MEETING AGENDA



Planning and Zoning Commission

Village of Homewood August 08, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

Village Hall Board Room 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL

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Please see last page of agenda for virtual meeting information.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Minutes:

Approve minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Regular Business:
 - A. Public Hearing for Case 24-21: Variance for Additional Driveway at 1947 Miller Court
 - B. Public Hearing for Case 24-27: Special Use Permit for Salon/Spa at 18154 Harwood Avenue
- Old Business:
- 7. New Business:
- 8. Adjourn

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MEETING MINUTES DATE OF MEETING: July 11, 2024

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm

Village Hall Board Room 2020 Chestnut Street Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sierzega called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Members Alfonso, Bransky, Cap, Chair Sierzega, O'Brien, Johnson, and Chair Sierzega. Member Castaneda was absent. Present from the Village was Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros (serving as Staff Liaison), and Assistant Director of Economic & Community Development Noah Schumerth. There were four members of the public in attendance in person. The public was able to watch and listen to the meeting via Zoom webinar.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Sierzega asked for any proposed changes to the minutes from the June 27, 2024 meeting.

Member O'Brien stated that one addition was needed that was not included "Chairman Sierzega asked if Case 24-11 would be discussed in this meeting and was told No with that the applicant then left the meeting".

Motion made to approve the minutes with one addition made by Member O'Brien; second by Member Johnson.

AYES: Members Bransky, Cap, O'Brien, Johnson, Chairman Sierzega

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Member Alfonso ABSENT: Member Castaneda

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

REGULAR BUSINESS:

CASE 24-16: Special Use for Massage Therapy, 18719 Dixie Hwy

Chairman Sierzega read a description of the case and asked staff if there were any comments received from neighboring properties. Noah Schumerth replied no comments were received

Applicant Fei Li was sworn in by Chairman Sierzega

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Chairman Sierzega read a brief description of the business plan that was presented with the business application. He asked Ms. Li to explain her business plan.

Thomas Frixman was sworn in by Chairman Sierzega to assist Fei Li in the explanation of her business.

The Board asked the following questions throughout the review of the case:

- Chairman Sierzega asked, "How many customers will she have at one time?"
- Member Johnson asked are the massages by appointment.
- Member Johnson asked what went into coming up with the hours of operation.
- Member Johnson asked what is the role of Thomas Frixman pertaining to the business since he's speaking for the Applicant for the business?
- Member Johnson asked if there is only one employee working and Fei is with another customer who will be working at the front desk.
- Member Johnson stated that it looks like six rooms on the diagram for the business and asked for the assignment of each room.
- Member O'Brien asked, for staff to provide the correct number of parking spaces for the property.
- Member O'Brien asked to correct a comment on pg. 10 stating "The business is not adjacent to or in direct vicinity of a similar use. But on pg.11 is states the nearest similar use is Tokyo Nail Spa located within the same shopping center.
- Member O'Brien asked what is the downside of Fei being the only person working in the business and she is not proficient in English.
- Member Cap asked is there any special licensing required by the State for the different techniques of massages.
- > Member Cap asked is the business intended to be a part of a physical therapy program?
- Member Alfonso asked how one employee will handle the service of a couple's massage.

Thomas Frixman explained how he knows Fei Li and his relationship to her and the business. He also provided a detailed description of what her plans are for opening the business which is as follows:

- ▶ 1 employee to start with the opening of the business
- ➤ Hours of operation will be 10am to 9pm Monday thru Sunday
- ➤ Hiring 2 additional employees as business progress
- Total of four rooms for massage services (3 single rooms and 1 couple's room)

- Washer/Dryer and shower accommodations provided for customers
- Physical price list will be posted for customers
- Fei Li is licensed with the State of Illinois for massages

Kevin Stampley was sworn in by Chair Sierzega to explain how the business works when is pertains to the difference between the business being therapeutic and being required for physical therapy.

Member Bransky made a motion to approve the Special Use permit for the Relax Massage with the conditions that all licenses and certifications are provided prior to the issuance of the Business operations certificate and with the minor correction of the number of parking spaces from 84 to 80. Member O'Brien seconded the motion to approve the Special use permit for the Relax Massage Salon.

AYES: Members Alfonso, Bransky, Cap, O'Brien, Johnson, Chair Sierzega

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Member Castaneda

<u>CASE 24-16: Special Use Permit for Indoor Commercial Place of Assembly and Variance for location of the Indoor Commercial Place of Assembly</u>

Chairman Sierzega asked for the Applicant to state his name. The Applicant stated his name to be Arnell Newman. The case was previously presented to the Board and Mr. Newman was presenting the changes to his business plan.

Mr. Newman knew there were concerns regarding parking in the area of the business and he did a survey of the parking lot area for several weeks during business hours for the neighboring businesses to audit how parking is handled with the current businesses.

Mr. Newman decided to address those concerns with the following solutions:

- Parking passes provided for attendees for special events
- Parking attendant to manage the parking during private events
- Special events will be invite only
- Limit the number of parking spaces to 40

Members Alfonso, Bransky, and Johnson were pleased with Mr. Newman being proactive to correct the parking concerns by coming up with solutions and communicating with neighboring businesses.

