### AN ORDINANCE No. 2017-183

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3000 East Franklin, 3004 East Franklin, and 3006 East Franklin Street for the purpose of three single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron – Mayor Stoney (By Request)

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

### PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 9 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the owner of the properties known as 3000 East Franklin Street, 3004 East Franklin Street, and 3006 East Franklin Street, which are situated in a R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District, desires to use such properties for the purpose of three single-family attached dwellings, which use, among other things, is not currently allowed by sections 30-412.4, concerning lot coverage and width requirements, and 30-710.1, concerning off-street parking requirements, of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 17.11 of the Charter of the City of Richmond (2010), as amended, it has been made to appear that, if granted subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance, the special use granted by this ordinance will not be detrimental to the

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safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved, will not tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved, will not create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers, will not tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population, will not adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements, and will not interfere with adequate light and air; and

WHEREAS, (i) the City Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing to investigate the circumstances and conditions upon which the Council is empowered to authorize such use, (ii) the City Planning Commission has reported to the Council the results of such public hearing and investigation and its recommendations with respect thereto, and (iii) the Council has conducted a public hearing on this ordinance at which the person in interest and all other persons have had an opportunity to be heard;

### NOW, THEREFORE,

#### THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Finding.** Pursuant to section 30-1050.1 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, the Council hereby finds that the special use set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance will not (i) be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved, (ii) tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved, (iii) create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers, (iv) tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population, (v) adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies,

sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements, or (vi) interfere with adequate light and air.

### § 2. Grant of Special Use Permit.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance, the properties known as 3000 East Franklin Street, 3004 East Franklin Street, and 3006 East Franklin Street and identified as Tax Parcels E000-0637/011, E000-0637/010, and E000-0637/009, respectively, in the 2017 records of the City Assessor, being more particularly shown on a survey entitled "Partial Improvements and Topography on 2908, 3000-3006 East Franklin Street, City of Richmond, Virginia," prepared by Balzer and Associates, Inc., and dated December 10, 2015, a copy of which is included as an inset in the plans entitled "3000, 3004, 3006 E Franklin St, Richmond, VA 23223," prepared by ADO/Architecture Design Office, dated June 30, 2016, and last revised August 28, 2017, and attached to be used for the purpose of three single-family attached dwellings, hereinafter referred to as "the Special Use," substantially as shown on plans entitled "3000, 3004, 3006 E Franklin St, Richmond, VA 23223," prepared by ADO/Architecture Design Office, dated June 30, 2016, and last revised August 28, 2017, hereinafter referred to as "the Property," is hereby permitted to be used for the purpose of three single-family attached dwellings, hereinafter referred to as "the Special Use," substantially as shown on plans entitled "3000, 3004, 3006 E Franklin St, Richmond, VA 23223," prepared by ADO/Architecture Design Office, dated June 30, 2016, and last revised August 28, 2017, hereinafter referred to as "the Plans," copies of which are attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

(b) The adoption of this ordinance shall constitute the issuance of a special use permit for the Property. The special use permit shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of the fee simple title to the Property as of the date on which this ordinance is adopted and their successors in fee simple title, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "the Owner." The conditions contained in this ordinance shall be binding on the Owner.

§ 3. **Special Terms and Conditions.** This special use permit is conditioned on the following special terms and conditions:

(a) The use of the Property shall be three single-family attached dwellings, substantially as shown on the Plans. The dwellings may contain basements.

(b) No parking shall be required for the Special Use.

(c) All mechanical equipment serving the Property shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from any public right-of-way.

(d) Signage on the Property shall be limited to (i) exempt signage pursuant to section 30-503 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, (ii) signage permitted in all districts pursuant to section 30-505 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, and (iii) signage permitted in the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District pursuant to section 30-506 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended.

(e) Prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy for the Special Use, the boundary lines of the Property shall be adjusted, substantially as shown on the Plans, by recording the appropriate plats among the land records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond.

