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APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

TO:	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CITY OF ROCHESTER	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
	OTT OF ROOTEOTER	CASE NO. 2016-29
Phone N	0	DATE FILED 9-21-16 ZONING BOARD CLERK
Name of	applicant Ekimbor, LLC	
Address_	81 Lakeview Drive, Nottingham, NH 03290	1 54 1
Owner of	f property concerned The Estate of Bruce Rob	erts
	(If the same as ap	plicant, write "same")
Address_	15 Norway Plains Road, Rochester, NH 03868	
	(If the same as applicant, write "	same")
Location	15 Norway Plains Rd	
Map No.	215 Lot No. <u>17</u>	Zone R-2
Descripti	on of property Single-family home on 5.37 acres	s lot with outbuildings
Proposed	d use or existing use affected THE PROJECT C	ONSISTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
WITH ASS	SOCIATED PARKING, PRIVATE ROAD, DRAIN	NAGE, UTILITIES, AND LANDSCAPING.
Section_		ance to the terms of Article 42.20, ived to permit A Multifamily Development within 43.6 feet of
	able in this case, the undersigned also a certified plot plan, (see attached request	requests a waiver from the requirement to sheet) Yes No ×
enjoymei		cumstances exist which prevent the proper f the Zoning Ordinance and thus constitute
	Signed Startle	(Agent for Applicant)
	(App	licant)

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AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this day of June, 2016, by and between Michael Roberts, 15 Norway Plains, Rochester, New Hampshire, Executor of the Estate of Bruce Roberts ("Owner") and Robert Graham, 81 Lakeview Drive, Nottingham, NH 03290, ("Purchaser").

RECITALS

- A. Owner holds title to the following real property: 15 Norway Plains, Rochester, New Hampshire ("the Property").
- B. Owner and Purchaser have entered into that certain Purchase and Sales Agreement for the Property dated April 14, 2016 with a tentative closing date of October 15, 2016.
- C. Purchaser desires to conduct due diligence on the Property including without limitation, the investigation of the physical condition of the Property, the permitting of certain projects for the Property, including presentation of said projects to land use planning boards of the City of Rochester and other State and Federal governmental agencies that shall have jurisdiction over the Property and the marketing of said projects.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the parties agree:

SECTION ONE.

GRANT OF AUTHORITY

Owner grants authority to Purchaser to conduct all due diligence with regard to the Property including the investigation of the physical condition of the Property, the permitting of certain projects for the Property, including presentation of said projects to land use planning boards of the City of Rochester and other State and Federal governmental agencies that shall have jurisdiction over the Property and the marketing of said projects.

SECTION TWO.

ENTRY

From and after the date hereof and until the Closing, Purchaser, its contractors, architects, engineers, appraisers, and other agents and employees and members of the City of Rochester's land use planning boards and other governmental agencies along with Purchaser shall have the right to enter upon the Property after prior written notice to Owner, and may, at Purchaser's expense, inspect the Property as Purchaser may deem necessary. Purchaser agrees to restore the Property to its prior condition after all inspections.

Letter of Authorization

15 Norway Plains Road Map 215, Lot 17 Rochester, New Hampshire

To Whom It May Concern,

(print name), the duly authorized representative of the owner(s) of the of the above described real property, authorize Tighe & Bond, Inc. to act as an agent on my behalf for the purpose of performing all and every act that is required, necessary or appropriate to prepare, sign, submit, file and present on my behalf building, permitting, zoning and/or land use applications to obtain land use changes, special exceptions, zoning variances, zoning permits, conditional use permits, special use permits, administrative permits, construction permits, operation permits, building permits, and other approvals or permits related to the above described real property.

The undersigned hereby certifies to being the fee owners' representative of the real property described above and that to the best of my knowledge the information contained within this authorization is true and correct.

Owner's Representative's Signature

Date

<u>Criteria for Variance: Proposed Subdivision – 15 Norway Plains Road</u>

Applicant: Ekimbor, LLC
Date: September 21, 2016

Case#:

Date: September 21, 2016

A variance is requested by: Ekimbor, LLC (Robert Graham, Mgr.)

From Section: 42.20.b.11.B

Of the Zoning Ordiance to permit: A multifamily development of Map no. 215 Lot no. 17, a 5.37 acre (234,772 sf) parcel to be placed within the 100 foot buffer to an existing single family home. The multifamily development is shown on Lot 1 of the enclosed "100 Ft Single Family Buffer Plan".

Criteria for Variance:

1) The proposed use would not diminish surrounding property values because:

- A. The use of this property is Residential and will remain so.
- B. This use is consistent with the surrounding zone.
- C. The redevelopment of this land will preserve existing structures, remove non-conforming structures and provide new construction units which are in keeping with typical residential values of the zone while having fewer impacts.
- D. This project will provide a new construction product which will enhance values over those of the alternative uses that could be permitted without this variance (i.e. large apartment style buildings with multiple units and large parking fields).
- E. The same number of units being proposed could be constructed in a by right subdivision format with four-family homes without seeking this variance, therefore the zoning ordinance has established this use as reasonable for the zone.

