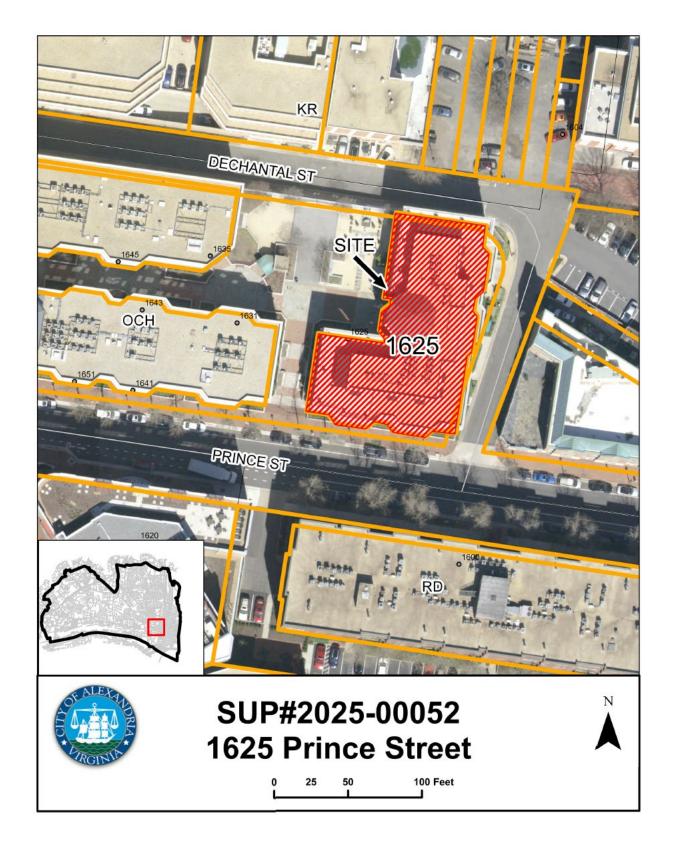


DOCKET ITEM #4 Special Use Permit #2025-0052 1625 Prince Street – Parking Reduction

Application	General Data	
Public hearing and consideration of	Planning Commission	November 6, 2025
a request for a special use permit for	Hearing:	
a parking reduction to facilitate the	City Council	November 15, 2025
conversion of an existing office	Hearing:	
building to a multi-unit residential		
dwelling.		
Address:	Zone:	OCH/Office Commercial High
1625 Prince Street		
Applicant: 1625 Prince Street LLC,	Small Area Plan:	King Street Metro/Eisenhower
represented by Robert Brant,		Avenue
attorney		

Staff Recommendation: *APPROVAL* subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section III of this report.

Staff: Tony LaColla, AICP, <u>anthony.lacolla@alexandriava.gov</u> Sam Shelby, <u>sam.shelby@alexandriava.gov</u>



I. DISCUSSION

The applicant, 1625 Prince Street LLC, represented by Robert Brant, attorney, requests approval for a parking reduction special use permit (SUP). The subject property is located at 1625 Prince Street. The request would allow for conversion of the existing building's upper floors from office to 45 residential units.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject property is one lot of record with frontage on all four sides: Daingerfield Road along its western lot line, Prince Street along its southern lot line, and Dechantal Street along both its eastern and northern lot lines. It has a lot size of 61,115 square feet. The subject property has divided ownership but remains one zoning lot of record. Three buildings occupy the site and only the building located on the property's eastern portion is the subject of the application. See figure 1, below.



Figure 1 – Subject property with subject building shown in green on right

Offices, residences, and a hotel surround the subject property. The entirety of the property is located within the 100-year floodplain.

BACKGROUND

The subject property was developed with a series of phased site plan approvals beginning in 1984. The subject building was constructed pursuant to Site Plan #1988-0044 which was approved by Planning Commission on December 6, 1988.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes converting the building's upper floors from office to 45 residential units. Most of the building's ground floor space along Prince Street would remain non-residential. The residential units would require 41 off-street parking spaces. The subject property provides a total of approximately 276 parking spaces in its two-level garage. The garage provides parking for all three buildings on the subject property. Based on floodplain restrictions, however, the applicant is only able to provide 15 spaces for residential use.