(f) The height of the Special Use shall not exceed the height shown on the Plans.

(g) All building materials and elevations shall be substantially as shown on the Plans, unless otherwise approved by the Commission of Architectural Review prior to the issuance of a building permit for the Property.

§ 4. **Supplemental Terms and Conditions.** This special use permit is conditioned on the following supplemental terms and conditions:

(a) All required final grading and drainage plans, together with all easements made necessary by such plans, must be approved by the Director of Public Utilities prior to the issuance of the building permit.

(b) 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 any other property or public streets and the use thereof.

(c) 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.

(d) Any encroachments existing, proposed on the Plans 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 (2015), as amended.

(e) The Owner shall make improvements within the public right-of-way, including new curbing, street trees, and sidewalk, substantially as shown on the Plans, which improvements may be completed in one or more phases as approved by the Director of Public Works. All improvements and work within the public right-of-way shall be (i) completed in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works, (ii) considered completed only upon written confirmation by the Director of Public Works that such improvements and work are in accordance with such requirements, (iii) transferred to the City, following the written confirmation by the Director of Public Works, pursuant to a transfer of interest document approved as to form by the City Attorney and accepted by the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to

accept, in the manner for which this subsection provides, all improvements and work required by and meeting the requirements of this subsection. The final certificate of occupancy shall not be issued for the Property until all requirements of this subsection are fully satisfied.

(f) In all other respects, the use of the Property shall be in accordance with the applicable underlying zoning regulations.

§ 5. General Terms and Conditions. This special use permit is conditioned on the following general terms and conditions:

(a) 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 Property have been paid.

(b) The Owner shall be bound by, shall observe and shall comply with all other laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Property, except as otherwise expressly provided in this ordinance.

(c) Words and phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted to have the meanings ascribed to them by section 30-1220 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this special use permit is being approved due, in part, to the mitigating effects of each and every condition attached hereto; consequently, if any portion of this ordinance is determined to be invalid for any reason by a final, non-appealable order of any Virginia or federal court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall cause the entire ordinance to be void and of no further effect from the effective date of such order.

(e) The privileges granted by this ordinance may be revoked pursuant to the provisions of sections 30-1050.7 through 30-1050.11 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as

amended, and all future amendments to such laws. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of section 30-1080 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, and all future amendments to such law, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

(f) When the privileges granted by this ordinance terminate and the special use permit granted hereby becomes null and void, whether as a result of the Owner relinquishing this special use permit in a writing addressed to the Director of Planning and Development Review or otherwise, use of the Property shall be governed thereafter by the zoning regulations prescribed for the district in which the Property is then situated.

§ 6. **Implementation.** The Commissioner of Buildings is authorized to issue a building permit substantially in accordance with the Plans for the Special Use subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance. An application for the building permit shall be made within 730 calendar days following the date on which this ordinance becomes effective. If the application for the building permit is not made within the time period stated in the previous sentence or the building permit terminates under any provision of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, this ordinance and the special use permit granted hereby shall terminate and become null and void.

§ 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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### **City of Richmond**

### Item Request File Number: PRE. 2017.332

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OFF	ICE OF CITY ATTORNEY	O & R Request	Office of the Chief Administrative Officer		
DATE:	August 14, 2017	EDITION: 1			
TO:	The Honorable Members of City Council				
THROUGH:	The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor (This in no way reflects a recommendation on behalf of the Mayor.) 8/3/14				
THROUGH:	Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer 500				
THROUGH:	Peter L. Downey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development and Planning				
FROM:	Mark A. Olinger, Director, Department of Planning and Development Review				
RE:	Special use permit for three single-family attached dwellings at 3000 - 3006 East Franklin Street				
ORD. OR RE	S. No.	1			

**PURPOSE:** To authorize the special use of the property known as 3000 East Franklin Street, 3004 East Franklin Street, and 3006 East Franklin Street for the purpose of permitting three single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

**REASON:** The applicant is proposing to construct three single-family attached dwellings at 3000 East Franklin Street, 3004 East Franklin Street, and 3006 East Franklin Street. The property is located in the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential Zoning District, which permits single-family attached dwellings. However, the density and parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance would not be met. A special use permit is therefore required.