Member Alfonso asked how many special events will be held and how often?

Member Cap asked if there was any wording in the condo association documents that presumes that any open spaces can be used by Mr. Newman's business.

Member Cap asked Mr. Newman what type of events he is anticipating to have.

Member O'Brien asked staff about the number of parking spaces and where the difference could be considering that he physically counted 142 spaces after walking the property twice and it's documented that there's 145 spaces.

Member O'Brien asked how many employees will be on staff? How many employees are on staff when there is a larger production vs. a smaller production?

Mr. Newman stated the following:

- ➤ 4 employees to start
- 4-6 employees with a smaller production crew
- 9-12 employees with a larger production crew

Member O'Brien asked staff for clarification on the statement stated on pg. 27 when it states if events exceed site capacity limited options are available due to the lack of street parking on Bretz Drive.

Member O'Brien concerns regarding this case are the following:

- Parking
- > Traffic
- Occupancy
- Safety

Chairman Sierzega had questions pertaining to hours of operation for weekdays and weekends.

Member Cap asked if the site location for the business is the headquarters for the business and if so, is this where all activities that's sponsored by Soulistic 360 will be held.

Member O'Brien asked staff to add the wording indoor for the type of Variance requested.

Member O'Brien asked for clarification regarding the statement on pg. 29 referencing standing room and it being conflicting with the stated maximum occupancy of 80 people.

Chairman Sierzega stated the approval of the proposed special use is contingent on the approval to permit indoor commercial places of assembly in an M1 limited manufacturing zone. This amendment was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval by the Village Board. The amendment will be considered by the Village Board in July's board meeting.

Member Bransky made a motion to approve the special use permit for indoor commercial place of assembly and a variance for location of indoor commercial of assembly use as well as incorporate the findings of fact to modify item #6 to be corrected to read 142 marked parking spaces which exceeds the number of parking spaces required.

Member Alfonso seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Alfonso, Bransky, Cap, Johnson, Chair Sierzega

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- NAYS: Member O'Brien
- **❖** ABSTENTIONS:
- ❖ ABSENT: Member Castaneda

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Member O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charise Campbell

Building Division Permit Clerk

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MEMORANDUM DATE OF MEETING: August 8, 2024

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Noah Schumerth, Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development

Through: Angela Mesaros, Director of Economic and Community Development

Topic: Case 24-21 – Variance for Second Driveway, 1947 Miller Court



APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Martin Will
ACTION REQUESTED	Variance from Section 44-05-05.D(1) to permit a second residential driveway
ADDRESS	1947 Miller Court
PIN	29-31-409-012-0000

ZONING & LAND USE

SUBJECT PROPERT	Υ	ZONING	LAND USE
CURRENT		B-2 Downtown Transition	Single-Family Residential
		B-2 Downtown Transition	Brewery/Restaurant
		B-2 Downtown Transition	Single-Family Residential
	S:	B-4 Multi-Family Residential	Multi-Family Residential
	W:	B-2 Downtown Transition	Dry-Cleaning

LEGAL NOTICE

The legal notice was published in Daily Southtown on July 25, 2024. Letters were sent to property owners and residents within 250' of the subject property.

DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

Title	Pages	Prepared by	Date
Application	2	Martin Will	07/18/2024
Variance Standards Worksheet	2	Martin Will	07/18/2024
Site Plan Drawing	2	Martin Will	07/18/2024
Annotated Plat of Survey	1	Vanderwalker Land Surveyors	02/12/1999
Staff Exhibits	2	Asst. Dir. Econ/Comm. Development	07/29/2024

Cases 24-21

BACKGROUND

Martin and Cally Will, the applicant, own the subject property at 1947 Miller Court. The primary use of the property is a single-family residence. The property currently has one driveway with parking pads on the north and west sides of the primary residence. The applicant is requesting a second driveway. Section 44-05-05 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance allows one driveway per single-family property. Therefore, a variance is required from the zoning ordinance to construct the second driveway.

The subject property is located on Miller Court, which will serve as the direct vehicular and pedestrian access for the newly constructed Homewood Brewing Company. The additional driveway would improve safety for the increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Miller Court due to Homewood Brewing Company.

DISCUSSION

The applicant has proposed the construction of a second driveway on the residential property at 1947 Miller Court. The property is in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district, which allows existing single-family dwellings constructed before January 11, 2023, as a permitted use. According to the Cook County Assessor's Office, the home was constructed in 1879.

Per Section 44-05-05 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance, only one driveway (defined as the "access point from the street to the residential property") is permitted for any single-family residence.

The adjacent property to the north at 18225 Dixie Highway has been developed as Homewood Brewing Company, a brewery and bar/restaurant with approximately 11,000 square feet of building area. The front entrance to the public restaurant is located across Miller Court from the subject property, near the existing driveway entrance. The street section of Miller Court has been upgraded with new pavement and a sidewalk as part of the brewery construction. The street provides access to the parking lot in the rear of the brewery building. The placement of the building entrance and parking access via Miller Court will increase pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Miller Court.

