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C/O Jon Barrett
Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Ann Arbor
301 E. Huron
Ann Arbor MI 48104

RE: 2050 Commerce Variance Request

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC) supports the request for a variance to allow 2050 Commerce to construct a driveway within the Right of Way limits of an intersection.

The City of Ann Arbor purchased property on Pennsylvania in 1995 in order for the AAHC to build 6 public housing duplexes. The northernmost driveway to one of the duplexes is currently within the Right of Way limits of the intersection off Pennsylvania and Commerce Drive.


Pennsylvania was originally a platted road that extended past the AAHC's properties north to Federal Way Blvd. The AAHC cannot find a record of why an easement was not secured in 1995. At some point the entire Pennsylvania platted road was abandoned and transferred to the owners of the property that 2050 Commerce is developing, which led to the AAHC's driveway encroaching on that adjacent property.

The owners of 2050 Commerce have agreed to grant an access easement to the AAHC for its driveway, which is critical for the AAHC's tenants who live at this property, one of whom is blind and one of whom is in a wheelchair. Without the 2050 Commerce's access easement, these tenants would not have driveway access to their home.

2050 Commerce is requesting a variance to construct their parking lot entrance in essentially the same location that the AAHC's driveway enters Pennsylvania & Commerce Blvd. And the AAHC's driveway would be entered from the parking lot of 2050 Commerce. The AAHC supports this solution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Hall
Executive Director
Ann Arbor Housing Commission