Because of this, the applicant requests SUP approval for a 26-space parking reduction.

PARKING

Zoning Ordinance section 8-200(A)(2(a)(i) requires 0.8 of an off-street parking space per bedroom for multi-unit dwellings within the metro walkshed. The parking ratio is further reduced due to the subject property's proximity to multiple bus stops and its high walk score. The final parking ratio is 0.68 of a space per bedroom. Given that the applicant proposes 59 total bedrooms, 41 off-street parking spaces would be required for the proposed residential use. The ground floor nonresidential use would be exempt from off-street parking requirements. Overall, the applicant's proposal would require a minimum of 41 off-street parking spaces.

Zoning Ordinance section 6-307 prohibits any garage space located below the base flood elevation to be used for residential parking spaces. Because the subject property's lower level parking garage is located below the base flood elevation, it cannot be used for residential parking.

The building does, however, provide 15 spaces on the garage's plaza level which is located above the base flood elevation. These spaces would be available for residential use.

The applicant therefore requests a 26-space parking reduction for the proposed residential use.

ZONING/MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The subject property is zoned OCH/Office Commercial High. The existing building is not subject to yard and open space requirements because the OCH zone exempts only nonresidential uses from these requirements. The conversion to residential use triggers the OCH zone's residential yard and open space requirements.

The OCH zone requires multi-unit dwellings to provide 35 percent of the total lot size as open space. Given the subject property's lot size (61,115 square feet), 21,390 square feet of open space would be required. Though not required, the site currently provides approximately 18,000 square feet of open space. The applicant proposes an additional 3,941 square feet of open space on rooftop terraces. A total of 21,941 square feet of open space would be provided.

The subject property has all front yards given it has frontage on public streets on all four sides. The subject building would comply with the OCH zone's front yard requirement.

The OCH permits a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 2.0 for both nonresidential and residential uses within 1,000 feet of the King Street Metro station. The subject property provides an overall FAR (considering all three buildings) of 2.50. At the time of approval, the property was zoned C-3 which permitted a maximum FAR of 3.0. When the subject property was rezoned to OCH in 1992, the existing buildings on the subject property became noncomplying structures.

All the subject property's floor area is currently nonresidential. The applicant proposes to convert 41,508 square feet of floor area from office to residential within the subject building. The applicant's proposal would result in a reduction of nonresidential FAR from 2.50 to 1.93. The

proposed residential FAR would be 0.57. The proposal would not increase the degree of the existing FAR noncompliance and the proposed residential use would comply with the maximum residential FAR permitted by the OCH zone.

The King Street Metro/Eisenhower Avenue (SAP) identify the subject property for high-density commercial and residential uses. The proposal would be consistent with the SAP as it provides ground level commercial space and upper floor residential.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff recommends approval of the SUP for the parking reduction to facilitate the conversion of the upper floors from office to residential units. The subject property is located within a 3-4 minute walk from the King Street Metro station which would enable future residents to accomplish most daily activities without a car. The applicant's proposal would be consistent with the King Street Metro/Eisenhower Avenue SAP which strongly encourages high density mixed uses within the SAP's boundaries.

PARKING REDUCTION

Staff recommends approval of the parking reduction SUP. Providing the required parking spaces on site would not be feasible due to floodplain restrictions that preclude the existing parking garage's basement level to be used for resident parking.

Staff does not anticipate the parking reduction to have an adverse impact on the neighborhood. The subject property has a walk score of 98, providing easy walkability to a grocery store, pharmacy, restaurants, shops, and the King Street Metro station. On-site parking would be available to some residents. At least three parking garages, located within five minute walking distance from the subject property, provide monthly parking which car-owning residents could utilize.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The 2020/21 Housing Contributions Policy Update established a voluntary monetary contribution policy for commercial to residential building conversions. The contribution to the City's Housing Trust Fund is based on existing floor area proposed to be converted from commercial to residential use. The subject property is converting 41,508 square feet of commercial floor area, as defined by Section 2-145(B), to residential use. The contribution resulting from the proposed conversion totals \$75,960 based on a 2025 contribution rate of \$1.83 per square foot.