The property owner has proposed an additional driveway so that their vehicles do not have to back out into Miller Court. The applicant has stated that reducing reverse motions will reduce hazards to pedestrians and motorists entering and exiting Homewood Brewing. The second driveway would also alleviate disturbances to property access, given that the main public of the brewery is adjacent to the subject property and passenger loading may occur at this entrance. Paved driveway area will be extended to connect the new driveway to the existing parking pad areas in the front of the home.

Variance Standards Analysis

The applicant must clearly demonstrate an external hardship or unique circumstances warranting the variance and provide the smallest possible deviation from the Village Zoning Ordinance. The hardship must be evaluated against the following three standards for Variance:

- 1. The property cannot yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations governing the district in which it is located.
- The plight of the owner is due to unique and external circumstances which are not self-imposed by the property owner.
- The variance will not alter the essential character of the locality surrounding the subject site.

The applicant's responses to the Standards of Variance are attached for review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Staff analysis of the Standards is provided below.

1. The property cannot yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations governing the district in which it is located. According to the property owner the location of the Homewood Brewing Company's entrance will cause significant impacts to property access, which will reduce the full enjoyment of the property and negatively impact property value. Staff is in agreement that the current arrangement for the driveway at 1947 Miller causes safety hazards for both the residential property and patrons of the Homewood Brewing Company.

Staff has evaluated alternative options for the property owner to minimize the variance. The primary alternative would require removing the current driveway and moving it east on the property. This would distance the driveway from the front entrance of the brewery. However, this option could still be subject to access disruptions, and require reverse motion for all vehicles exiting the residential driveway. This alternative would impose costs on the property owner that are not self-imposed. Staff finds that alternative designs are not suitable for alleviating safety hazards for property owners and neighboring business patrons.

Staff finds that reasonable return on the property, including overall property value and full enjoyment of safe access to the property, would be negatively impacted if required to follow regulations as are governing the property currently. The variance promotes public safety and general welfare which may be impacted if the driveway is not altered.

2. The plight of the owner is due to unique and external circumstances which are not self-imposed by the property owner. The subject property is a single-family residence located within a commercial area. The house was constructed before the current commercial zoning was in place. The location on a commercial street is a unique circumstance.

The property directly to the north was formerly a restaurant and has been vacant for many years. Recently the property was purchased and construction is mostly complete for a brewery and restaurant. The restaurant will use Miller Court (the street upon which the residence fronts) as the main access for parking and deliveries.

The entrance to the brewery is close to the applicant's existing driveway. This will create increased vehicle traffic and potential for access disruptions to the home. The increase in traffic creates external safety concerns for the property owner, who currently must back their vehicle out of the existing driveway into the street. This could also create a safety issue for the patrons of the brewery/restaurant.

Visibility is also restricted by the location of the Homewood Drive-In Cleaners directly to the west of the subject property at 18235 Dixie Highway. The proposed second driveway will reduce reverse movements out of the driveway in a high-traffic area. The property directly to the east of the subject property is also a residence; however, the restaurant/brewery will have less impact on access due to the location of the home's driveway further toward the rear of the Homewood Brewing Company property.

Staff finds that the plight expressed by the property owner is unique and imposed by external circumstances.

3. The variance will not alter the essential character of the locality surrounding the subject site. The subject property is located in a commercial area on the edge of downtown Homewood, and is not easily visible from the surrounding roadways. The proposed project is a new 15' driveway. The driveway will be screened from view. The proposed driveway does not alter the essential character of the area around the subject site. The new driveway compliant with local zoning requirements. The proposed driveway will support safer and more efficient operation of the adjacent uses without injury to the general public.

Staff finds that the essential character of the locality surrounding the subject site will not be altered by the approval of this variance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The staff has prepared the following draft Findings of Fact per the standards outlined in Section 2 of the Village Code of Ordinances. The findings of fact, as proposed or as amended, may be entered into the record:

- The subject property is located at 1947 Miller Court, in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district.
- 2. The use of the subject property is a single-family dwelling with one principal dwelling, existing before January 11, 2023, and thus operating as a permitted use in the B-2 zoning district.
- 3. The applicant, Martin Will, is the owner of the subject property.
- 4. The subject property currently has one driveway as permitted by Section 44-05-05 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance.
- 5. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 45-05-05.D (1) to permit the construction of a second driveway.
- 6. The proposed driveway will be 15' in width at the northern property line and will comply with all applicable zoning standards for driveways as found in Section 44-05-05 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance.
- 7. The proposed variance is due to unique circumstances and will not harm the health, safety, or public welfare of the surrounding community.

RECOMMENDED PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION ACTION

The Planning and Zoning Commission may wish to consider the following motion:

Recommend **approval** of Case 24-21, granting a variance from Section 44-05-05.D (1) of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance to allow a second driveway on a residential property with one principal dwelling unit;

AND

Incorporate the Findings of Fact into the record.





RESIDENTIAL ZONING REVIEW

2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430

Street Address:	1947 Miller	Ct	Homewood, IL 60430	Zoning District:
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•		bits submitted with this applica	tion are true and accurate to the be	est of my knowledge;
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» I agree to pay al	l required fe	es;		
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Martin Will		Martin Wi	II	07/18/2024
Applicant Name Applicant S			ignature	Date

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Description: Adding another entry way to property and extending driveway to create a "C" style drive. The curb will need to be cut at the new entrence. 2" of asfault and 4" of CA6 compactable stone will be used as base.

