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CITY CLERK

November 11, 2019

Irene Woodward Director of Planning City of Allentown 435 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101

Dear Ms. Woodward:

Allentown City Council received a request from Davison & McCarthy to rezone the following tracts of land as described on the attachment from B5 – Urban Commercial to B/LI – Business/Light Industrial:

201 – 221 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640753129628-1)
115 – 143 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA (PIN 640742997610-1)
51 – 97 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640752151002-1)
113 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA (PIN 640752078227-1)

The petition is hereby referred to the Allentown City Planning Commission for your advisory review. A copy of their petition and supporting documentation is enclosed.

Please submit your report to this office, and the appropriate ordinances to be introduced by City Council.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Hanlon

City Clerk

Cc: Andrew V. Schantz, Esq. – Davison & McCarthy

Leonard Lightner, Director - Community and Economic Development

Council

Frances Fruhwirth, Associate Solicitor

Davison & McCarthy

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October 29, 2019

Mr. Michael Hanlon, City Clerk City of Allentown Room 510 435 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101

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Can you please confirm receipt and acceptance of this Petition and provide me with updates as this request proceeds through the City channels.

Andrew V. Schantz

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Lauren Scholler, Notary Public Lehigh County

My commission expires December 24, 2021 Commission number 1280895 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Noteries

Enclosures 248656

cc:

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REZONING REQUEST PETITION

City Council

Allentown, PA 18101

Date: October 29, 2019

FAX:

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EMAIL:

Michael Hanlon

Tawanna L. Whitehead

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Members of City Council:

We, the undersigned and interested parties, hereby request your honorable body to rezone the following tract of land or amend the zoning code in the following manner:

Parcel A: 201-221 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640753129628-1) Parcel B: 115-143 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640742997610-1) Parcel C: 51-97 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640752151002-1) Parcel D: 113 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (PIN 640752078227-1)

from B5 - Urban Commercial zoning classification to B/LI - Business/Light Industrial Zoning

Classification. A legal description of the property to be rezoned must be included with this application.

Attach any necessary additional information. See Attached Legal Description.

The reason for the rezoning is.	The reason for the rezoning is:	See Attached
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PARCELS A, B and C

Applicant as Equitable Owner:

CHARLES STREET CAPITAL LLC

612 W. Hamilton Street, Floor 2

Allentown, PA 18101

Attn: Jeff Brown, Manager Member

Owner:

ALLENTOWN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

905 Harrison Street

Allentown, PA 18103

Attn: Scott Unger, Executive Director

PARCEL D

Owner:

PPL

2 W. Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101

Send or deliver this petition, along with \$1,000 check to cover administrative costs, payable to the "City of Allentown". In addition the petitioner must pay in full all costs incurred in publishing the legally required advertising for the Map or Zoning Code

Petitions for zoning map and zoning amendments can be found on the City website or by contacting the City Clerk's Office. A written Petition for a Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) may be submitted to City Council by a citizen. It must be notarized and signed by the owners of 50% or more of the land proposed to be rezoned, and it must be submitted together with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to the City of Allentown, to the City Clerk's Office, 435 Hamilton Street. A written petition for a Zoning amendment may be submitted to City Council by a Citizen and it must be submitted together with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to the City of Allentown, to the City Clerk's Office, 435 Hamilton Street. In addition, the petitioner must pay in full all costs incurred by the City in publishing the legally required advertising for the Map or Zoning Code Amendment prior to final Council Action. (Ordinance 15503 adopted 12/5/18)

> City Clerk City Hall Room 510 435 Hamilton Street

Reason for the Rezoning Request

The reasoning for the request of a Zoning Map change from <u>B5 – Urban Commercial</u> zoning classification to <u>B/LI – Business/Light Industrial</u> is that the B/LI zoning district provides for uses that are more compatible with the bordering properties and would have the potential for development which would drive job growth and add to the tax base without further straining the school system. It is further argued that the uses permitted under the existing B5 Zoning are not compatible with the surrounding area which includes the PPL Sub-Station; America on Wheels, Bucky Boyle Park and other properties. Evidence of this argument is in the form of the fact that these parcels remain undeveloped.

It is submitted that the requested map change would put this land to its best possible use, would be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and would align well with and would be in the best interest of Allentown's Vision 2030 Plan.

The B/LI district would also have the potential to create real benefits for the neighboring properties by facilitating a viable commercial development project. The requested map change would create transitional zoning from B5 to the neighboring I2 and I3 Districts. Zoning Officers and Planners recognize that, in order to promote the orderly development of a community, the use of transition zones must be allowed to put a piece of property to the use which is most beneficial to the comprehensive plan, i.e., establish a land use which best blends in with surrounding different uses.

A B/LI zoning district would be compatible with the bordering properties and would have the potential to drive job growth and add to the tax base without further straining the school system.

Lehigh County Parcel Viewer



October 21, 2019

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