## St. Charles Zoning Board of Appeals

**VARIATION #:** V-1-2018

**LOCATION:** VACANT LOT ON S. 14<sup>TH</sup> ST.

Zoning Variation to reduce the landscape buffer yard along the east property line from 30 ft. to 14 ft. 7½ in. along the north and south portions of the parking lot

from 30 ft. to 14 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in. along the north and south portions of the parking lot and from 30 ft. to 16 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in. along the middle portion of the parking lot (as

shown on the attached site plan).

The applicant is proposing to construct an eight-unit apartment building on the

property. A 30 ft. landscape buffer yard is required along the east property line.

The applicant is requesting a Variation to reduce the landscape buffer yard to allow construction of a parking lot up to 14 ft. 7½ in. from the east property line.

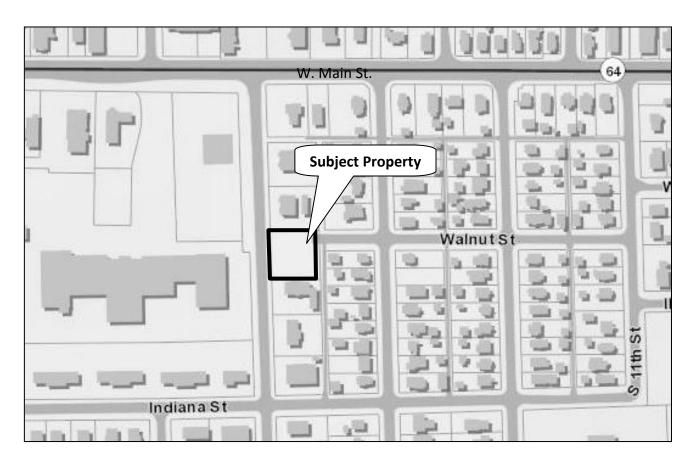
A similar Variation was granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2012. Approval of that Variation expired because the parking lot was not constructed

within one year of approval.

**Existing Land Use:** Vacant

**Purpose and Scope:** 

**Existing Zoning:** RM-3 General Residential District



## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

CITY OF ST. CHARLES TWO EAST MAIN STREET ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174-1984

FOR OFFICE USE Received 3/19/18



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Receipt	
PLEASE PRINT AND PROVID	DE ALL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED.
APPLICANT & OWNER:	
Name of Applicant*	Vin Staton 6951 Email Address E. Rickard Dr., Oswego, IL 60543 erty Developer
Address/City/State/Zin 97	E. Rickard Dr. Oswaca II. 60543
Applicant's interest in the prope	erty Pavalopar/
Name and Phone of Owner(s) or	f Record* Karin Staton 630-674-6951
Owner acquired the property on	Attorney Agent Owner Other: Other:
ADDRESS, USE & ZONING	OF PROPERTY:
Address of Property (attach lega	al description) vacant Lot 14th Street, St. Charles, IL trial, residential, etc.) Vacant
Zoning District	
To your knowledge, have any pr	revious applications for variations been filed in connection with this
property? Yas	estion late filed Cost received a versioner
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ACTION BY APPLICANT O	
Permit applied for and denied? (	(vag av na) N
An Appeal was made with respe	ect to this property? (yes or no)
Appeal Application File Number	er
Appeal approved? (yes or no) _	
Appeal Application accompanie	es this request for variation? (yes or no)

<sup>\*</sup>In the event that the applicant or owner is a trustee of a land trust or beneficiary of a land trust, a statement identifying each beneficiary by name and address of such land trust and defining his/her interest therein must be attached hereto. Such statement shall be verified by the trustee of such trust.

## **REASON FOR REQUEST:**

	Variation requested (state specific measurements): A reduction of the 30' landscape buffer between the RM-3 and RT-2 districts to 14' 7 ½" along the north and south portions of the parking lot and 16' 7 ½" along the middle portion of the parking lot, as shown on the site plan provided. A reduction of 15' 4 ½" and 13' 4 ½" respectively."  Reason for request:  To provide adaquate parking per the Zoning Ordinance for the proposed apartment development	
C.	Purpose for which property will be used: to provide an eight (8) unit	
CRITERIA FOR VARIATION:		
to cor	e Board of Zoning Appeals may approve a Variation only when it makes written findings with respect each requested Variation, based upon the evidence presented at the public hearing, that strict impliance with the regulations and standards of the Zoning Ordinance would create practical difficulties particular hardships for the subject property, and the requested Variation is consistent with the stated reposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.	
Zo	making its determination of whether practical difficulties or particular hardships exist, the Board of ning Appeals must take into consideration the extent to which evidence has been submitted estantiating the criteria have been met.	
Pr	ovide a response under each item to substantiate that the requested variation meets the criteria:	
1.	Do the particular physical surroundings, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in a practical difficulty or particular hardship to the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out? (Explain)	
	The property dimensions, it is almost square, do not allow forthe building and it's required parking within the setbacks a landscape buffer as prescribed by Code	
2.	Are the conditions upon which the petition for a Variation is based applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification? (Explain)	
	Yas. All properties to the north and south that face 14th Street and about the RT.2 zoning to the east do not have the prescribed landscape buffer	
3.	Is the purpose of the Variation based exclusively upon a desire to make more money out of the property? (Explain)	
	No. The handship is the result of the property dimensions which were established proof to 1920 and restrictions placed on the parcel of later dates.	

