INTRODUCED: April 28, 2014

AN ORDINANCE No. 2014-106-80

To authorize the	special use	of the p	roperty	known	as 404	North	23^{rd}	Street	for 1	the	purposes	of
office use and on	e single-fam	ily dwell	ing unit,	, upon c	ertain te	erms an	id coi	ndition	s.			

Patron – Mayor Jones (By Request)

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 27 2014 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the property known as 404 North 23rd Street and identified as Tax Parcel No. E000-0257/009 in the 2014 records of the City Assessor, being more particularly shown on a survey and site layout entitled "The Property Known as #404 N. 23rd Street in the City of Richmond, VA," prepared by Edwards, Kretz, Lohr & Associates, PLLC, and dated October 15, 2013, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance, is hereby permitted to be used for the purposes of office use and one single-family dwelling unit, substantially as shown on sheets A1 through A8 of the plans entitled "404 N 23rd Street," prepared by re: 4m LLC, and dated February 5, 2014, copies of which are attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

AYES:	9	NOES:	0	ABSTAIN:	
ADOPTED:	MAY 27 2014	REJECTED:		STRICKEN:	

- § 2. That the adoption of this ordinance shall constitute the granting of a special use permit for the property, which shall be transferable from the owner of the property to the successor or successors in fee simple title of the owner, whether acquired by operation of law, deed or otherwise, and which shall run with the land.
- § 3. That the Commissioner of Buildings is hereby authorized to issue to the owner of the property a building permit substantially in accordance with the plans referred to above for the aforementioned purposes, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (a) The owner of the property shall be bound by, shall observe and shall comply with all other laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the property, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.
- (b) An application for a building permit shall be made within twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of this ordinance. This building permit shall expire and shall become null and void if any necessary construction has not commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the building permit or if construction is suspended or abandoned for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days at any time after such construction has commenced, as provided in any applicable provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Should application for the building permit not be made within twenty-four (24) months after the effective date of this ordinance or should the building permit expire and become null and void after the expiration of the twenty-four (24) month time period for making application for the building permit, the privileges granted by this ordinance shall terminate and the special use permit shall become null and void.
- (c) No permit implementing this special use permit shall be approved until satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Zoning Administrator that any delinquent real estate taxes applicable to the subject property have been paid.

- (d) All required final grading and drainage plans, together with all easements made necessary by such plans, shall be approved by the Director of Public Utilities prior to the issuance of building permits.
- (e) Storm or surface water shall not be allowed to accumulate on the land. The owner, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide and maintain at all times adequate facilities for the drainage of storm or surface water from the property so as not to adversely affect or damage adjacent property or public streets and the use thereof.
- (f) Facilities for the collection of refuse shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works. Such facilities shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from adjacent properties and public streets.
- (g) Any encroachments existing, proposed on the plans attached to this ordinance or contemplated in the future shall require separate authorization and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended.
- (h) The use of the property shall be for office use and one (1) single-family dwelling unit, substantially as shown on the plans attached to this ordinance.
 - (i) No off-street parking shall be required.
- (j) In all other respects, the use of the property shall be in accordance with the applicable underlying zoning regulations.
- § 4. That the privileges granted by this ordinance may under certain circumstances be revoked. Upon noting that a condition of a special use permit has been violated, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a written notice of violation to the property owner. The notice shall inform the property owner (i) which condition or conditions have been violated, (ii) the nature of the violation, and (iii) that the City Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing at which it shall

review the violation and the special use permit pursuant to the provisions of sections 114-1050.7 through 114-1050.11 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, if (a) the property owner does not abate the violation within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the notice or (b) three (3) notices of violation are issued to the property owner within any twelve (12) month period. No action taken pursuant to the provisions of this section shall in any way limit the City's right to pursue any other remedy at law or in equity against the property owner. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of section 114-1080 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

- § 5. That when the privileges granted by this ordinance terminate and the special use permit becomes null and void or when use of the property is abandoned for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, use of the property shall be governed thereafter by the zoning regulations prescribed for the district in which the property is then situated.
 - § 6. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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O & R REQUEST