**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 October 2, 2017, meeting. A letter outlining the Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council following that meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** The property is comprised of three (3) properties consisting of a 2720 SF, .062 acre parcel, a 1746.4 SF, .04 acre parcel, and a 1760 SF, .04 parcel of land currently unimproved and located in the Church Hill neighborhood of the East planning district. The development will include three (3) newly-constructed single-family attached homes. The project will provide streetscape improvements along East Franklin Street including a sidewalk, street trees, and curbing, which are currently not provided. No off-street parking would be provided for the development.

The City of Richmond's current Master Plan designates a future land use category for the subject property as Public & Open Space. Primary uses in this category include publicly-owned and operated parks, recreation areas, open spaces, schools, libraries, cemeteries and other government and public service facilities (p. 135).

Additional supporting language within the Plan can be found within Chapter 8 "Neighborhoods and Housing" where policies for neighborhoods include encouraging "...a variety of housing choices in existing neighborhoods through a balance of preservation, rehabilitation, and new development". (p. 101)

The subject property and all adjacent properties are located within the same R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential Zone and are a part of the City's St. John's Church Old and Historic District.

A mix of vacant and residential (single-, two- and multi-family) land uses predominate the vicinity of the subject property. The proposed development would be a continuation of recent residential development on the north side of East Franklin Street between North 29th and North 31st Streets.

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

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Staff time for processing the request; preparation of draft ordinance; and publishing, mailing and posting of public notices.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No

**REVENUE TO CITY:** \$1,800 application fee

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** September 11, 2017

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 9, 2017

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** None

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** City Planning Commission, October 2, 2017

### 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 ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Ordinance, Application Form, Applicant's Report, Plans, Survey, Map

STAFF: Jonathan Brown, Senior Planner Land Use Administration (Room 511) 646-5734

PDR O&R No.17-19

RICHMOND	Application for SPECIAL USE PERMIT Department of Planning and Development Review Land Use Administration Division 900 E. Broad Street, Room 511 Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 646-6304 http://www.chmond.aov.com/
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Zoning Current Zoning: <u>R-U</u> Existing Use: <u>Vacant</u> lots	or Richmond )
Proposed Use (Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the require To build 3 attached houses Existing Use: Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?	d applicant's report)
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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 11, 2016

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Special Use Permit Request 3000, 3004 and 3006 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia Map Reference Numbers: E000-0637-009, 010 and 011

Submitted to:

City of Richmond

Department of Planning and Development Review Land Use Administration 900 East Broad Street, Suite 511 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Submitted by:

RVA Sugar, LLC 1704 Avondale Avenue Richmond, Virginia 23227

## Introduction

RVA Sugar, LLC requests a special use permit (SUP) for 3000, 3004 and 3006 East Franklin Street, collectively "the Property". The special use permit would authorize the construction of three single-family attached dwellings, some of the features of which do not conform to the underlying R-6 zoning requirements applicable to the Property.

### **Existing Conditions**

### SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located on the north side of East Franklin Street between North 29<sup>th</sup> and North 31<sup>st</sup> Streets. North 30<sup>th</sup> Street intersects East Franklin Street adjacent to the Property but is an unimproved paper street. The Property is referenced by the City Assessor as three tax parcels (E000-0637-009, 010 and 011). The Property consists of three vacant lots. 3000 East Franklin is 34' wide by 80'deep and contains approximately 2,720 square feet of lot area. 3004 East Franklin is 21.83' wide by 80' deep and contains approximately 1,746 square feet of lot area. 3006 East Franklin is 22' wide by 80' deep and contains approximately 1,760 square feet of lot area. See the attached survey for greater detail.



