STAFF REPORT

DATE: TO: FROM: RE:	September 19, 2024 Zoning Board of Ap Planning Staff Petition Number: Applicant: Status of Applicant: Owner: Location: Request:	peals 2024-43, 2024-44 & 2024-45 Estanislao Alamillo
		A Variation of Use to allow a B-3 (General Business District) use in an R-2 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district, located at 1249 and 1251 E. Cass Street. A Variation to allow an automotive repair building to be located within 100 feet of a residential zoning
		district, located at 1249 and 1251 E. Cass Street.

<u>Purpose</u>

The petitioner is requesting a Special Use Permit to allow automotive repair at 1249 and 1251 E. Cass Street. Since the underlying zoning district is an R-2 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district, the petitioner is also requesting a Variation of Use to allow a B-3 (General Business District) use in an R-2 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. Per the City's Zoning Ordinance, Section 47-13.2A(G) Special Uses – General Business Zoning District, automobile repair may be allowed as a Special Use by the Mayor and City Council, with the advice of the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with Section 47-5.2.

According to the petitioner's concept plan, the proposed automotive repair building, if built, would be located approximately 25 feet east of the R-2 (Single-Family Residential) zoned property to the immediate west. Per Section 47-17.26 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, automobile repair shops cannot be located within 100 feet of any "R" zoning district. Therefore, the petitioner is also requesting a Variation to allow an automotive repair building to be located within 100 feet of a residential zoning district.

Site Specific Information

The .46-acre subject property contains two separate lots, 1249 and 1251 E. Cass Street, which have been undeveloped since the 1990's. The property was previously occupied by two residential structures.

The petitioner owns a carwash and tire sales facility to the immediate west of the subject property and wishes to develop the vacant property for a future automotive repair facility. The subject portion of the E. Cass Street corridor contains a cemetery along the south side of E. Cass Street, with various single and multi-family residential structures along the north side of the corridor. The property to the immediate of east contains a single-family residence. However, this property contains a County Local Commercial zoning designation. Small to moderate retail and service uses and mixed-use commercial and residential uses are permitted within this district. An autobody repair shop is located three blocks further east of the subject property, east of three residential lots. Additional general commercial and industrial uses can be found to the east, within a 1/5-mile distance of the subject property. Lots to the west along E. Cass Street and to the north on E. Jackson Street are currently all residential.

The proposed concept plan for the site shows an approximately 2,090 square-foot, rectangular building that would be setback 78 feet from the E. Cass Street right-of-way. The plan shows two points of access off E. Cass Street, with 12 parking spaces. Staff will require the developer to improve the sidewalk along the property's Cass Street frontage as a condition of the Special Use Permit. A 15'-wide landscape buffer will be required along the property's east side in addition to a 6'-tall decorative fence to provide some buffering between the proposed automotive repair use and the existing residence to the east. Additional landscaping buffers will be required along the property's north and west sides. Decorative fencing will also be required on the north and west sides of the property. Approval of a final site plan will be required before a building permit is issued.

Surrounding Zoning, Land Use and Character

- * North: County R-5 (Single-Family Residence); Single-Family Residential
- * East: County C-2 (Local Commercial); Single-Family Residential
- * South: R-2 (Single-Family Residential); Cemetery
- * West: R-3 (One and Two-Family Residential); Carwash and Tire Sales

Applicable Regulations

- Section 47-13.2A(G) Special Uses General Business Districts
- Section 47-5.2(C) Criteria for issuance of a Special Use Permit (see attached petition)
- Section 47-17.28 Variation of Use

- Section 47-17.26 Garages and Automobile Service Stations
- Section 47-19.8 Criteria for granting a Variation (refer to attachment)

Discussion

Approval of the requested petitions would allow future development of an automotive repair facility at 1249 and 1251 E. Cass Street. The subject property is located within the city's urban core, where surrounding properties are located on smaller lots with shorter setback distances. The segment of E. Cass Street on which the property lies contains heavy car and truck traffic with a mixture of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. IDOT traffic counts show that the fronting segment of E. Cass Street sees an average daily vehicle count of over 13,200 vehicles per day. For comparison, certain segments of Theodore Street, Plainfield Road, and Collins Street see less vehicular traffic on a daily basis. Also, while the underlying zoning is an R-2 (Single-Family Residential) zone, commercial zones within unincorporated Will County can be found to the immediate east and along the E. Cass Street corridor. Due to the intensity of these adjacent land uses and the high volume of traffic that travels along the E. Cass Street corridor, staff feels that certain commercial uses could be appropriate at the subject location.