4. Has the alleged practical difficulty or particular hardship been created by any person presently having an interest in the property? (Explain)

No. The hardship results from the property dimensions & topography; the property slopes dramatically to the west. This dictates the building location.

5. Will the Variation, if granted, alter the essential character of the neighborhood? (Explain)

No. As noted in No 2, all the proparties to the north and south do not have the buffer. There the landscape buffer we will provide will be an improvement

6. Will granting of the Variation be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located? (Explain)

No. The proposed landscape buffer will be an improvement to the neighborhood as opposed to the properties to the north and south which do not provide the buffer.

7. Will the proposed Variation impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, or increase the danger of fire, or endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? (Explain)

No. The project will not affect the light & air supply to the adjacent properties and will not increase congestion in the public streets. Emergency responders will not be impeded by the project and it will not adversly affect property values in the neighborhood.

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

- A. <u>PLAT OF SURVEY:</u> One (1) copy of a plat of survey (to scale) of the property showing dimensions of all lot lines, existing and proposed structures and distances from lot lines, easements and adjoining streets or uses.
- B. MAILING LIST: A written certified list (form attached) containing the registered owners, their mailing and tax parcel numbers as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the county in which the property is located and as appears from the authentic tax records of such county, of all property within 250 feet in each direction of the location for which the variation is requested, provided all the number of feet occupied by all public roads, streets, alleys and other public ways shall be excluded in computing the 250 feet requirement. Registered owner information may be obtained at the St Charles Township Assessor's office, 1725 Dean St., St. Charles, (630) 584-2040. The Kane County Recorder of Deeds is located in the Kane County Government Center, 719 Batavia Ave., Geneva, and (630) 232-5935. The DuPage County Recorder of Deeds is located in the DuPage County Government Center, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, and (630) 682-7200.
- C. <u>FILING FEE</u>: Filing fee in the amount of \$300.00 must be rendered at the time the application is submitted. If payment is made by check, it should be made payable to the City of St. Charles. (NOTE: After the public hearing, you will be billed for the City's fees incurred during review of the application, including the cost of the certified mailing, newspaper notice publication, and Court Reporter at the hearing. This payment is in addition to the filing fee.)

Ordinance. By signing this Agreement, the applicant agrees to reimburse the City all costs incurred during review of the application, including but not limited to: the cost of the newspaper notice publication; certified mailing to surrounding property owners; Court Reporter at the public hearing(s); and City staff time spent on review and administration of the application.

The total cost of an application typically amounts to approximately \$1,000. However, the cost of each application varies depending on the following:

- Location of the property, due to the number of surrounding property owners and resulting number of certified letters that will be sent.
- Length of the newspaper notice publication which is based on the legal description of the property.
- Length and number of public hearings, which effect the cost of the Court Reporter. Note that if not all Board members are in attendance at the meeting, the applicant may request a continuation of the public hearing in the interest of having more Board members in attendance at a later meeting. If the public hearing is continued, at the request of the applicant or otherwise, the applicant is responsible for the cost of the Court Reporter at the additional public hearing(s).
- Amount of City staff time spent on review and administration of the application.
- E. <u>REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES INITIAL DEPOST</u>: Deposit of funds in escrow with the City. For properties less than 5 acres, a deposit in the amount of **\$1,000** is needed. For larger properties, see the table in the Reimbursement of Fees Agreement. These funds will be used to reimburse the City for all costs incurred during review of the application, per the Reimbursement of Fees Agreement. The applicant may need to provide additional funds to cover costs.
- F. <u>LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION</u>: Letter of authorization from the property owner as to the request for the zoning variation must be included, if the applicant is not the property owner.
- G. <u>DISCLOSURE</u>: Disclosure of beneficiaries of a land trust must be included, if the applicant or owner is a land trust.

I (we) certify that all of the above statements and the statements contained in any documents submitted herewith are true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant or agent

Print name of applicant/agent

Date

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