The applicant originally requested side yard and tree canopy coverage modifications. Upon review of the request, staff determined that these modifications were not necessary. The subject property has all front yards and, because of this, has no side yard requirement. The tree canopy coverage requirement applies for site plan or major site plan amendment approvals. The applicant's requested parking reduction does not trigger compliance with the site plan tree canopy coverage requirement.

III. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends **approval** subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall either: (A) submit a noise study identifying the noise levels that residents will be exposed to initially and 10 years into the future per the Noise Guidance Book used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or (B) install upgraded STC 30 or better windows on the residential floors facing King and South Washington Streets. If the noise study identifies noise impacted areas, the applicant shall conduct a building shell analysis identifying ways to minimize noise and vibration exposure to future residents. The building shell analysis and noise commitment letter shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the issuance of the building permit. (T&ES)
- 2. Prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, contribute \$75,960 to the City's Housing Trust Fund. Make out all payments to the City of Alexandria and submit them to the Office of Housing with a cover letter to include the project name, case number, and explanation of the contribution amount, if phased. (P&Z/Housing)

STAFF: Tony LaColla, AICP, Division Chief, Department of Planning and Zoning Sam Shelby, Principal Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning

<u>Staff Note:</u> In accordance with section 11-506(c) of the zoning ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 18 months of the date of granting of a special use permit by City Council or the special use permit shall become void.

IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

<u>Transportation & Environmental Services</u>:

- F-1 With a conversion from office space to residential, the requirements for noise mitigation will change to identify potential needs to upgrade the windows or doors to reduce noise to appropriate levels. (T&ES)
- F-2 Building is in the FEMA regulatory floodplain. No comments on the SUP. Floodplain ordinance requirements will apply to further development and building permits. (T&ES)
- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). In order to comply with this code requirement, the applicant shall provide a completed Recycling Implementation Plan (RIP) Form within 60 days of SUP approval. Contact the

City's Recycling Program Coordinator at (703) 746-4410, or via e-mail at <u>commercialrecycling@alexandriava.gov</u>, for information about completing this form. (T&ES)

- C-2 Section 5-1-42- Collection by Private collectors. (c) Time of collection. Solid waste shall be collected from all premises not serviced by the city at least once each week. No collections may be made between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (6:00 a.m. from May 1, through September 30) if the collection area is less than 500 feet from a residential area. (T&ES)
- C-3 The applicant shall comply with the City's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Ch. 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line, which includes all rooftop HVAC and other mechanical equipment shall comply with the City noise ordinance by equipment design, location, or with noise mitigating devices (e.g., silencers, acoustic plenums, louvers, or enclosures). (T&ES)

Code Administration:

C-1 A deduction of parking spaces shall maintain the required ADA parking complying to the VCC Code. Canopy revision or new construction shall require a building permit.

Fire:

No comments or concerns.

Health:

No comments.

Police Department:

No comments received.

Historic Alexandria (Archaeology):

No comments.



APPLICATION SPECIAL USE PERMIT

	SPECIAL USE PERM	ЛІТ #	
PRO	PERTY LOCATION: 1625 Prince Stre	et	
	MAP REFERENCE: 073.02-0B-4M	ZONE:	OCH
APP	LICANT: 1625 Prince Street LLC		
Addre	ess:		
PRO	POSED USE: SUP for a reduction in I	required parking spaces,	with
mc	odificaitons to the side yard setbac	k and minimum tree can	opy requirements
✓	THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby applies for a Spe Article XI, Section 4-11-500 of the 1992 Zoning		
✓	THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained per permission to the City of Alexandria staff photograph the building premises, land etc., co	and Commission Members to	
√	THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained pe permission to the City of Alexandria to post pla is requested, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4-of Alexandria, Virginia.	card notice on the property for wh	ich this application
√	THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby attests that all including all surveys, drawings, etc., required t accurate to the best of their knowledge and be materials, drawings or illustrations submitted representations made to the Director of Planni the applicant unless those materials or represillustrative of general plans and intentions, su Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ord	to be furnished by the applicant are lief. The applicant is hereby notific in support of this application and ing and Zoning on this application esentations are clearly stated to ubject to substantial revision, purs	e true, correct and ed that any written d any specific oral will be binding on be non-binding or suant to Article XI,
1625	Prince Street LLC By: Robert Brant Attorney/Agent	RHRA	8/22/2025
Print	Name of Applicant or Agent	Signature	Date
Mailin	ng/Street Address	Telephone #	 Fax #
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City a	ind State Zip Code	Email address	