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Chief Administration Office City of Richmond

DATE:

March 25, 2014

EDITION: 1

TO:

The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH:

Dwight C. Jones, Mayor (Patron: Mayor, by Request)

(This in no way reflects a recommendation on behalf of the Mayor)

THROUGH:

Byron C. Marshall, Chief Administrative Off

THROUGH:

Peter H. Chapman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic

Development and Planning

FROM:

Mark A. Olinger, Director, Department of Planning and Development

SUBJECT:

Special use permit for 404 North 23rd Street for office use and one dwelling unit

ORD. OR	RES.	No.	

To authorize the special use of the property known as 404 North 23rd Street for the purposes of office use and one (1) single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

REASON: The subject property is located in the R-8 Urban Residential zoning district. The applicant is seeking permission to construct a two-story mixed-use building with an office use on the first floor and one dwelling unit on the second floor. New construction containing anoffice service use on the ground floor with a single dwelling unit above is not permitted in the R-8 district; therefore, the applicant has requested a special use permit.

RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and the Zoning Ordinance, the City Planning Commission will review this request and make a recommendation to City Council. This item will be scheduled for consideration by the Commission at its May 19, 2014, meeting. A letter outlining the Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council following that meeting.

BACKGROUND: The subject property is an unimproved lot of 1,155 sq ft located on the block bounded by North 23rd Street to the east, East Marshall Street to the south, North 22rd Street to the west, and East Clay Street to the north. A two-story building occupied the property before being demolished approximately ten years ago. The previous uses included retail use on the first floor and residential use on the second floor.

The property is zoned R-8 Urban Residential District and is located in the Church Hill North Old and Historic District. Though the district allows certain commercial uses with conditional use permits, it is primarily a residential district. All of the properties facing both sides of the N. 23rd Street block in which the subject property is located are residential uses. The R-8 District does not recognize office uses with dwelling units occupying space in the same building above the ground floor as permitted principal uses unless they meet the criteria for "principal uses O&R Request March 24, 2014 Page 2 of 2

permitted by conditional use permits." That criteria applies only to existing buildings. New construction containing an office use on the ground floor with a single dwelling unit above does not meet the criteria required for the granting of a conditional use permit in the R-8 district. Therefore, the applicant is requesting a special use permit.

The Richmond Master Plan designates this property as Neighborhood Commercial. "Primary uses include office, personal service and retail uses, intended to provide the daily convenience shopping and service needs of adjacent neighborhood residents. Such uses are typically small scale and low intensity, have limited hours of operation, involve a high percentage of walk-in trade and minimal vehicular traffic, and are especially compatible with adjacent low to medium density residential uses" (p.134).

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Planning and Development Review does not anticipate any impact to the City's budget for this or future fiscal years.

COST TO CITY: Staff time for processing the request; preparation of draft ordinance; and publishing, mailing and posting of public notices.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$1,800 application fee

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: April 28, 2014

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 27, 2014

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: None

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES: City Planning Commission,

May 19, 2014

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

Office of Chief Administrative Officer

Law Department (for review of draft ordinance)

City Assessor (for preparation of mailing labels for public notice)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCES: None

ATTACHMENTS:

Application Form, Applicant's Report, Draft Ordinance, Survey, Plan

STAFF:

Willy Thompson, AICP, Senior Planner

Land Use Administration (Room 511)

646-6308

PDR O&R No. 14-13

SUP Applicant's Report

404 N 23rd St, Richmond VA 23223

Proposed use for property located at 404 N 23rd St. Richmond, VA 23223

This is a mixed-use building with commercial use (B-Business) on the ground floor and a single-family residence (R-3) apartment on the second floor.

The commercial property will house Restore-PT, Inc. that is currently operating at 401 N 23rd Street. This is a specialty Physical Therapy Practice (non-ambulatory) that will be ADA compliant.