Select the box for all existing and proposed structures. Provide the area of existing and proposed buildings, structures, and impervious surfaces, to complete the form to the best of your abilities. Enter any area of demo as a negative number.

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Principal Structure	No Change	Demo	Building Footprint	Addition	New Build	Building Footprint
Single family detached dwelling	П		sf			sf
Duplex dwelling			sf			sf
Townhouse dwelling	П		sf			sf
Other:			sf	0		sf
Accessory Structure(s)	No Change	Demo	Area	Addition	New Build	Area
Accessory dwelling unit, attached/internal		П	sf			sf
Accessory dwelling unit, detached			sf			sf
Garage, attached			sf			sf
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Deck, Porch, or Patio	О	D	sf			sf
Shed, Cabana, Greenhouse, Playhouse, Gazebo		D	sf			sf
Solar energy collection, roof			sf			sf
Solar energy collection, ground	D	О	sf			sf
Swimming Pool or Spa		О	sf			sf
Other:			sf	D		sf
Impervious Surfaces	No Change	Demo	Area	Addition	New Build	Area
Driveway	П		sf	×		630 sf
Parking Pad		O	sf			sf
Walkways	D	D	sf			sf
Other:		П	sf	D	П	sf
Impervious Lot Coverage			Area			Area
Total Impervious Area			0 sf			0 sf
Percentage of Total Site Area			0 %			0 %

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STANDARDS FOR: VARIANCE

2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430

Street Address: 1947 Miller Ct.	Homewood, IL 60430
Requested Variance: Driveway addition	
Zoning Requirement:	
Ordinance Reference:	
Applicant Name: Martin Will	Date: 07/18/2024

Provide responses to each question below using complete sentences and specific to the property and relief requested.

The Planning and Zoning Commission and Village Board shall consider the following responses to the Standards for a Variance in evaluating the application.

No variance shall be granted unless the findings of fact for each application demonstrate a true hardship and the least deviation from the Ordinance necessary, as provided by the applicant's response to the following:

1. Can the property in question yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations governing the district in which it is located?

Describe why you cannot comply with the zoning regulations and how it impacts the property value.

Our property lost value with the construction of the brewery. This project is about keeping people safe. The entrance to the brewery is across from the current driveway. Another location to exit onto Miller Ct, east of the front door, will help protects patrons.

2. Is the plight of the owner due to unique circumstances?

Describe why this request is unique to you; would it apply to your neighbors as well?

There are only two residential properties on Miller Ct. We are looking to add an additional entry/exit point to our driveway, in order to reduce the liability and the chance of an accicdent taking place from the traffic on Miller Ct, due to the new Homewood Brewing Company.

3. If granted, will the variance alter the essential character of the locality?

Describe how the property, with this relief, will compare to the surrounding properties.

Miller Ct. has been altered by the building of Homewood Brewing Company. We aren't sure how extending our driveway for safety purposes would impact other surrounding properties.

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Supplemental to the above standards, the decision-making authority shall also consider and make findings of fact on the character of the alleged hardship and the potential impacts to neighboring properties of granting the variance, as provided in the applicant's following responses. No one is controlling.

4. Do the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the subject property pose a particular hardship upon the owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, under the strict application of these regulations?

Describe the unique characteristics of the site that limit use or development without the requested relief.

We currently back in and out of our driveway. The entry for the new Homewood Brewing Company is almost directly across from where we enter/exit. There will be foot traffic, as parking is located in the rear of that property, as well as cars pausing to load and unload passengers in front of the entryway. We are looking to reduce the liability and threat of an accident/injuries by providing ourselves with an additional exit/entry.

5.	Would the conditions upon which the request for variance is based be generally applicable to other
	property within the same zoning classification?
	Do your neighbors have the same circumstances?

There is one other residence on Miller Ct and they do not have the same issues.

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

Provide information about any personal gains related to the hardship.

This hardship has been presented to us by the building and design of the Homewood Brewing Company. As previously stated, the entry/exit is almost directly across from our only entry/exit to our home.

7. If granted, will the variance be detrimental to public-welfare or injurious to other neighboring properties?

Describe any potential negative impacts on neighboring properties and mitigation efforts.

Yes, the driveway will help alleaviate risk for both motorists, as well as patrons.