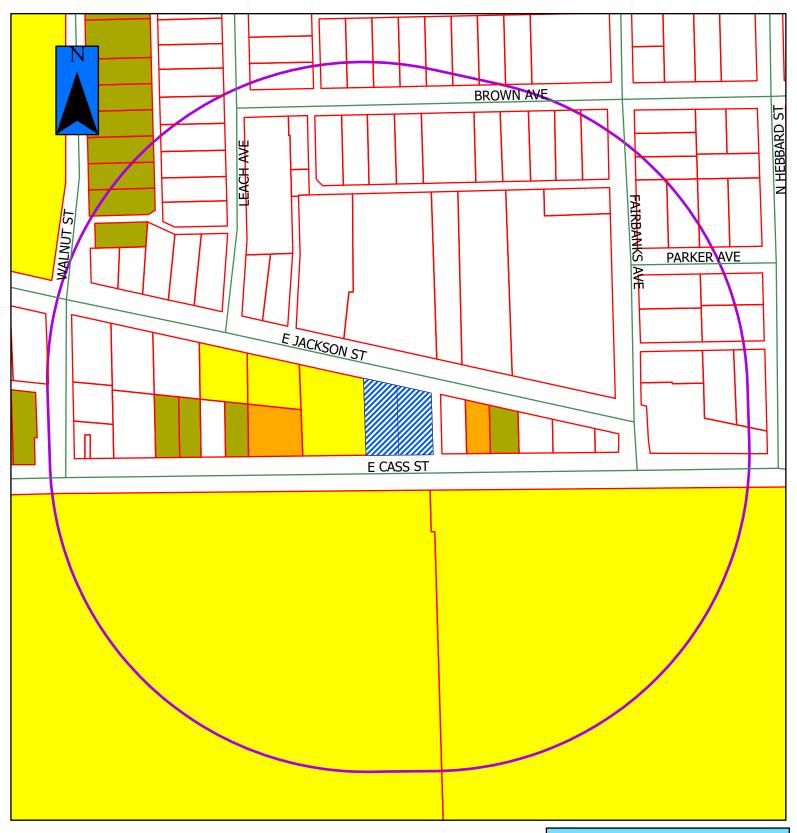
If the developer follows the conditions listed below, staff believes that the criteria outlined in Section 47-5.2(C) of the Zoning Ordinance that must be present for a special use permit to be issued will be met. Existing residences along the corridor already must deal with several negative externalities. Properties to the west will be buffered by the existing carwash and tire sales facility. Properties to the east contain County commercial zoning and could potentially redevelop with more intense land uses in the future. Furthermore, while the underlying residential zoning to the west is residential (R-3), staff supports the requested variation to allow the automotive repair use within 100 feet of this zone, since a preexisting commercial use is located on the adjacent property.

Conditions

If the Zoning Board of Appeals desires to approve the Special Use Permit, staff recommends the following conditions be included. All conditions must also be satisfied before issuance of a building permit.

- 1. That the number of vehicles that could be serviced for repair can be always parked inside the subject property's main building.
- 2. That all repairs be conducted inside the subject property's main building.
- 3. Any additional equipment or supplies that may be needed to perform repair services will be always stored inside of the main building.

- 4. That the property owner provides the following landscape easements, in addition to a 6-ft. tall decorative fence on the property's east, north, and west sides:
 - East Side: 15-ft. Landscape Easement
 - North Side: 10-ft. Landscape Easement
 - West Side: 5-ft. Landscape Easement
 - South Side: 10-ft. Landscape Easement
- 5. That the property owner repairs the sidewalk along the property's E. Cass Street frontage to specifications as required by the City's Public Works Department.
- 6. That a City business license shall be obtained.
- 7. Should the property be declared a public nuisance, it shall be subject to a rehearing and a possible revocation of the Special Use Permit.
- 8. That the Special Uses granted shall herein terminate and lapse unless a building permit or certificate of occupancy is obtained not later than 180 days of the effective date of this ordinance and the erection or alteration of a building is started, or the use is commenced within such period. The Board may grant an extension of this period, valid for no more than one hundred and eighty (180) additional days, upon written application and good cause shown without notice or hearing. Whether or not there is an intention to abandon the Special Uses, if any special use is discontinued for a continuous period of one year, or if an intent to abandon the Special Use is evident in a shorter period of time, the Special Use for such use shall become void, and such use shall not thereafter be reestablished unless a new Special Use Permit is obtained.



