primary use in the Residential future land use designation (p. 54). Additionally, this property is located adjacent to the Manchester National/Regional Node which is contemplated as providing a variety of housing types to support the economic activity along the Hull Street corridor.

In addition to the Property-specific guidance offered by the Vision and Core Concepts chapter, there are a number of other goals elsewhere within the Master Plan that support this request.

- Page 109 (Equitable Transportation Chapter), Objective 6.1 to “Increase the number of residents and jobs at Nodes and along enhanced transit corridors in a land development pattern that prioritizes multi-modal transportation options.”
 - b. Develop housing at all income levels in and near Nodes and along major corridors (see strategies Goal 14).
- Page 136 (Diverse Economy Chapter), Objective 11.1 to “Increase the areas of appropriately zoned land near various transportation modes and housing to retain, create, and attract employers.”
 - d. Encourage the development of a variety of quality housing types to house employees across the economic spectrum (see Goal 14).
- Page 150 (Inclusive Housing Chapter), Objective 14.1 to “Increase city-wide awareness of the importance of integrating housing at all income levels into every residential neighborhood so every household has housing choice throughout the city.”
- Page 152 (Inclusive Housing Chapter) (see map on p. 153), Objective 14.5 to “Encourage more housing types throughout the city and greater density along enhanced transit corridors and at Nodes (shown in Figure 38 [p.153]) by amending the Zoning Ordinance.”
- Page 159 (Thriving Environment Chapter) Objective 15.1 to “Reduce air pollution related to transportation.”
 - a. Increase the number of Richmonders living in a development pattern that encourages density and reduces dependency on single-occupancy vehicles (see Goal 1, Goal 8, Goal 14).
- Page 86 (High-Quality Places Chapter), Objective 1.4, to “maintain and improve primarily residential areas by increasing their linkages to...corridors...and maintaining high-quality design standards.”
- Page 100 (High Quality Places Chapter), Objective 4.1, to “create and preserve high-quality, distinctive, and well-designed neighborhoods and nodes throughout the City,” as the request introduces thoughtfully designed new construction in a manner not otherwise assured by-right.

Proposal

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The SUP would permit the construction of a new, single-family detached dwelling. The new dwelling would be located on the existing parcel which is 16.8 feet in width and contains 1,714 square feet of lot area. As a result, the R-7 District lot width and area requirements would not be met for the new dwelling. Furthermore, due to the configuration of the lot and the narrow (+/- 10') alley width, no parking would be provided at the rear of the dwelling. All other aspects of the underlying zoning requirements will be met.

PROJECT DETAILS/DESIGN

When complete, the proposed dwelling would two stories in height and would be of frame construction with cementitious lap siding. It would include approximately 1,632 square feet of finished floor area and consist of three bedrooms and two-and-one-half bathrooms. The proposed floor plans are modern and efficient, and designed to be meet the needs of the market. The first floor contains a living room at the front of the dwelling and open kitchen and dining rooms to the rear. The second floor plans include a primary bedroom with en-suite master bathroom and walk-in closet. A full-width front porch and covered rear patio are included in the design and would provide additional outdoor living space for the occupants.

Findings of Fact

The following are factors included in Section 17.11 of the Charter and Section 30-1050.1 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the approval of special use permits by City Council. The proposed special use permit will not:

- ***Be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved.***

The proposed SUP will not impact the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the nearby neighborhoods. The proposed site improvements and density are compatible with the existing development in the vicinity. This request would simply permit the efficient utilization of the Property by allowing for new development to occur. The improvement of the Property in conjunction with the high quality/benefits provided by the SUP will provide positive impacts in terms of health, welfare, etc., and furthermore will add to the vibrancy of the neighborhood.

- ***Tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved.***

The proposed SUP will not result in significant traffic impacts to nearby residential neighborhoods. The traffic generation for one additional dwelling unit will be negligible, especially within the context of a walkable neighborhood. As such, the SUP will not create congestion on streets, roads, alleys or any other public right of way.

- ***Create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers.***

The Property will be developed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the building code and in accordance with the requirements of Fire and Emergency Services. The City's codes applicable to this development are designed to eliminate such hazards.

- ***Tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population.***

The SUP will not tend to overcrowd the land or create an undue concentration of population.

- ***Adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements.***

The SUP would not adversely affect the above referenced City services. To the contrary, the proposal would provide positive fiscal (tax) benefits that would enhance the City's ability to provide these services to the proposed development.

- ***Interfere with adequate light and air.***

The light and air available to the subject and adjacent properties will not be affected. The massing of the proposed structures is similar to what the underlying zoning district and feature regulations applicable to single-family detached dwellings allow for by-right on legally nonconforming lots of substandard width.

Summary

In summary we are enthusiastically seeking approval for the construction of a new, single-family detached dwelling on the Property. The SUP represents an ideal, small-scale urban infill development for this location. In exchange for the SUP, the quality assurances conditioned therein would guarantee the construction of a quality residences consistent with Master Plan guidance. This would contribute to the overall vibrancy of the block through the provision of an appropriate urban form and use that is consistent with the development pattern and surrounding neighborhood.