The Property lies south of and downhill from the Libbie Terrace Park. Properties to the west, east, and north are generally vacant. This includes a number of parcels along East Franklin Street and on the uphill side of the property toward the park. Immediately to the east, 3008, 3010, and

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3012 East Franklin Street have been authorized for the construction of single-family dwellings pursuant to recent approvals from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The significant vacant land in the vicinity includes the unimproved right-of-ways of North 30<sup>th</sup> Street abutting the Property to the west and an east-west alley to the rear. These right-of-ways were likely not improved for topographical reasons. The properties to the south and fronting on East Franklin Street include eight-unit and four-unit multi-family dwellings and several vacant parcels. South of East Franklin Street, where North 30<sup>th</sup> Street is improved, it is fronted by single-family and single-family attached dwellings.

#### **EXISTING ZONING**

The Property and all the surrounding properties in the vicinity are zoned R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential, which generally permits single-family detached, single-family attached, two-family detached, and two family attached dwellings subject to certain feature requirements.

### MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Master Plan recommends "Public and Open Space" for the subject properties.

### Proposal

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The proposed development includes the construction of three single-family attached dwellings.

### BACKGROUND

The Property lies along a stretch of East Franklin Street known as 'Sugar Bottom' to local residents. The Property represents three of the seven existing vacant parcels in this block frontage of East Franklin Street. Three of those vacant properties immediately to the east have been authorized for the development of single-family dwellings and construction is underway. This project has been designed with consideration for those dwellings. It has also been conceptualized in conjunction with an additional new single-family dwelling on the vacant parcel to the west across the right-of-way of north 30<sup>th</sup> Street, which is under the same ownership. In addition, the owners of the Property have purchased and plan to refurbish the existing 8-unit apartment building directly across East Franklin Street. Development of the Property with single-family dwellings would help round out the block with compatible traditional urban residential development. As such, it is intended to contribute to the combined intent of all these various projects – the preservation and/or restoration of the traditional urban residential fabric in the Sugar Bottom area.

### **PURPOSE OF REQUEST**

As stated above, the purpose of the request is to authorize the construction of three single-family attached dwellings on the Property. The Property consists of three legal lots of record. It is important to note that the R-6 district and applicable nonconforming feature regulations would permit the development of three single-family or single-family attached dwellings on the Property by-right. However, the current lot configuration is not ideal. The lots are inconsistent in width with 3000 East Franklin Street being 34' wide while 3004 and 3006 East Franklin are

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approximately 22' wide. In order to address this, this proposal seeks to adjust the lot configuration in order to make those lots widths more uniform. In doing so, the proposed development can be accommodated on lots that are consistent in width with other lots in the block. Simply put, it allows for a more desirable layout on the lots than could be accomplished by-right. The applicable zoning regulations would not permit the reconfiguration. Specifically, nonconforming feature requirements and a requirement for a 15' front yard along the unimproved right-of-way of North 30<sup>th</sup> Street would not be met. Therefore an SUP is required.

In exchange for the SUP, the intent of this request is to authorize an infill project that is (1) sensitive to proposed development in the block and the existing fabric of neighborhood at large; (2) consistent with the use and density permitted by-right on the Property; and (3) of greater quality than might otherwise be permitted by the underlying zoning. It is our opinion that the request provides for these criteria. The project design was developed with sensitivity to the varied architecture in the vicinity and to other proposed development in the area. It was also designed with careful consideration of the historic district guidelines – a Certificate of Appropriateness for the design has been approved by the Commission of Architectural Review. The three dwelling units are equal to the density permitted by the underlying zoning and but for the lot reconfiguration would be permitted by-right. Finally, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP would guarantee a higher quality development than might otherwise be developed by right.

#### **PROJECT DETAILS/DESIGN**

The proposed buildings would be three stories in height. Each dwelling would contain approximately 2,350 square feet of floor area. The end units, at 3000 and 3006 East Franklin Street, would include 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths while the center unit, at 3004 East Franklin Street, would include 3 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths.

