# SITE PLAN REVIEW TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### WORK SESSION

#### Conference Room A City Hall, Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue

# 2:00 PM

February 13, 2024

#### **AGENDA**

# 2:00 PM 33 Jewell Court, Unit S1 Jewell Court Properties LLC, Owner (LUTW-24-2)

**Parking Demand Analysis** 



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Mr. Peter Stith, Chair Technical Advisory Committee City of Portsmouth 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

# RE: 33 Jewell Court, Tax Map 155, Lot 5-S1 REQUEST FOR TAC WORK SESSION FOR PARKING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Dear Mr. Stith:

This office represents 33 Jewell Court, LLC, the owner of the above referenced property. The property presently consists of a single, stand-alone building within a condominium association. It has 9500 square feet of office space. The applicant's principal, Ms. Jessica Kaiser, is the principal of Hawthorn Creative, which provides marketing and support services for the wedding and event industry. Hawthorn Creative's offices previously occupied the second floor of this space, and had 45 employees in the space at its peak. As a result of the pandemic, Hawthorn Creative moved to a remote office model, in April 2020. They were able to secure a new tenant in 2021, however that tenant is now moving out and despite extensive efforts to market the office space since August, it has not received any interest.

Ms. Kaiser is seeking to leverage her twenty plus years in the wedding and event planning industry by converting the second floor into event space. A special exception for that purpose was obtained from the Board of Adjustment on January 23, 2024 (Case no. LU-23-25). A copy of that approval is attached. The applicant intends to rent the space out for events and to contractually require clients to employ shuttle or valet services. It is anticipated that the facility will host 25-35 events per year. Overflow parking, if necessary, will be rented with approval at surrounding lots. There are a number of nearby businesses on Islington Street, whose hours of operation will not conflict with the primarily weekend events to be hosted in the space.

The applicant requires a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to 10.1112.14 to provide less than the minimum number of off-street parking spaces otherwise required

under Section 10.1112.30 relative to the proposed partial change in use at the above location.

Submitted herewith are the existing conditions plan site plan which shows the parking, along with floor plan and parking calculation. There are no major exterior improvements contemplated. All other improvements will be interior.

The parking configuration on site as it presently exists consists of 205 spaces. For the combined uses on the site, should this use be approved, the ordinance would otherwise require 239 spaces. The property received a special exception and variance in 1996 to allow 205 spaces where 244 would have otherwise been required under the zoning then in effect. The condominium association of which 33 Jewell Court is a part has allocated 28 spaces to this building. Parking has never been a problem at this location.

