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Adjustment Approval Criteria, Ch. 33.805

Adjustments

The regulations of the zoning code are designed to implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. These regulations apply city-wide, but because of the city's diversity, some sites are difficult to develop in compliance with the regulations. The adjustment review process provides a mechanism by which the regulations in the zoning code may be modified if the proposed development continues to meet the intended purpose of those regulations. Adjustment reviews provide flexibility for unusual situations and to allow for alternative ways to meet the purpose of the code.

Adjustment procedure

A request for an adjustment is processed through a Type II procedure and results in an administrative (staff) decision. For additional information about the Type II procedure, refer to the description of procedures explained in this packet. If the decision is appealed, a public hearing is held and the Adjustment Committee makes the final local decision.

33.805.040 Approval Criteria

The approval criteria for signs are stated in Title 32. All other adjustment requests will be approved if the review body finds that the applicant has shown that **either** approval criteria A through F **or** approval criteria G. through I., below, have been met. Adjustments to the ground floor window requirements of this Title must also meet the additional requirements stated in the ground floor window sections in the base zones.

Summarize the adjustment request below or on a separate written statement: _____

A. Granting the adjustment will equally or better meet the purpose of the regulation to be modified; and

The proposal meets criterion A because: _____

B. If in a residential zone, the proposal will not significantly detract from the livability or appearance of the residential area, or if in an OS, C, E, or I zone, the proposal will be consistent with the classifications of the adjacent streets and the desired character of the area; and

The proposal meets criterion B because: _____

C. If more than one adjustment is being requested, the cumulative effect of the adjustments results in a project which is still consistent with the overall purpose of the zone; and

The proposal meets criterion C because: _____

D. City-designated scenic resources and historic resources are preserved; and

The proposal meets criterion D because: _____

E. Any impacts resulting from the adjustment are mitigated to the extent practical; and

The proposal meets criterion E because: _____

F. If in an environmental zone, the proposal has as few significant detrimental environmental impacts on the resource and resource values as is practicable; or

The proposal meets criterion F because: _____

OR

G. Application of the regulation in question would preclude all reasonable economic use of the site; and

The proposal meets criterion G because: _____

H. Granting the adjustment is the minimum necessary to allow the use of the site; and

The proposal meets criterion H because: _____

I. Any impacts resulting from the adjustment are mitigated to the extent practical.

The proposal meets criterion I because: _____