The primary building material would be cementitious horizontal lap siding. Fields of siding would be framed by vertical corner boards, projecting sill base, and decorative projecting cornice and facia as well as window trim. Windows would be 1-over-1 double hung in configuration and would feature projecting wood sills, 4" jamb trim, 8" head block with additional painted inset panels above. These panels may include additive profile trim and edge beading at intersection with siding ends. Main entry doors are proposed to be 5-panel solid wood with paint finish. Door surrounds are intended to be 6" wood frame on jambs and 8" block trim on heads. Each dwelling also features 8'x4' French doors in framed surrounds, which are shown as single lite in consideration of simple 1-over-1 double hung windows.

Porches would be a prominent feature. The primary design concept is to maximize usable open space for the dwellings. Included in the design are multiple exterior living areas, configured as ground level terraces/porches and second floor porches, for each dwelling. These features are intended to provide a human scale to the front and prominent building facades as well as a unique amenity in the form of outdoor living areas and sleeping porches. A covered primary entry to each unit would be provided at the front of each unit. Additional entries are provided to the side units from the substantial porches flanking them on either side as well as the center unit via a porch at the rear.

Porch design would be characterized by simple 8 x 8 wood box columns with 1x base, woodtrimmed edge beams running over the top of columns, painted wood ceilings, decorative but simple projecting box cornice and fascia panel and hand-tooled standing seam roofing with

matching OG profile gutters and round downspouts. Ground level terraces would have stamped concrete floors and second floor porches would have tongue and groove stained wood flooring. Rails would be simple wood 'Richmond Rail' style vertical pickets and cap set between columns and with recessed plinth blocks as required for mid-span support.

The dwelling unit floor plans are modern and open. Interior walls are minimized within the living and dining areas in order to accentuate the space in these areas. The living and dining areas are multi-functional areas, which allow for uninterrupted flow through the space. The kitchen design responds to today's trend of incorporating the kitchen into the living and dining space through the use of island counter arrangements and bar seating. Ample counter space is proposed in addition to a sensible working layout, thereby maximizing kitchen functionality. Each unit would include a nearly full-floor master bedroom on the second floor, complete with en suite master bath, walk-in closet, and access to sizable porch area. Second and third bedrooms would be decidedly large and share each dwellings third floor.

Entries from the sidewalk are proposed to be brick set in grade to brick formed steps and stoops to terrace entry doors or, in the case of the center residence, to the entry terrace. Depending on engineered grade around the structures, first level terraces and entry steps may or may not require painted rails. If rails are a requirement, they are proposed to match porch rails as described above. Open site areas visible from the public right-of-way are proposed to be seeded as lawn and landscape area.

The use of on street parking is proposed for the development. The combined lot width of the Property at over 77' is more than adequate to accommodate three parking spaces. In addition, the abutting unimproved right-of-way of North 30<sup>th</sup> Street is of sufficient width at 66' to accommodate three additional on-street spaces. Site conditions will not permit the provision of off street parking on the Property.

While off street parking is not proposed, no waiver is contemplated as a part of this SUP request. The right-of-way of North 30<sup>th</sup> Street and the east-west alley to the rear cannot be improved to permit access to the Property for parking due to engineering concerns (topography). In addition, the applicant has been told that access to the Property via three driveways from East Franklin Street would not be permitted by Public Works as a matter of policy related to safety, etc. According to Sec. 30-710.2:2 of the Zoning Ordinance, parking is not required when, based on engineering or safety concerns, vehicular access to the right-of-way is not permitted from any part of the lot. As such, off street parking would not be required for the by-right development of these legal lots of record and is not included in this proposal.

### **Findings of Fact**

The following are factors indicted 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 special use permit amendment will not impact the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the nearby neighborhoods. The proposed site improvements and density are consistent with those found in the vicinity. The request would only permit the reconfiguration of the three existing lots. Otherwise it would allow the same number of dwellings that would be permitted by-right. The redevelopment of this vacant land in conjunction with the quality/benefits provided by the SUP will provide positive impacts in terms of health, welfare, etc.