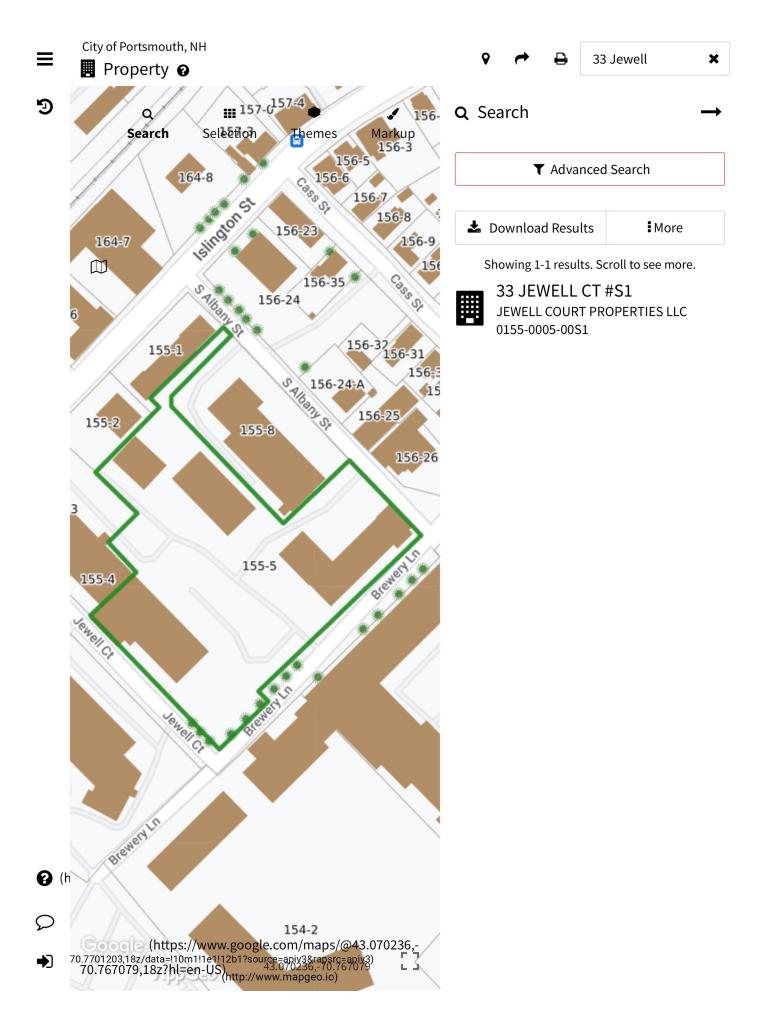
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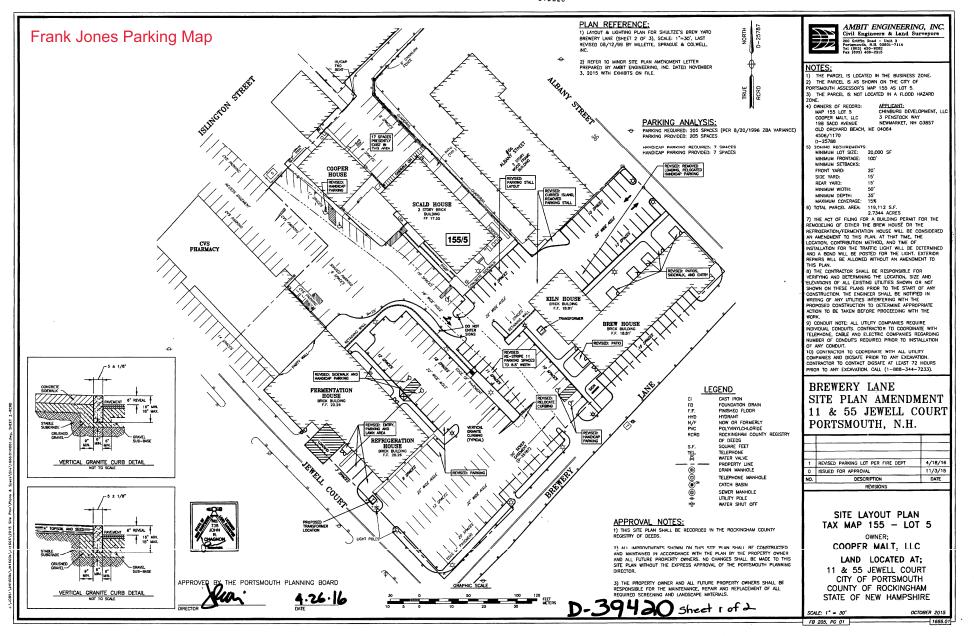
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