PROPE	ERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION		
As the	property owner of See attached		. I hereby
	(Property Address)		,,
grant th	ne applicant authorization to apply for the		use as
	(use)		
describ	ed in this application.		
Name:_		Phone	
	Please Print		
Address	5:	Email:	
Signat	ure:	Date:	
	site plan with the parking layout of the proposed of floor and site plans. The Planning Director may we request which adequately justifies a waiver. [/] Required floor plan and plot/site plan attach	raive requirements for pla	·
	[] Requesting a waiver. See attached written r	equest.	
2.	The applicant is the (check one): [] Owner [/] Contract Purchaser [] Lessee or		
	[] Other: of the	subject property.	
unless	he name, address and percent of ownership of any the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which ca attached.	-	
			

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OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
¹ 1625 Prince Street LLC		See attached
2.		
3.		

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
American Society For Industrial Security		501(c)(6) Corporation
2.		
3.		

3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity indicated above in sections 1 and 2, with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property are require to disclose **any** business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review. All fields must be filled out completely. Do not leave blank. (If there are no relationships please indicated each person or entity and "None" in the corresponding fields).

For a list of current council, commission and board members, as well as the definition of business and financial relationship, click here.

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1. 1625 Prince Street LLC	None	None
2. American Society For Industrial Security	None	None
3.		

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicants authorized agent,	Thereby allest to the best of my ability that
the information provided above is true and correct.	
•	RHRA
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8/22/2025	1625 Prince Street LLC By: Robert Brant Attorney/Agent	1201/20
Date	Printed Name	Signature

If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, realtor, or which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which the agent is employed business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?	•
[] Yes. Provide proof of current City business license N/A	
[] No. The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application, if required by the City Code.	
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	
3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request in detail so that the Planning Commoduncil can understand the nature of the operation and the use. The description should fully discuss to activity. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.) See attached.	

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USE CHARACTERISTICS

[] [] [<u> </u>]	e proposed special use permit request is for (check one): a new use requiring a special use permit, an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit, an expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit, other. Please describe:	
Ple	ease describe the capacity of the proposed use:	
A.	How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift). N/A	
В.	How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift). N/A	
Ple	ease describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:	
Ple Day	y: Hours:	
Da	Hours:	
Da N/A	y: Hours:	
Da N/A	Hours:	
Day N/A	Hours: Hours: ease describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use.	

N/A	
Pleas	se provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use.
A.	What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. office paper, food wrappers) Typical trash and garbage associated with residential uses.
В.	How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. # of bags or pounds per day or per week)
	Typical amount of trash generated by residential uses.
C.	How often will trash be collected?
	Once to twice a week.
D.	How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties? Recycling and trash dumpsters will be provided.
	any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or general roperty?
[]Y	
16	s, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

nano		npounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing so generated on the property?	olvent, be
[]Y	'es. [✓]	No.	
If yes	s, provide the na	ame, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:	
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(OHO)		posed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks?	_
		posed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks? [/] No	_
	Will the prop [] Yes If yes, descr		e ABC license
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PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

14.	A.	How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:			
		15	_ Standard spaces		
			Compact spaces		
			_ Handicapped accessible spaces.		
			_ Other.		
			Planning and Zoning Staff Only		
	Re	quired number of sp	nces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200A		
	Do	es the application m	eet the requirement? [] Yes [] No		
	В.	Where is red	uired parking located? (check one)		
		[] off-site			
site pa or ind	arking ustrial	within 500 feet o	Section 8-200 (C) of the Zoning Ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide offer the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 use permit.		
			in the required parking is requested, pursuant to Section 8-100 (A) (4) or (5) of the Zoning omplete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.		
		[√] Parking	reduction requested; see attached supplemental form		
15.	Plea	se provide inform	nation regarding loading and unloading facilities for the use:		
	A.	How many lo	ading spaces are available for the use?		
			Planning and Zoning Staff Only		
		Required number of	loading spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200		
		Does the application	meet the requirement?		