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

The proposed special use permit amendment will not result in significant traffic impacts to nearby residential neighborhoods. The negligible traffic generation for three dwelling units 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 proposed special use permit amendment will not tend to over crowd the land or create an undue concentration of land. The request would only permit the reconfiguration of the lots and would not allow any additional dwellings/density over what would otherwise be permitted by-right on these legal lots of record. This density is consistent with the traditional urban development pattern in the vicinity.

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

The special use permit amendment 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 property is abutted by unimproved right-of-way to the west, which will not be developed. The proposed yard/setback from the property to the east, where single-family development is proposed, meets normal zoning requirements. These uses are compatible with one another and the applicable zoning regulations concerning yards/setbacks were designed with the provision of adequate light and air in mind.

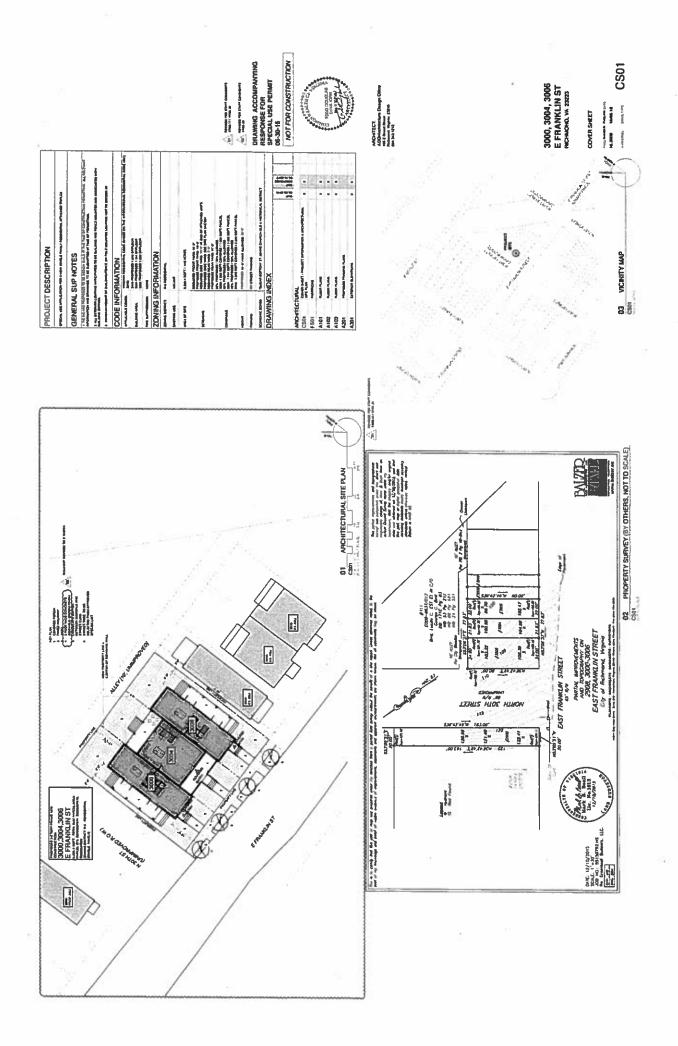
### Summary

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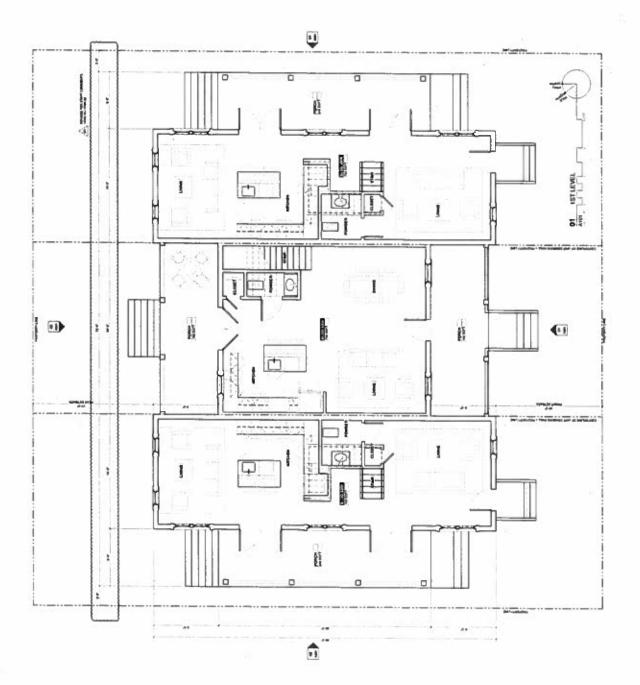