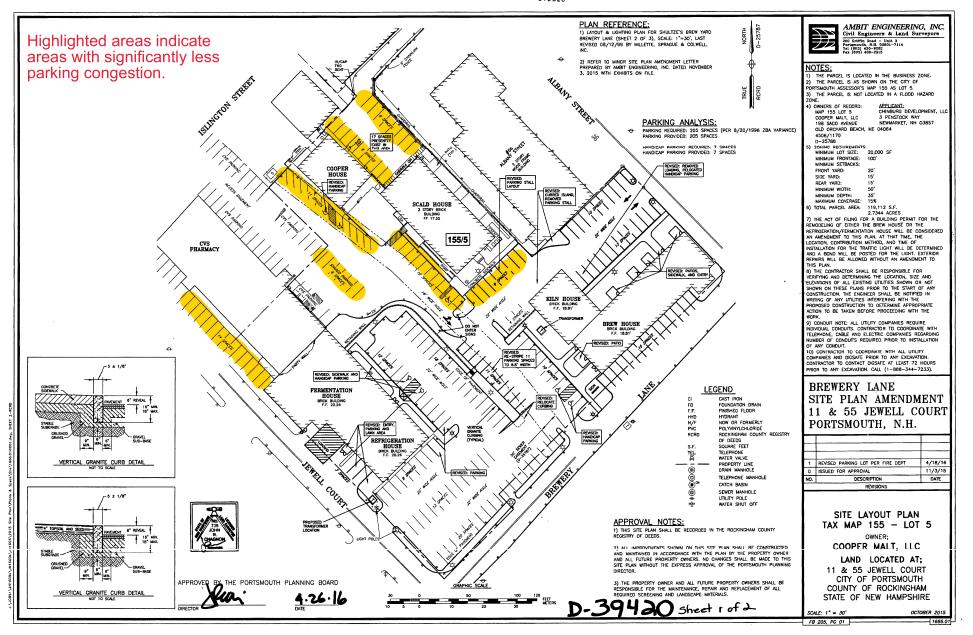
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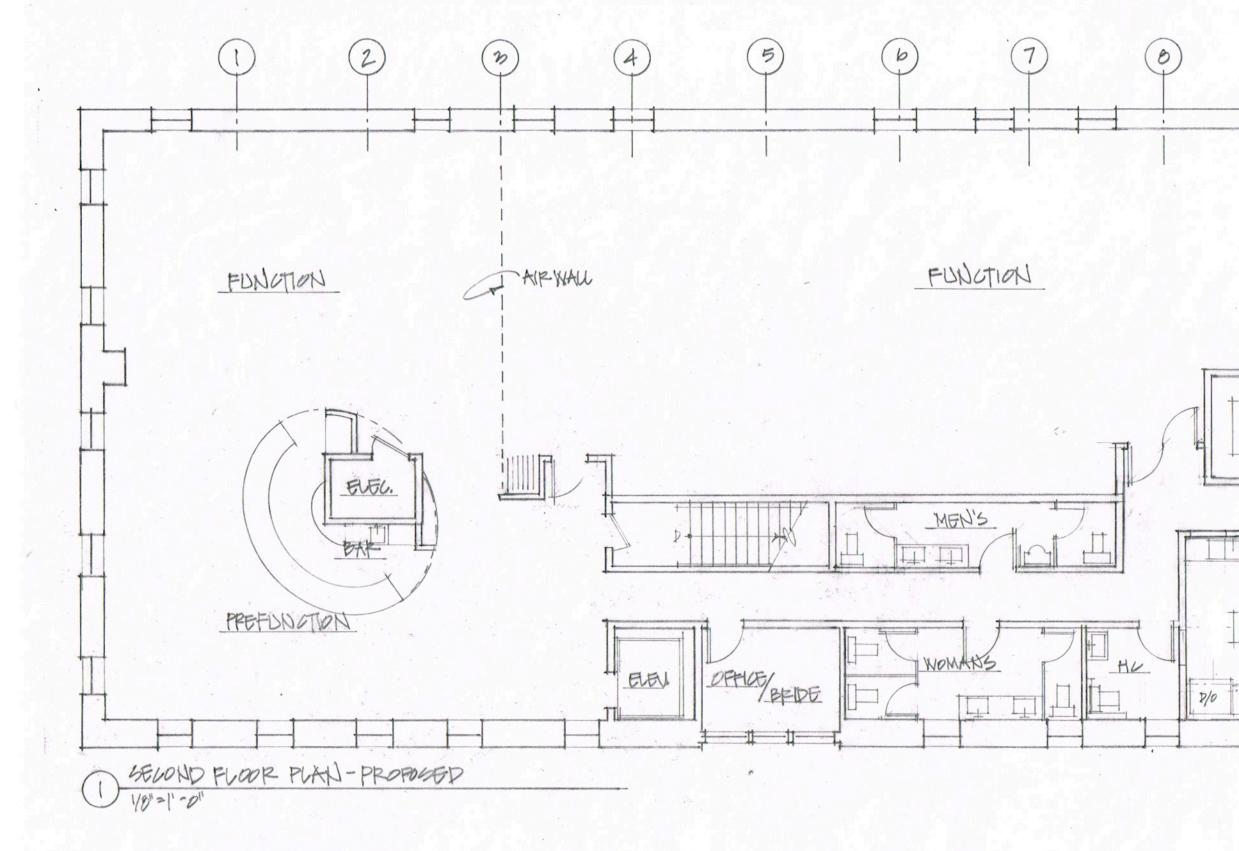
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Enclosures











