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Committee of Adjustment 4th Floor 101 Centerpointe Drive Ottawa On K2G 5K7

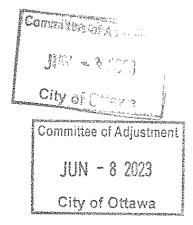
Attention: Secretary Treasurer

Michel Bellemare

Re: 379 Cooper St

ZONED R5B [482] H(37)

Dear Sir



We would like to apply for a Minor Variance resulting from one Zoning requirement. The property in question is an existing three storey "low rise apartment" building. The building was a single family home that was converted to a rooming house in the sixties. When Mr Saad bought it in 2018 he added kitchenettes and individual washrooms to the rooms and by zoning definition the rooms became Dwelling units. These units are now being rented out providing affordable living in the downtown core.

Due to the demand for affordable housing he is now proposing to provide three additional units in the basement. There is no exterior construction required for this proposal. The Minor Variance required is due to the Amenity requirements of the Zoning By-Law 2008-250 Section 137 (11).

The Amenity requirements of the Zoning By-Law 2008-250 Section 137 (11) as set out below:

Table 137- Amenity Area (By-law 2014-189) (OMB Order File #PL150797 issued July 25, 2016 – By-law 2015-228)

Apartment dwelling low-rise: Low-rise apartment dwelling in Area A as shown on S321any residential zone other than the R4-UA, R4-UB, R4-UC and R4-UD zones. (Subject to By-law 2023-222) (By-law 2020-290) (By-law 2021-111) 15m2 per dwelling unit up to eight units, plus 6m2 per unit in excess of 8. 100% of the amenity area required for the first eight units. Communal amenity area required for the first eight units must: -be located at-grade and in the rear yard; -be landscaped; -consist of at least 80% soft landscaping; and -be located at grade and in the rear yard and may include one interior yard that abuts both the rear yard and interior side yard, unless the lot has access to a rear lane. (By-law 2019-41)

As no building addition is proposed and the development is existing we are deficient in the required amenity space. The required amenity area is $(15m2 \times 8) + (6m2 \times 5) = 150 \text{ m2}$. 120m2 is to be Communal and in the Rear yard. Plus 80% of the rear yard Amenity space is required to be "soft" landscaping. Section 137 (3) also states that Amenity Area provided outdoors must not be located in a required Front Yard. Balconies in the Front now no longer count as Amenity area so although existing and provided they do not count towards the required Amenity area.

We would respectfully ask for a Minor Variance to excempt us from the requirement of Section 137 Amenity requirements that would remove this location from Clause (11) which includes the requirement for II Total Amenity, III Communal Amenity Area and IV Layout of Communal Amenity Area.

We believe that our request meets the four tests that are required to achieve a Minor Variance :

1 - The Variance is Minor as it does not impact our neighbours and there is amenity area associated with the units and in the surrounding neighbourhood.

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- 2. The Variance is desirable for the use of the property. We are adding three affordable units in an area where there is high demand.
- The General Intent and purpose of the Zoning By-Law is maintained as we are working with an existing situation.
- 4. The General Intent and purpose of the Official Plan is maintained as we are providing additional affordable housing.

Trusting our request is not overreaching

Yours Truly,

Tino V. Tolot

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	I Land Use	II Total Amenity Area	III Communal Amenity Area	IV Layout of Communal Amenity Area
(4)	Apartment Building, mid- high rise	6m ² per dwelling unit, and 10% of the gross floor area of each rooming unit	A minimum of 50% of the required total amenity area	Aggregated into areas up to 54 m², and where more than one aggregated area is provided, at least one must be a minimum of 54 m²
(5)	Mixed Use Building, with 9 or more dwelling units or rooming units	6m ² per dwelling unit, and 10% of the gross floor area of each rooming unit	A minimum of 50% of the required total amenity area	Aggregated into areas up to 54 m², and where more than one aggregated are is provided, at least one must be a minimum of 54 m²
(6)	Stacked dwelling of 9 or more dwelling units	6m ² per dwelling unit, and 10% of the gross floor area of each rooming unit	A minimum of 50% of the required total amenity area	Aggregated into areas up to 54 m ² , and where mon than one aggregated are is provided, at least one must be a minimum of 54 m ²
(7)	Retirement Home	6m ² per dwelling unit, and 10% of the gross floor area of each rooming unit	A minimum of 50% of the required total amenity area	Aggregated into areas up to 54 m², and where mor than one aggregated are is provided, at least one must be a minimum of 54 m²
(8)	Retirement Home, Converted	6m ² per dwelling unit, and 10% of the gross floor area of each rooming unit	A minimum of 50% of the required total amenity area	Aggregated into areas up to 54 m ² , and where mor than one aggregated are is provided, at least one must be a minimum of 54 m ²
(9)	Residential care facility	10% of the gross floor area of each rooming unit	All of the total amenity area	
(10)	Planned Unit Development	As per dwelling type	As per dwelling type	As per dwelling type
(11)	rise:	15m ² per dwelling unit up to eight units, plus 6m ² per unit in excess of 8.	100% of the amenity area required for the first eight units.	Communal amenity area required for the first eight units must:
	Low-rise apertment dwelling in any residential zone other than the R4-UA, R4-UB, R4-UC and R4-UD zones. (By-law 2020-290) (By-law 2021-111)			-be located at-grade and in the rear yard; -be landscaped; -consist of at least 80% soft landscaping; and -be located at grade and in the rear yard and may include one interior yard that abuts both the rear yard and interior side yard, unless the lot has access to a rear lane. (By-law 2019-41)
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