

Addendum B

Columbus South Side Area Commission Zoning Policy

The following are the steps to follow in order to complete the process for variances within the Columbus South Side Area Commission (CSSAC) boundaries.

Council Variances or BZA Applications:

1. File application for demolition or variance with the City Buildings Department.
2. Contact the CSSAC Zoning Chair, by email at (zoning chair email) to alert them that an application has been filed.
3. Receipt of application from the City is necessary for the process to continue. No requests for variance will be considered until the application has been received by the CSSAC Zoning Chair from the city buildings department.
4. Once the application has been received, an email or phone call will be sent to the applicant and area civic association representative informing them of the application and explanation of the request. Zoning Chair will forward application to each of the committee members and presidents of affected civic associations. Further, if the application is located on a border of an adjacent area commission, the Zoning Chair shall notify said area commission. The civic association will have 45 days to return a recommendation to CSSAC.
5. If the Zoning Chair determines a project is of significant magnitude to warrant additional notice and discussion, the Zoning Chair may issue appropriate 7-day public notice of a special, informational meeting to discuss the application, which the applicant is required to attend. The affected civic associations may request a public meeting via the Zoning Chair, which will be approved at the sole discretion of the Zoning Chair. Special meetings shall be conducted at a public location and open to the general public.
6. Following special meetings as outlined in step 5 or in the event special meetings are not warranted, the applicant must attend the next scheduled civic association meeting to present thereasons for the request. Applicants are required to appear before the civic association no more than one time per application.
7. Upon considering the request, the civic association will issue a recommendation and send notice via email to the CSSAC Zoning Chair (zoning chair email) within 3 business days containing the completed City of Columbus approved zoning form including the outcome of the vote and

additional reasons or concerns of the Civic Association regarding the application. In the event a civic association fails to respond within 45 days or request additional time, the Commission will proceed as if the civic association has no objections to the request.

8. If any variance is determined to represent an existing condition that predates the establishment of the city zoning code, the variance will be automatically deemed as approved by the Zoning Committee and by the CSSAC full commission. If all variance requests for an application are existing conditions, the applicant will not be required to attend Site or full commission hearings and the CSSAC Zoning Chair will notify the city of the approval.
9. The CSSAC Zoning Chair will schedule the application for the next regularly scheduled Zoning Site Hearing. At that time the Zoning Committee will meet and determine a recommendation of the request to be presented at the upcoming CSSAC meeting, with consideration of the civic association's recommendation. After two site hearings where the applicant is a no-show, no site hearing will be scheduled until the applicant reaches out to the CSSAC zoning chair(s) indicating readiness and availability to attend a site hearing.
10. The applicant must attend the next regularly scheduled CSSAC meeting. Failure to attend the meeting will delay the application or result in a non-approval vote by the CSSAC. CSSAC offers the opportunity for members of the public to offer testimony regarding all zoning applications. The Commission will accept three speakers in favor and three opposed in addition to the representative of civic associations affected by the request. The civic association representative may have up to 5 minutes to speak. All comments will be limited to three minutes. The applicant will receive up to 10 minutes to present the project and respond to questions from commissioners and those raised by speakers.
11. Final decision will be made at the meeting unless the CSSAC asks for additional information regarding the request. The Commission will then table the request and bring it up for consideration at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.
12. Following the Commission vote, all forms will be signed and sent to the appropriate City official for final submission of CSSAC recommendation on the request within three business days. Applicant shall provide Zoning Chair with completed forms excepting the fields of vote, comments, and signature.

Demolition Permits are handled as follows:

1. Submit application and payment to City Buildings Department.
2. Once received, the Zoning Chair will notify all Zoning Committee members and appropriate civic association presidents of said demolition request.
3. **If the demolition request is part of a previously approved Council or BZA variance application, the CSSAC will immediately send the demolition approval to city staff. Otherwise,** any party has 10 business days to request additional information or to ask for a site hearing in the matter.
4. After the 10 days the Zoning Chair will visit the site to confirm the site address and give signature to party applying for the permit.

5. The Zoning Chair shall visually inspect the site 30 days later to ensure said demolition is complete.

All Zoning Committee members shall be sworn members and shall follow all South Side Area Commission Bylaws and Columbus City Code.

Although your request may be of an urgent nature to you, the CSSAC has put this process into place to protect the development and demolition of buildings in the area. Please understand that all commissioners are volunteers and want to work with you to get things accomplished, while maintaining the integrity of the South Side of Columbus. It is important that you plan for this process in your timeline. The CSSAC highly recommends applicants engage the appropriate civic association early in the process, possibly before a formal application is submitted to the City, to ensure the process runs smoothly and as quickly as possible.