# **33 Jewell Court**

Portsmouth, NH

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A) PARKING CALC – 33 JEWELL COURT (Includes entire Schultz Brew Yard Condominium Association \*)

City Use #	Туре	Use / SF	spaces / SF	required
	COOPER HOUSE			
13.10	Wholesale:	2,500 SF	1/2000	1.25
5.10	Office:	2,500 SF	1/350	7.14
	SCALD HOUSE (33 Jewell Court)			
20.10	Storage/Facilities:	2,241 SF	N/A	0
9.10	Function Room:	3,800 SF	1/100	38
5.10	Office:	3,459 SF	1/350	9.88
	KILN/MALT aka BREW HOUSE			
	Residential	52 Units	1.3/Unit	67.6 **
	REFRIGERATION/FERMENTATION			
9.10	Restaurant:	3,000 SF	1/100	30
	Kitchen (per special exception in 1996)	1,500 SF	1/1000	1.5
5.10	Office:	17,052 SF	1/350	48.72
	Residential	16 Units	1.3/Unit	20.08 **
**	Residential Visitor Parking	68 Units	1/5 Units	14
TOTAL	PARKIING REQUIREMENT			239

\*Variance was obtained in 1996 to permit 205 spaces where 245 were required under the then current ordinance.



**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH** 

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#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

January 29, 2024

Jewell Court Properties LLC 30 Spring Street Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

#### RE: Board of Adjustment request for property located at 33 Jewell Court Unit S1 (LU-23-205)

Dear Property Owner:

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, at its regularly scheduled meeting of **Tuesday**, **January 23**, **2024**, considered your application for establishing an event venue serving up to 250 people which requires a Special Exception from Section 10.440, Use # 9.42 where it is permitted by Special Exception. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 155 Lot 5-S1 and lies within the Character District 4-W (CD4W). As a result of said consideration, the Board voted to grant the special exception.

The Board's decision may be appealed up to thirty (30) days after the vote. Any action taken by the applicant pursuant to the Board's decision during this appeal period shall be at the applicant's risk. Please contact the Planning & SustainabilityDepartment for more details about the appeals process.

Approvals may also be required from other City Commissions or Boards. Once all required approvals have been received, applicant is responsible for applying for and securing a building permit from the Inspection Department prior to starting any project work.

This approval shall expire unless a building permit is issued within a period of two (2) years from the date granted unless an extension is granted in accordance with Section 10.236 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Findings of Fact associated with this decision are available: attached here <u>or</u> as an attachment in the Viewpoint project record associated with this application <u>and</u> on the Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting website:

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/planportsmouth/zoning-board-adjustment/zoning-boardadjustment-archived-meetings-and-material

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available by contacting the Planning & Sustainability Department.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis Eldridge

Phyllis Eldridge, Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment cc: Shanti Wolph, Chief Building Inspector

Rosann Maurice-Lentz, City Assessor

John K. Bosen, Attorney, Bosen and Associates PLLC

# Findings of Fact | Special Exception City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment

Date: <u>1-23-2024</u>

Property Address: 33 Jewell Court, Unit S1

Application #: LU-23-205

Decision: Grant

# Findings of Fact:

Effective August 23, 2022, amended RSA 676:3, It now reads as follows: The local land use board shall issue a final written decision which either approves or disapproves an application for a local permit and make a copy of the decision available to the applicant. The decision shall include specific written findings of fact that support the decision. Failure of the board to make specific written findings of fact that support the decision. Failure of the board to make specific written findings of fact supporting a disapproval shall be grounds for automatic reversal and remand by the superior court upon appeal, in accordance with the time periods set forth in RSA 677:5 or RSA 677:15, unless the court determines that there are other factors warranting the disapproval. If the application is not approved, the board shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the disapproval. If the application is approved with conditions, the board shall include in the written decision a detailed description of all conditions necessary to obtain final approval.

The proposed application meets/does not meet the following purposes for granting a Special Exception:

Special Exception Review Criteria: Section 10.232.20	Finding	Relevant Facts
10.232.21 Standards as provided by this Ordinance for the particular use permitted by special exception;	Yes	<ul> <li>The use is allowed by special exception.</li> </ul>
10.232.22 No hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion or release of toxic materials.	Yes	<ul> <li>It is a dense intermingling of entertainment, hospitality, and residential use.</li> <li>Allowing the special exception will not have a detrimental impact on surrounding properties, particularly since a sound study was performed that addressed the one potential concern with noise level.</li> </ul>
10.233.23 No detriment to property values in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of any area including residential neighborhoods or business and industrial districts on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking areas, accessways, odor, smoke, gas,	Yes	<ul> <li>The parking will be contained to the condo association, so there is really no impact on the general public.</li> <li>Allowing the special exception will not have a detrimental impact on surrounding properties, particularly</li> </ul>

dust, or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration, or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles or other materials;		since a sound study was performed that addressed the one potential concern with noise level.
10.233.24 No creation of a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity;	Yes	<ul> <li>The shuttle service will transport lots of people with a smaller number of vehicles.</li> <li>It is a congested traffic area but the applicant stated that they will require the use of either a valet or shuttle service parking.</li> </ul>
10.233.25 No excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police and fire protection and schools; and	Yes	<ul> <li>No changes are being done to the building externally.</li> </ul>
10.232.26 No significant increase of stormwater runoff onto adjacent property or streets.	Yes	<ul> <li>No changes are being done to the building externally.</li> </ul>