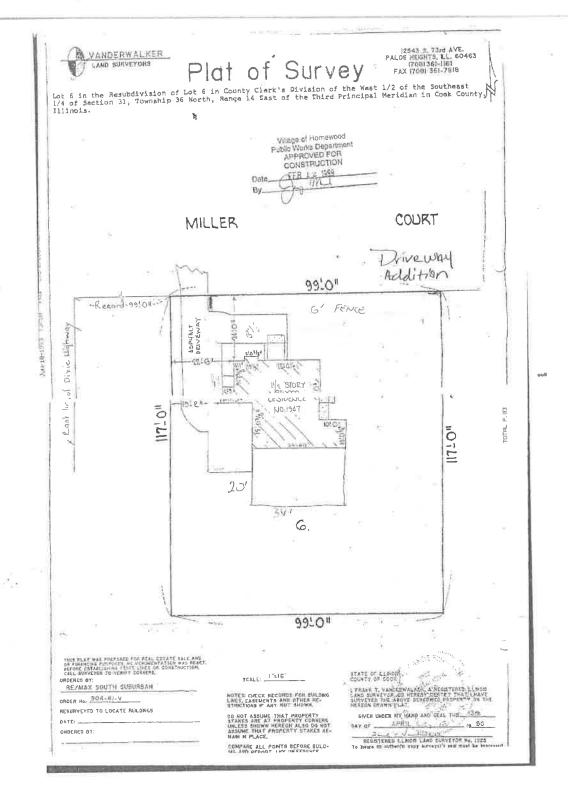
8. If granted, will the variance: impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property; substantially increase the danger of fire or otherwise endanger the public safety; or, substantially diminish or impair values of neighboring property?

Explain how the requested relief will not create a hazard or de-value adjacent property.

Extending our driveway will not impact the one other residence on Miller Ct.

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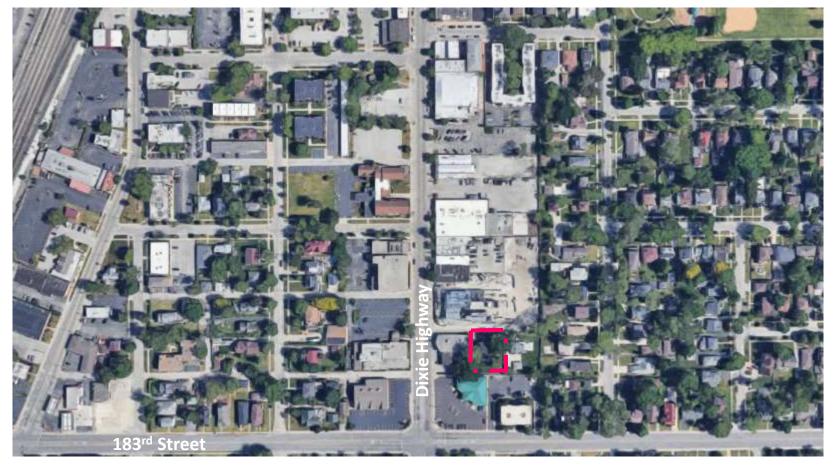


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MEMORANDUM DATE OF MEETING: August 8, 2024

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Noah Schumerth, Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development

Through: Angela Mesaros, Director of Economic and Community Development

Topic: Case 24-27 – Special Use Permit for Salon/Spa Establishment at 18154 Harwood Avenue



APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Destiny Wheatley
ACTION REQUESTED	Special Use Permit for Salon/Spa Establishment in B-2 Zoning District
ADDRESS	18154 Harwood Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430
PIN	29-31-409-012-0000

ZONING & LAND USE

SUBJECT PROPERT	Υ	ZONING	LAND USE
CURRENT		B-2 Downtown Transition	Professional Office
		B-2 Downtown Transition	Salon/Spa Establishment
	E:	B-2 Downtown Transition	Professional Office
		B-2 Downtown Transition	Restaurant
	W:	B-2 Downtown Transition	Restaurant/Private Parking

LEGAL NOTICE

The legal notice was published in Daily Southtown on July 25, 2024. Letters were sent to property owners and residents within 250' of the subject property.

DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

Title	Pages	Prepared by	Date
Application	2	Destiny Wheatley	07/18/2024
Special Use Standards Worksheet	2	Destiny Wheatley	07/18/2024
Floor Plan	1	Destiny Wheatley	07/18/2024
Staff Exhibits	2	Asst. Dir. Econ/Comm. Development	07/29/2024

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Destiny Wheatley of Des Beauty Galore Salon/Spa, has proposed the operation of a salon/spa at 18154 Harwood Avenue, Suite 202. The business will be located in an existing office building with a number of office suites. The new salon use will be approximately 276 square feet in area.

The salon is proposed to operate from 10 am to 6 pm for seven days a week. The business will operate on an appointment-only basis. The operator of the business has stated that they plan to serve one customer at a time, and the business will be served by one employee.

DISCUSSION

The proposed business will operate in an existing office suite on the second floor of the office building at 18154 Harwood Avenue. The office building is divided into nine tenant spaces. The total building is approximately 6,000 square feet. The office building has several suites which currently house a variety of different uses, including:

Suite #	Approved/Operating Land Use
Suite 101	Vacant
Suite 103	Professional Offices
Suite 105	Dental Office
Suite 107-109	Law Office
Suite 201	Vacant
Suite 202	Proposed Salon/Spa
Suite 203	Tax Office
Suite 204	Law Office

The building has previously approved salon/spa tenants operating in spaces with similar square footage.

The building has 23 parking spaces for common use by the tenants. There are no reserved spaces in the parking lot. The parking lot is not heavily used, due to limited customer and visitor traffic associated with each of the other uses in the office building. The building requires 20 parking spaces (1 space per 300 square feet required, 6000 square feet total gross floor area = 20 spaces). The lot is sufficient for the use classification for this building.