In summary RVA Sugar, LLC is enthusiastically seeking approval for the construction of three single-family attached dwellings on the Property. This proposal represents an ideal, small-scale urban development for this location. The special use permit represents an excellent trade-off. It would only authorize the reconfiguration of the lot – it would not authorize any additional lots or density. In exchange, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP would guarantee a higher quality development than might otherwise be developed by right.

In exchange for the ability to reconfigure the lot this SUP request offers a thoughtfully designed development which provides appropriate, high quality infill design that is compatible and "of the day". The project was designed with sensitivity to the varied architecture in the vicinity and to other proposed development in the area. The design also carefully considered the historic district guidelines – a Certificate of Appropriateness for the design has been approved by the Commission of Architectural Review.

This high quality proposal offers assurances in terms of the dwellings sizes, design and the quality of their construction that exceed what would be guaranteed by the underlying zoning. It also would contribute to the vibrancy of the block though the provision of a uniform street frontage and street life in the form of additional pedestrian traffic and street-oriented front porches and side porches. In short, the proposal guarantees the much desired traditional neighborhood design to a greater extent than the underlying zoning might afford.





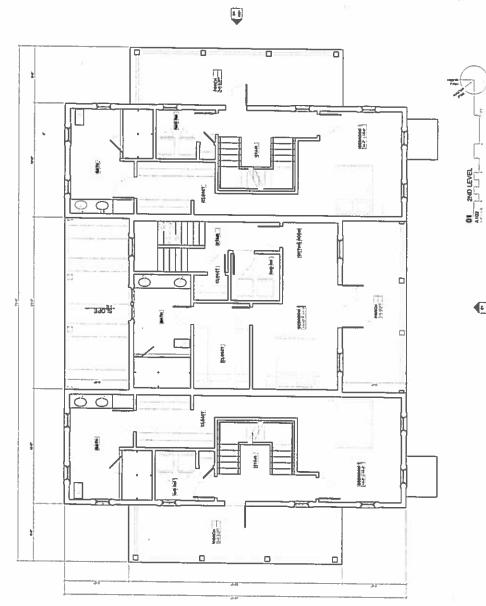






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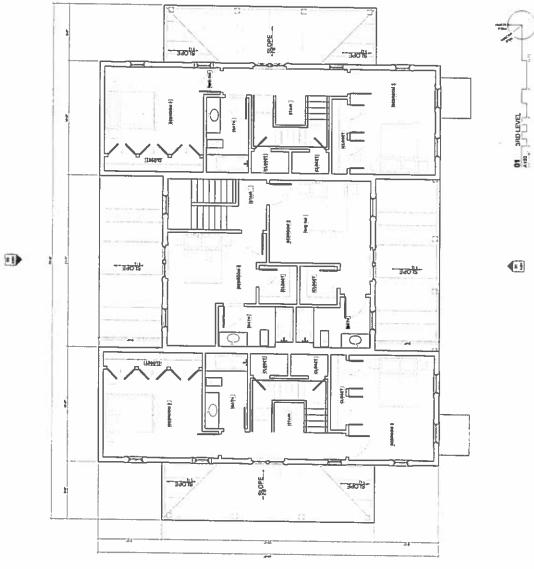


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