Employees:

- one full-time Physical Therapist
- one part-time Registered Nurse
- one part-time massage Therapist

Hours of operation:

Mon-Friday 9a-630p

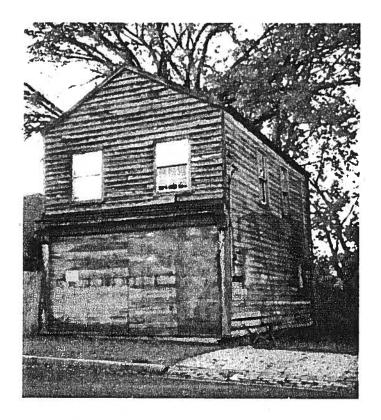
Traffic/Parking requirements:

- Patients are scheduled hour-long sessions on the half hour: Alternating the PT and Massage Therapist
- The Physical Therapist and RN live on the street and walk to work
- *See attached traffic/parking study

Background

The lot located at 404 N 23rd St is currently vacant with no buildings or accessory structures. It is only 35 feet wide by 33 feet deep. Approximately 10 years ago, a two-story wood structure was located at this address. The building included a ground floor commercial space and 2nd floor residential apartment and covered roughly 60-70% of the lot. The photo below was taken in the mid 1990's before the City demolished the structure.

Based on the current zoning ordinance for R-8 district, the required setbacks, lot coverage, and off-street parking requirements would make this lot unbuildable due to the reduced usable lot area. In addition to the restricted lot area, the ordinance also limits the commercial use of the property. Therefore, it is necessary to apply for a Special Use Permit.



Proposed Use + Architectural Character

Building Use

In order to preserve and re-establish the character and original use of the lot, the Special Use Permit proposes a 835 sf ground floor commercial space for a physical therapy practice with two employees and 650 sf 2nd floor single-family apartment. The physical therapy practice is currently located across the street at 401 N 23rd St. Similar to the original building, there will be two separate entrances for both the commercial and residential space.

Size

The new building's proposed lot coverage is approximately 80%. The proposed building is two stories with a height not to exceed the adjacent property to the South.

Architectural Character

The intention of the new structure is not to duplicate the original historic building. However, the architectural character will be similar in scale, material, and form to the original historic building. As this property is located in Church Hill North historic district, it is subject to CAR review.

R-8 Urban Residential District Zoning Ordinance Requirements

Setbacks

Front yard: depth of not less than 10 feet and not greater than 18 feet.

Side yard: five feet Rear yard: five feet

Lot Coverage: 65% of the lot

Height: Maximum of 3 stories or 36 feet and a minimum of two stories.

Off-street parking

Office: 1 per 300sf for the first 1500sf. (3 spaces)

Dwelling-single family detached: (1 space)

Use

The current R-8 district restricts new ground floor commercial spaces that will be used as a professional office. However, if the commercial space is located in an existing ground floor then this non-dwelling use is allowed through a conditional use permit. Dwelling units that are a minimum of 600 sf are also allowed to be located above the ground floor of an existing building provided there are no more than 4 dwellings in the building. This too requires a conditional use permit.

Neighborhood Support

Surrounding neighbors of N 23rd St, Church Hill, and the immediate neighbors of the property, 404, were approached about the proposed SUP. Over 100 signatures were collected in support of the proposed use of the property. The property owner of 406 N 23rd street signed the form, however due to physical ailments, the adjacent property owner of Marshall Street did not sign even though documents were sent to her address. The property owner that backs up to 404, also did not sign, but also claimed would not fight the SUP. The only reason this property owner did not support the SUP is because he believes the property should belong to Ms. Ellis, even though the property was never structured this way. These signatures are provided with this package.

In addition to neighbor support, the SUP proposed drawings were also presented to the Church Hill Association (CHA) zoning committee, which represents St. John's Church, Church Hill North, and Chimborazo historic districts. They appeared supportive and will recommend it to the CHA board. Unfortunately, this board does not meet until the beginning of January and won't be able to vote until this time.

