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Application for **REZONING/CONDITIONAL REZONING**

Department of Planning and Development Review Land Use Administration Division 900 E. Broad Street, Room 511 Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 646-6304 <u>http://www.richmondgov.com/</u>

Project Name/Location

| Property Address: | | Date <u>:</u> |
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| Tax Map #: | Fee: | |
| Total area of affected site in acre | s: | |

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

Zoning

Current Zoning:_____

Existing Use:_____

Proposed Zoning/Conditional Zoning

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

| Existing | Use: | |
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| | | |
| Is this p | roperty subject to any previous land use cases? | |
| Yes | No | |
| \square | If Yes , please list the Ordinance Number:_ | |

Applicant/Contact Person: _____

| Company: | | |
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| Mailing Address: | | |
| City: | State: Zip Code: | |
| Telephone: _() | Fax: () | |
| Email: | | |

Property Owner:_____

| If Business Er | ntity, name | and title c | of authorized | signee: |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|
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(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.



September 28, 2022

Mr. Kevin Vonck, Director Department of Planning & Development Review 900 East Broad Street, Suite 511 Richmond, VA 23219 <u>kevin.vonck@richmondgov.com</u>

RE: Applicant's Report for Rezoning of 15 W Grace Street

Dear Mr. Vonck

Please accept this letter as the Applicant's Report for the request to rezone the following property by removing the designation of the adjacent portion of N Adams Street as a Priority Street on the Zoning District Map:

| Address | Tax Parcel ID | Acreage | Existing Zoning | Ownership |
|---------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 15 W Grace St | W0000104003 | 0.299 | B-4 | YMCA of Greater Richmond |

Property

The property is one parcel located in the City's Monroe Ward district on the block bounded by W Grace and W Franklin Streets to the north and south, and N Foushee and N Adams Streets to the east and west. The parcel is zoned B-4 Central Business and consists of 0.299 acres of land area. The property is currently used as a surface parking lot serving the downtown location of the YMCA. A plan of development for the property is currently under review by City agencies for the construction of a sixstory mixed-use building with 70 dwelling units and underground parking.

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Surrounding properties to the north, east, and west are also located in the B-4 district and are used for various commercial and mixed-use purposes. The properties to the south across the alley are zoned RO-3 Residential Office.

Zoning Regulations & Proposal

The subject property is located in a B-4 Central Business district which permits a variety of commercial and multifamily uses. The proposed uses of the development undergoing POD review meet the requirement of the B-4 district.

On the official Zoning Map, N Adams Street is designated as a Priority Street. In the B-4 district, no portion of the ground floor of a structure located along a Priority Street frontage is permitted to be used for parking or related circulation of vehicles. The ground floor located along the Priority Street must be devoted to other permitted principal uses with a depth of not less than 20 feet.

The proposed building has a 140' frontage along N Adams Street. Approximately 58' of this frontage is comprised of a screened ramp providing access to the underground parking garage. Because this ramp is located along the N Adams Street Priority Street frontage, the currently proposed configuration is not permitted under B-4 regulations. As a result, we are requesting that this portion of N Adams St is removed from the Zoning Map as a Priority Street in order to accommodate the development as proposed.

Richmond 300 Master Plan

Priority Streets are designations that apply most to corner properties and requires the same form-based considerations which apply to principal streets (the highest order street fronting a parcel) to be applied to these other streets as well. This helps in a situation where a building is at the intersection of two major roads. Typically, only one road would be the principal street requiring special treatment as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance. This requires that both roads receive special treatment in order to improve the design and function of the new development.

The intent of this designation is to provide active uses along the street frontage. For the proposed development, this intent is met with a commercial and the residential lobby, including an entry door, situated along a majority of the frontage of the building along N Adams Street. Out of the 140' of the building along N Adams Street, 82' is devoted to active uses as the Plan recommends. Furthermore, remaining portion of the frontage is the screened and is an essential component of the garage which also contributes to the desired street design by placing parking underground.

City Charter Conditions

For these reasons, we trust that you will agree with us that removing the portion of N Adams Street adjacent to the property as a Priority Street will allow a development that is consistent with the intent of the B-4 district and the Richmond 300 Plan; and that the rezoning meets the City Charter considerations to be observed in the alteration of zoning regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. Please feel free to contact me at _ or (804) 248-2561 if you have any questions or require additional materials to process the application.

Very Truly Yours,

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Katherine Jordan, 2nd District Council Representative Alyson Oliver, Secretary to the City Planning Commission





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Proffer Statement

As the current owner of the property located at 15 West Grace Street (W0000104003), the YMCA of Greater Richmond does hereby voluntarily proffer the following conditions in connection to the proposed rezoning:

1. The ground floor shall be arranged substantially as shown on the attached Sheet A101 of the plans entitled "15 W Grace" prepared by Walter Parks Architects and dated January 12, 2022.

Executed this 1st day of March 2023 by the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Richmond.

By:

My commission expires: 01 31 2025

Date: 3/1/23.

David S. Wyman Senfor Vice President – Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing was acknowledged before me the 2^{nd} day of March 2023.

Notary Reg No. 792495



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