2) Granting the variance is not contrary to the public interest because:

The same number of units being proposed could be constructed in a by right subdivision format with four-family homes without seeking this variance, therefore the zoning ordinance has established this use as reasonable for the zone. However, in order to construct the development as allowed by the ordinance, more of the property's natural areas would have to be disturbed.

Project Narrative

Norway Plains Road Subdivision - Ekimbor, LLC Date: September 21, 2016

Existing Conditions:

Fifteen Norway Plains Road is a 5.37-acre lot in the northern part of Rochester, NH. The lot contains a single family home, a cabinet shop and two small sheds. The lot is bounded by the Northcoast Corporation Rail Road property to the east, a residential apartment complex to the north, and Norway Plains Road to the west. The lot slopes from north to south and is primarily wooded.

The site does contain two small wetland areas. However, the wetlands total less than one half acre and thus do not fall under the conservation overlay district.

Proposed Variances:

The Applicant is seeking variances from the following ordinance in order to construct the project as shown on the enclosed "100 Ft Single Family Buffer Plan".

Zoning 42.20.b.11.B: 100 Foot Single Family Buffer

A variance is requested to provide a minimum 43.6 ft buffer between a multifamily development and an existing single family home instead of the 100 ft buffer required by the City's Zoning Ordinance.

The variance is requested because the City's most current Ordinance allows the same number of units being proposed in a by right subdivision format with four-family homes without seeking this variance. Therefore, the zoning ordinance has established this use as reasonable for the zone and at this density.

The spirit of the ordinance the Applicant is seeking a variance from is to protect single family homes from encroachment by multifamily developments that they are not a part of. In this instance, the Applicant would own both of the lots proposed under the current design and thus, the buffer, which the ordinance establishes, is not serving its intended purpose.

On the contrary, the proposed multifamily development, which is allowed in the R-2 zone, with this proposed style of construction, and at this level of density would be forced to disturb more of the site's natural areas in order to achieve the same end result. The Applicant is merely asking for flexibility with the 100-foot buffer requirement to the existing single family home where additional screening measures have been proposed.

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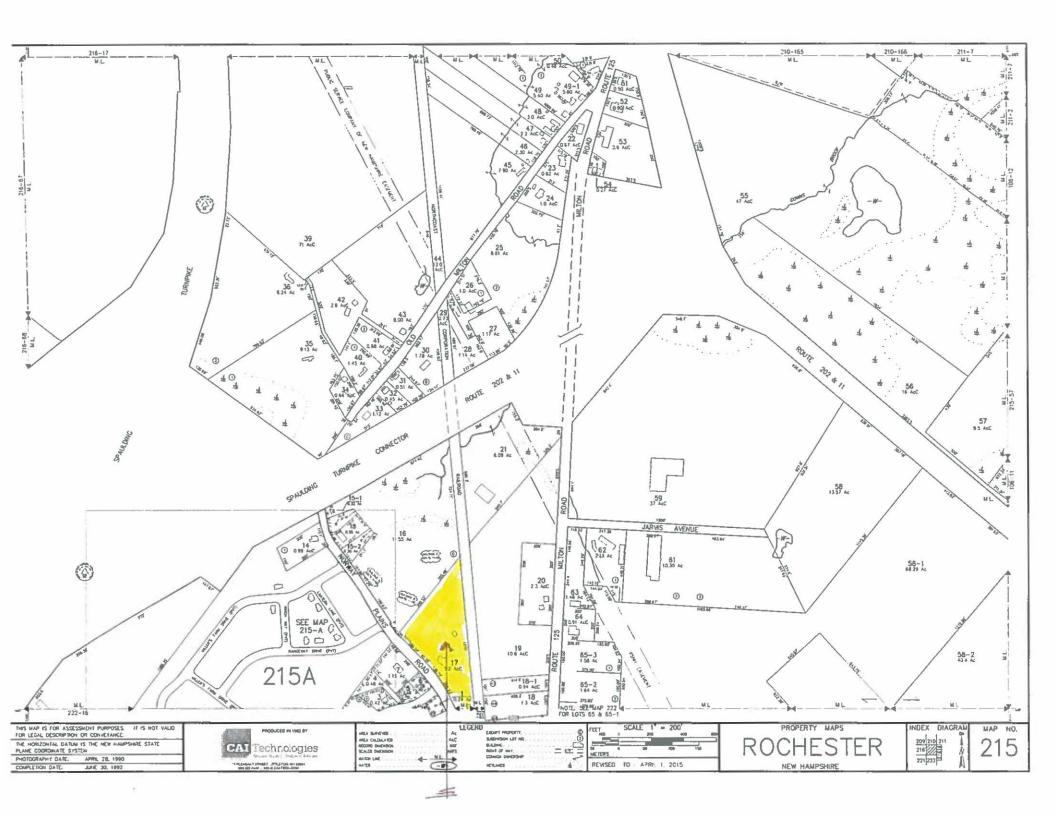
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