2024-43, 2024-44 & 2024-45



= Property in Question = 600' Public Notification Boundary





2024-43a, 2024-44a & 2024-45a



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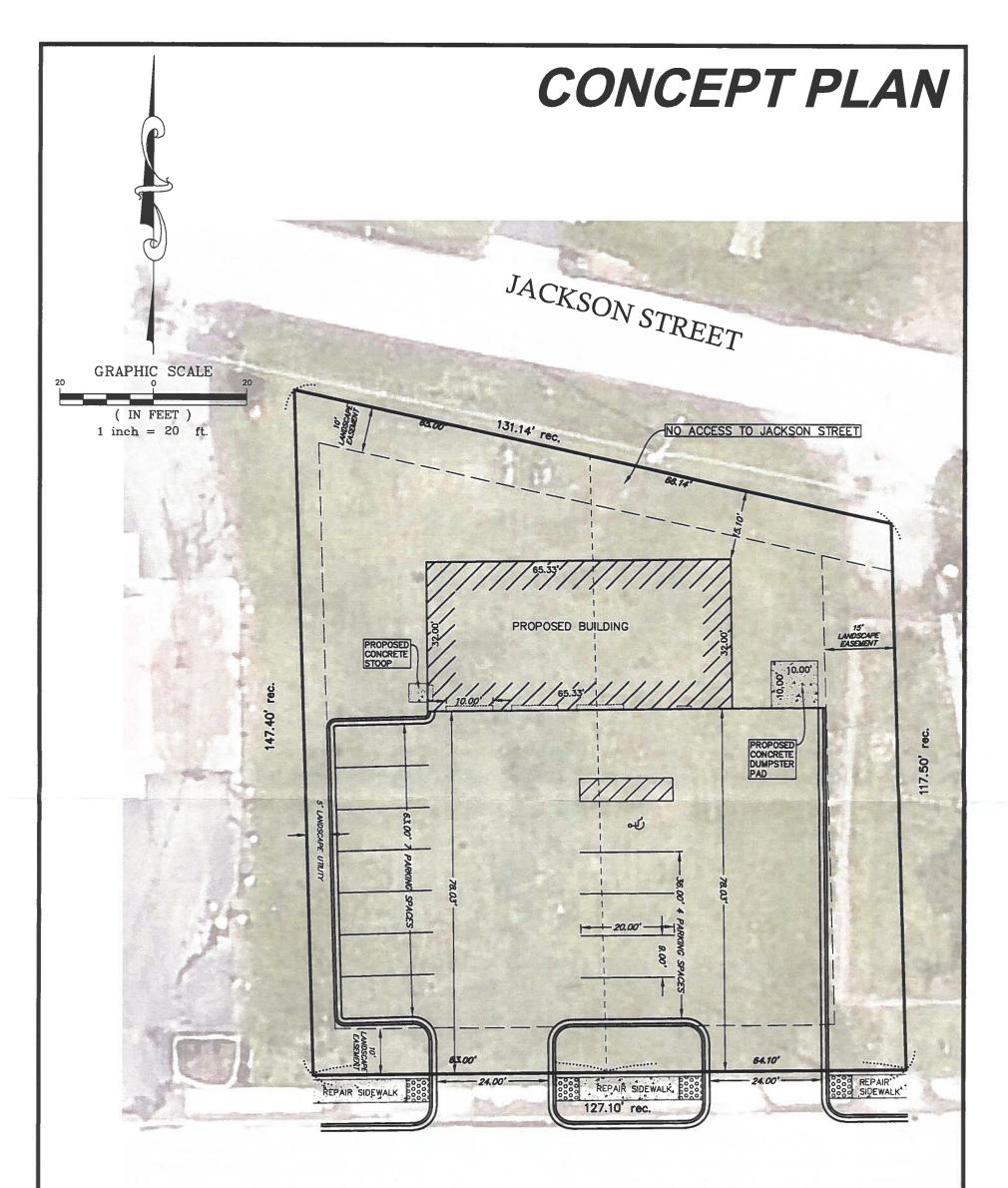