Special Use Standards Analysis

The Special Use Permit application must be considered against standards for Special Uses identified in Section 44-07-11 of the Village Zoning Ordinance. These standards are applied to all Special Use Permit applications. The applicant has provided a set of responses to each of the standards for Special Uses, which is attached as an appendix to this memo. A summary of staff findings is included below.

1. Is the special use deemed necessary for the public convenience at that location? The applicant has stated that the tenant space is suitable for a single-proprietor salon use, citing spacious tenant spaces

and accessibility to the high-traffic area in downtown Homewood. Staff finds that the use is in a suitable location which will provide convenient access to an appointment-based service.

- 2. Will the special use be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community? The applicant has cited a role in adding a service to the growing commercial activity around downtown Homewood. Staff confirms that this use provides a service in a vacant space and will not hinder economic welfare. However, a salon/spa use ("Just Between Trends," 18150 Harwood Avenue) is located in a standalone building adjacent to the office center where the proposed use will be located. While staff finds some overlap, the neighboring business is a significantly larger operation, and salon/spa uses that operate at the scale of the proposed business generally provide services for a small existing client base.
- **3.** Will the special use be consistent with the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan and other adopted plans of the village? The use is consistent with goals stated in the 1999 Comprehensive Plan, including increasing taxable services within Village limits and expanding the diversity of goods and services available. The use is also in alignment with the goals of the B-2 zoning district, including "supporting adaptive reuse of existing buildings" and "protecting areas for commercial development and the generation of property tax revenue," as stated in Section 44-02-02(f) of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance.
- **4.** Is the special use at the subject property so designed, located, and proposed to be operated, that the public health, safety, and welfare will be protected? The applicant has stated that the business will not cause negative impacts will be caused. Staff analysis finds minimal negative impacts produced by the proposed business.
- **5.** Is the special use a suitable use of the property and, without the special use, could the property will be substantially diminished in value? The applicant has cited that the use will provide additional economic value to the community via additional clients visiting downtown Homewood. Staff finds that the building is suitable for this type of use and can handle additional appointment traffic generated by the business. The business will occupy a currently vacant tenant space, and is not projected to operate in a manner which disrupts other uses in the building or the economic value of the building as a whole.
- **6.** Will the special use cause substantial injury to the value of other property in the neighborhood in which it is located? The applicant states that the use will not cause injury to the value of other properties in the neighborhood in which it is located. Staff finds that the use will not cause undue impacts on surrounding properties in the neighborhood, as it will be contained within an existing office building with minimal impacts (noise, pollution, visual impacts, etc.) on other businesses. The use is unlikely to cause impacts on surrounding uses in the office center due to limited traffic and the design of the space (opaque door, end of hallway, new visual or auditory impacts possible from space).
- 7. Will the special use be consistent with the uses and community character of the neighborhood surrounding the subject property? The applicant states that the business will support the local environment and allow her to make a positive contribution to downtown Homewood. Staff finds that the use will be largely consistent with similar service uses found in the vicinity, and will not negatively affect the growing commercial environment in downtown Homewood. The tenant will provide a new service in a previously vacant space and is likely to attract new visitors to downtown Homewood. The use operate within hours that align with surrounding land uses.

- **8.** Will the special use be injurious to the use or enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for the purposes permitted in the zoning district? The applicant states that the business will have no negative impacts. Staff finds that the proposed business will create minimal impacts on the enjoyment of other spaces within the office center in which it is proposed.
- **9.** Will the special use impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding properties for uses permitted in the zoning district? According to the applicant, the use will not cause impacts on surrounding development. Staff finds that there will be minimal disruption to orderly and normal development of surrounding properties due to the scale and location of the use.
- **10.** Does the proposed special use at the subject property provides adequate measures of ingress and egress in a manner that minimizes traffic congestion in the public streets? The applicant states sufficient access to support the new client base for the business, who will primarily travel by vehicle. The applicant cites that some of her clients use ride share or Metra to reach appointments at their current location of business, and that this location is suitable for serving those clients. Staff finds that the proposed special use is suitably accessible and will not cause congestion on surrounding streets. There is sufficient parking to support the use with an average of one customer at a time and one employee, as there are few additional customer-generating uses in the building the use is proposed within. The site has sufficient ingress and egress into parking areas, and the use is readily accessible interior to the building. The use is of a scale that will not contribute to additional traffic congestion.
- 11. Is the subject property adequately served by utilities, drainage, road access, public safety and other necessary facilities to support the special use? The applicant states that there are no new utilities, drainage, road access, etc. being supplied with the project. Staff finds the use has sufficient services for the business with proposed improvements. The use is designed in a manner that provides safety and privacy for clients of a personal services use such as a salon/spa. The building is fitted with adequate safety measures to protect employees and clients. The space has windows and sufficient fire egress in case of emergency. Staff has no concerns about the existing services available for use in the space.
- **12.** Will the special use have a substantial adverse effect on one or more historical, archeological, cultural, natural or scenic resources located on the parcel or surrounding properties? The applicant states there will be no impact on such resources, and staff finds that there will be no impacts on important cultural, scenic or natural resources on or near the property.