[] Yes [] No

	B.	Where are off-street loading facilities located? At-grade parking garage located within							
		the existing building.							
	C.	During what hours of the day do you expect loading/unloading operations to occur? N/A							
	D.	How frequently are loading/unloading operations expected to occur, per day or per week, as appropriate N/A							
16.	nece	eet access to the subject property adequate or are any street improvements, such as a new turning lane, ssary to minimize impacts on traffic flow? existing street access to the site is adequate and no road improvements							
		are required.							
SITI	E CHA	ARACTERISTICS							
17.	Will t	he proposed uses be located in an existing building? [/] Yes [] No							
	Do yo	ou propose to construct an addition to the building? [] Yes [/] No							
	How	large will the addition be? square feet.							
18.	What	will the total area occupied by the proposed use be?							
		sq. ft. (existing) + sq. ft. (addition if any) =sq. ft. (total)							
19.	[] a [] a [] a [] a [√] ar	proposed use is located in: (check one) stand alone building house located in a residential zone warehouse shopping center. Please provide name of the center: n office building. Please provide name of the building: ASIS International her. Please describe:							

End of Application

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APPLICATION - SUPPLEMENTAL

PARKING REDUCTION

Supplemental information to be completed by applicants requesting special use permit approval of a reduction in the required parking pursuant to section 8-100(A)(4) or (5).

1.	Describe the requested parking reduction. (e.g. number of spaces, stacked parking, size, off-site				
loca	ation)				
Th	ne applicant is requesting a parking reduction of 26 parking spaces.				
Currently, 15 parking spaces are allocated for the proposed residential use,					
W	hich would require a minimum of 41 parking spaces				
	Provide a statement of justification for the proposed parking reduction.				
	ee statement of justification attached.				
	o statement of justinication attached.				
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3.	Why is it not feasible to provide the required parking?				
	ne Property is located within the base flood elevation, which does not allow				
	elow-grade parking for residential uses. Only 15 parking spaces are available				
	r the Property in the existing at-grade parking level.				
10	Title I Toperty III tile existing at-grade parking level.				
4.	Will the proposed reduction reduce the number of available parking spaces below the				
	mber of existing parking spaces?				
5.	If the requested reduction is for more than five parking spaces, the applicant must submit a Parking				
	anagement Plan which identifies the location and number of parking spaces both on-site and off-site, the				
	ailability of on-street parking, any proposed methods of mitigating negative affects of the parking reduction.				

surrounding neighborhood.

- See Statement of Justification attached.

6. The applicant must also demonstrate that the reduction in parking will not have a negative impact on the

Paul Stoddard 301 King Street City Hall, Room 2100 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Consent to File for a Special Use Permit

1625 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Tax Map No. 073.02-0B-4M (the

"Property")

Dear Mr. Stoddard,

ASIS International, as owner of the above-referenced Property, hereby consents to the filing of an application for a Special Use Permit on the Property and any related requests by 1625 Prince Street LLC.

Very truly yours,

ASIS International

By: from Trust

Its: Chief Human Resources Officer

Date: August 21, 2025

Paul Stoddard 301 King Street City Hall, Room 2100 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Authorization to File for a Special Use Permit

1625 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Tax Map No. 073.02-0B-4M (the

"Property")

Dear Mr. Stoddard,

1625 Prince Street LLC hereby authorizes Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C. to act as agent on its behalf for the filing and representation of an application for a Special Use Permit on the Property and any related requests.

Very truly yours,

1625 Prince Street LLC

Colin Thomas

Colin Thomas

Its: Manager

Date: 8/21/2025

APPLICANT OWNERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Contract Purchaser/Applicant of 1625 Prince Street (TM No. 073.02-0B-4M)

1625 Prince Street LLC (Contract Purchaser/Applicant)

Member(s): Percent Ownership:

Colin Thomas 100%

<u>Note</u>: None of the people or entities listed above have a business or financial relationship with any member of the Board of Architectural Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council, or Planning Commission as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Statement of Justification