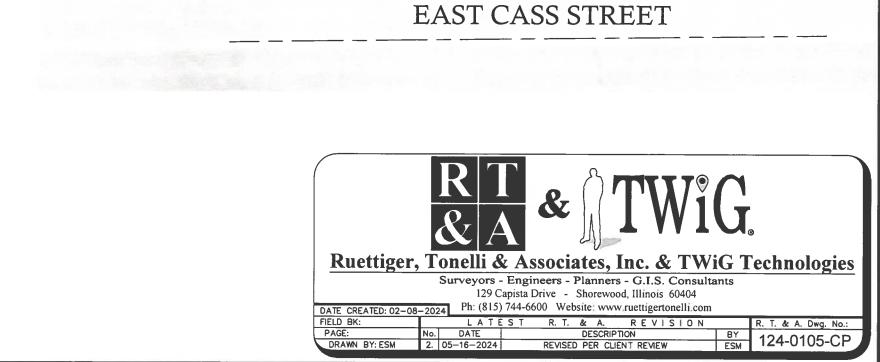












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The Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to grant a special use permit provided the applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence:

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- (2) That the special use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood; and
- (3) That the establishment of the special use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses permitted in the district; and
- (4) That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and/or other necessary facilities have been or will be provided; and
- (5) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets; and
- (6) That the special use shall in all other respects conform to the applicable land use regulations of the district in which it is located and shall not be in violation of any other applicable law, ordinance or regulation; and
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Minor generation of traffic, minor effect on stormwater, minor noise generation

2. How will the special use impact properties in the immediate area? Minor generation of traffic,

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3. Will the use impede the normal/orderly development/improvement of surrounding property?

No

4. Are adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and/or other necessary facilities provided?

Yes

5. Have adequate measures been taken to provide ingress/egress design to minimize traffic congestion in public streets? Yes

6. Does the use conform to the applicable land use regulations of the district in which it is located and does it violate any other applicable law, ordinance or regulation? The use conforms to our knowledge and does not violate any applicable laws

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NA

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of

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SIGNED: Estanglos Alanallo

DATE: 7- 24-24

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Select the type of business owner associated with this application and fill in the contact information below:

🔀 Individual:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the individual owner(s)
Corporation:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons holding 3% or more of the stock of the corporation and the percentage of shares held by such stockholders
Limited Liability Company:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all members of the company along with the percentage of ownership held by each member
Partnership:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all partners
Other type of organization:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons having a legal or equitable ownership interest in the organization

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2113 Elmwood Lane, Joliet, IL 60433

E-MAIL:

FAX:

NOTE:

If a stockholder, member, beneficiary or partner disclosed in Section III or Section IV is not an individual, then the individuals holding the legal or equitable title to the real property or business associated with the application must also be disclosed. For example, if the real property associated with an application is owned by a land trust, and the beneficiary of the land trust is a limited liability company, then the members of the limited liability company must be disclosed. If one of the members of the limited liability company is a partnership, then the identity of the partners must be disclosed. If one of the partners is a corporation, then all persons owning 3% or more of the issued stock must be disclosed.

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Name, Title, and Telephone Numbers of Person Completing and Submitting This Form:

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CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL USES

Section 47-5.2 (C) of the Zoning Ordinance states:

Does the evidence presented sustain this Comments criteria? (1) That the establishment. maintenance or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare; and (2) That the special use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair within the property values neighborhood; and (3) That the establishment of the special use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses permitted in the district: and (4) That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and/or other necessary facilities have been or will be provided; and (5) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets; and (6) That the special use shall in all other respects conform to the applicable land use regulations of the district in which it is located and shall not be in violation of any other applicable law, ordinance or regulation; and (7) At least one (1) year has elapsed since any denial of any prior application for a special use permit that would have authorized substantially the same as all or part of the sites, unless conditions in the area have substantially changed.

A special use permit shall not be granted unless the applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence:

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CRITERIA FOR VARIATIONS

Section 47-19.8 of the Zoning Ordinance states:

A variation shall not be granted in any case unless the Board shall find and clearly state in its record of the case that:

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 (1) Reasons sustaining the contention that strict enforcement of the Ordinance would involve practical difficulties or impose exceptional hardship were found as follows: (a)		
(2) Adequate evidence was submitted to establish practical difficulties or particular hardship so that, in the judgment of the Board, a variation is permitted because the evidence sustained the existence of each of the three following conditions:		
 (a) The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations in the particular district or zone. 		
(b) The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.		
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