<u>Staff finds that the use sufficiently meets the Standards for Special Uses, established in Section 44-07-11 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance, and finds the proposed use appropriate for the site.</u>

FINDINGS OF FACT

The staff has prepared the following draft Findings of Fact in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 2 of the Village Code of Ordinances. The findings of fact, as proposed or as amended, may be entered into the record:

- 1. The subject property is located at 18154 Harwood, in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district.
- 2. The use of the subject property is a professional office building with approximately 6,000 square feet of floor area.

- 3. The applicant, Destiny Wheatley, is the proposed tenant for Suite 202 in the existing building at 18154 Harwood.
- 4. The applicant has proposed a salon/spa establishment in a vacant tenant space at the subject site and has requested a Special Use Permit for the operation of the business.
- 5. A salon/spa establishment in the B-2 zoning district is subject to review by the Planning and Zoning Commission for adherence to the Standards for Special Use, as written in Section 44-07-11 of the Village Zoning Ordinance.
- 6. The proposed use will operate in an existing tenant space with a square footage of approximately 276 square feet.
- 7. The proposed special use will not harm the health, safety, or public welfare of the surrounding community.

RECOMMENDED PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION ACTION

The Planning and Zoning Commission may wish to consider the following motion:

Recommend **approval** of Case 24-27 to the Village Board of Trustees, granting a Special Use Permit to permit the operation of a *salon/spa establishment* in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district by Destiny Wheatley of Des Beauty Galore Salon/Spa;

AND

Incorporate the Findings of Fact into the record.

ZONING REVIEW

2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430



VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD

PROPERTY INFORMATION					
Street Address: 18154 Harw	Complete this section to determine your required review(s):				
Property Index Number(s): N/A Lot Size: 400 sq. ft. acres If the subject property is multiple lots, provide the combined area. Zoning District: R-1 R-2 R-3 R-4 B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 M-1 M-2 PL-1 PL-2			Is the subject property more than one lot held in common ownership? □ yes □ no → If yes, lots held in common ownership should be consolidated A Planned Development is required for development of lots >25,000 sf or located in the B-1 or B-2 Zoning Districts.		
REQUESTED USE					
Requested Use: Salon use, nails Gross Floor Area: 40 Existing Use:	0 sq. ft. Parking	Provided: Yes	The requested use is: Permitted Limited Special Other:		
SITE OR BUILDING CHANGE	S				
Existing Development: N/A Proposed Development Check all that apply. Provide a description and metrics below. New construction? □ yes □ no → If yes, requires Site Plan Review					
■ New Construction ■ Addition ■ Site Alterations ■ Exterior Building Alterations			Floor area increase is 20% or more?		
None.			 → If yes, requires Site Plan Review Does the applicant elect to proceed as a Planned Development? yes no Is site circulation or parking impacted?		
Development Metrics	Existing	Proposed	ges ■fo → If yes, requires Site Plan Review		
Gross Floor Area (sq. ft): Parking Spaces Lot Coverage Impervious Area (sq. ft.)	400 sq/ft 12 by 12 3-4 each tenant		Is site landscaping impacted? □ yes □ no → If yes, requires Site Plan Review Exterior building alterations? □ yes		
Impervious Coverage (%)			ightarrow If yes, requires Appearance Review		
ZONING RELIEF OR CHANGES					
Zoning Variance or Amendmen	t Describe any requested zon	ning relief or changes below.	The applicant requests: Variance Administrative Exception Zoning Text Amendment Zoning Map Amendment		

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APPLICANT		PROPERTY OWNER	
Name	Destiny Wheatley	Name	Tawauna Walker
Company	Des Beauty Galore	Company	Phoenix Investment Enterprise LLC
Address	18154 Harwood Ave Suite 202	Address	15441 Center Ave Unit 1682
Phone	+1 (773) 269-7688	Phone	773-966-9586
Email	destinywheatley@yahoo.com	Email	18154harwood@gmail.com
Role	Tenant	Check box if the applicant is the property owner	

I acknowledge and attest that:

- » All the information and exhibits submitted with this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;
- » Village representatives are permitted to make reasonable inspections of the subject property necessary to process this application;
- » I agree to pay all required fees;
- » No work may be done without first obtaining a Building Permit. All work shall be completed in accordance with Village Codes and Ordinances.