The Applicant, 1625 Prince Street LLC, is the contract purchaser of Property located at 1625 Prince Street (the "Property"), which is currently improved with a 5-story office building that is part of a larger, four-building office complex known as the King Street Exchange condominium. The approximately 41,411 square foot building and three other buildings in the office condominium complex are situated on top of a two-level parking garage that spans the block bounded by Prince Street, Dechantal Street, and Daingerfield Road. The building is located within 1,000 linear feet of the King Street Metro station. It is currently vacant, but has historically been occupied by office uses. The Property is zoned to the OCH zoning district, which permits multi-unit residential uses up to a 2.0 FAR when located within 1,000 linear feet of a Metro station. The Applicant is proposing to convert the existing office building into a 45-unit multi-unit residential building. Although the proposed use is permitted by-right, due to restrictions on the location of the Property within a floodplain and limitations on the parking spaces that are available to the Applicant, the Applicant is requesting an SUP for a parking reduction to reduce the parking requirements for the proposed residential units. In conjunction with the parking reduction SUP, the Applicant is requesting modifications to the tree canopy coverage and minimum side yard requirements pursuant to Section 11-416(C) of the Zoning Ordinance. With the proposed conversion, the building will contain approximately 39,147 SF of residential GFA and forty-five (45) multi-unit dwellings, including 31 onebedroom and 14 two-bedroom units.

As identified in the submitted application materials, the 45 proposed residential units are comprised of 31 one-bedroom and 14 two-bedroom units. Pursuant to the parking requirements set forth in Section 8-200 of the Zoning Ordinance, a minimum of 41 parking spaces are required to be provided for the proposed multi-unit dwellings. With the acquisition of the existing office building, the Applicant is also acquiring the rights to 82 parking spaces within the two-level garage. Of these spaces, only 15 are located on the at-grade level of the parking garage. Because the lower level of the parking garage is below the base flood elevation, it is not possible to utilize the lower-level spaces for the residential units. Accordingly, the available residential parking supply is limited to the 15 spaces on the at-grade level.

The requested parking reduction is appropriate given the highly walkable character of this area, the Property's proximity to the King Street Metro Station, and the variety of available transit options in the immediately surrounding area. The Applicant anticipates that many of the future residents of the building will likely be car-less by choice, and believes that this building is an ideal location for individuals with a car-free lifestyle. While there is recent precedent in the City for parking reductions of up to 100% of the required parking for residential conversions, this building is significantly closer to Metro than those buildings. Moreover, the availability of 15 parking spaces in the secure garage guarantees that at least some parking will be available to residents.

In order to remain in compliance with the floodplain regulations set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, the lower level of below-grade parking below the base flood elevation will not be made available to residents. Access to the lower level of the garage is provided through a separate garage entrance on Dechantal Street from the north side of the building, and the Applicant will have the ability to restrict future residents access to the lower level, ensuring that no residents park below grade. The Applicant

will work closely with staff during the subsequent minor site plan amendment and building permit process to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain regulations.

The Applicant also requests modification to the required side yard setback for the multi-unit dwelling. For the purpose of this application the walkway and terrace level plaza located directly east of the existing office building are included as a part of the Property. As such, the existing building is approximately 23-feet away from the delineating Property line. Due to the proposed residential use and retention of the existing building, it is not possible to comply with the required 1:2 side yard setback ratio without approved modifications. Given that this is an existing condition, the requested modification is appropriate. Finally, the Applicant requests a modification of the tree canopy coverage requirement. New plantings will be provided in the plaza area directly adjacent to existing building, but given that the existing building footprint covers a majority of the Property it is not possible for the Applicant to provide the required 25% (5,780.75 SF) canopy coverage requirement.

The proposed conversion of this Property will facilitate the adaptive re-use of an existing vacant office building to provide much needed housing in area of the City that has multiple transit options, and bring vibrancy to a vacant office building which has struggled to find a new tenant. Furthermore, this proposal is in keeping with a number of recent approvals that have allowed parking reductions to facilitate the conversion of aging office buildings and create new housing opportunities in an efficient, environmentally friendly manner that does not involve redevelopment. Approval will allow the Applicant to add to the City's housing supply, bring residents to a highly walkable and transit-oriented area of the City, and move forward with the conversion of an aging office building.