Destiny Wheatley	Mus Wh	07/22/2024	
Applicant Name	Applicant Signature	Date	

Staff Notes		Do not write below this line.
Fee: \$150 Paid	d	Date Received:08/01/2024
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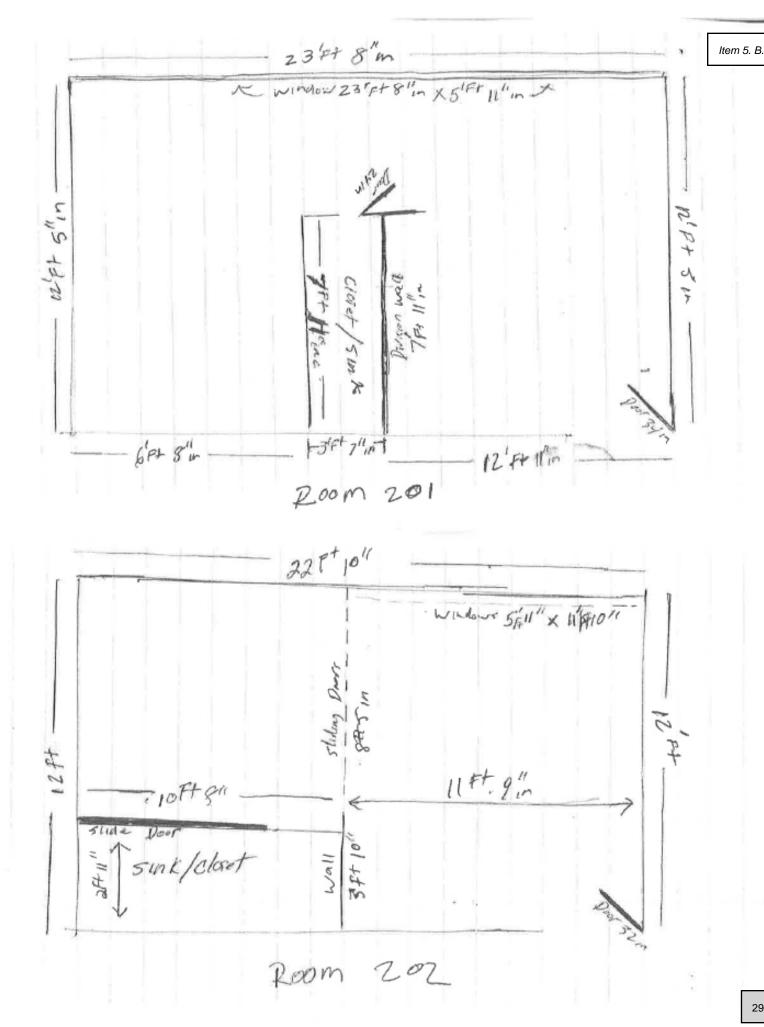


2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430

Street	Address:	18154 Harwood Avenue Suite 202	Hamawaad II 60420			
			Homewood, IL 60430			400 sq. ft.
Requested Use: Business Name:		Des Beauty Galore		. Area:		sq. π.
		Destiny Wheatley			07/22/2024	
Applica	nt Name:			. Date:	0772272021	
Provide re	esponses	to each question below using complete senten	ces and specific to the propose	ed business o	ınd selected lo	ocation.
		Zoning Commission and Village Board shall co				
		lication. No one is controlling.				
1.	 Is the special use deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location? Describe why this location is best-suited for your business to serve the community. 					
		ation is in a perfect area and the rooms in th		. A good loc	ation can	
		nore customers, especially in a high traffic a		s well as a	prime	
	location	also help improve the professional image of	i your business.			
2.		ecial use detrimental to the economic welfare				
		business have a negative impact on other busin				
		I not have a negative impact on other busing ods and services for residents and visitors.	esses. It will increase comme	ercial growth	to provide	
3.	Will the	special use be consistent with the goals and p	olicies of the Comprehensive	Plan?		
	Describe	how your business fits with the goals and poli	cies summarized on the attach	ned sheet.		
		e commercial development to enhance Village			and	
	services, expand housing options, and improve street furniture and pedestrian tunnels.					
4.	Is the sp	ecial use so designed, located, and proposed t	to be operated, that the publi	c health, safe	ety, and	
	welfare will be protected?					
		any negative impacts, external to your busines	ss, that may result from it ope	rating at this	location.	
	it will no	t have any negative impacts.				
5.	_	ecial use a suitable use of the property, and w	ill the property will be substa	ntially dimin	ished in	
	value without the special use? Describe why your business is best-suited for your this property.					
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6.	Will the special use cause substantial injury to the value of other property in the neighborhood in which it is located? Will your business decrease the value of other properties? No, I'm bringing more economic and community support VIA my clients.
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7.	Will the special use be consistent with the uses and community character of the neighborhood surrounding the property? Describe how your business is compatible with its neighbors.
	My business can support the local environment, share knowledge with others, and will always help with a hand when needed.
8.	Will the special use be injurious to the use or enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for the purposes permitted in the zoning district? Describe any negative impacts, external to your business, that may result from it operating at this location.
	It will not have any negative impacts.
9.	Will the special use impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding properties for uses permitted in the zoning district? Describe any negative impacts, external to your business, that may result from it operating at this location.
	It will not have any negative impacts.
10.	Does the special use provide adequate measures of ingress and egress in a manner that minimizes traffic congestion in the public streets? Describe how will customers get to and from your business.
	My clients predominantly use vehicles as a method of transport to commute to their service appointments. The location provides a parking lot that allows for efficient ingress and egress. Moreover, I do have clients who utilize public transportation (e.g., Metra and ride share), which aligns with the objectives outlined in the master plan; including improving pedestrian and vehicular access.
11.	Is the special use served by adequate utilities, drainage, road access, public safety and other necessary facilities? A new business going into an existing development, may answer 'no.'
	No
12.	Will the special use substantially adversely affect one or more historical, archaeological, cultural, natural or scenic resources located on the parcel or surrounding properties? A new business going into an existing development, may answer 'no.'
	No



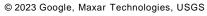
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