

April 25, 2013

Maribeth Knauf 612 East Tremont Ave Charlotte, NC 28203

RE: ZONING APPROVAL FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

612 EAST TREMONT AVENUE TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 121-093-50

CASE NUMBER: 2013-015AD

Dear Ms. Knauf:

Your request for an administrative deviation for a two (2) foot variance from the minimum setback of 32 feet back of curb to allow the construction of a six (6) foot wide porch has been **granted**. You may obtain a permit to reflect your variance at 700 N. Tryon Street (Hal Marshall Building).

My investigation and review of the request indicates that the following facts warrant approval of the request:

- 1. The physical contours of the street, the land, or some other topographical or geographical feature is the basis for a surveying or other inadvertent error.
 - a. The current structure encroaches the front setback by 2 feet and is a legal nonconforming structure.
 - b. The home was constructed in 1915 and would be very difficult to move.
- 2. The physical layout of the land and the structures upon the land are such that the ordinance requirement cannot be met.
 - a. Removing the existing stoop from the structure without a replacement would have a detrimental effect on the structure.
 - b. The amount of the variance is very small in context.
- 3. Because of the nature of the abutting property or intervening topographical or geographical features, the application of the ordinance requirement would not serve a useful purpose.
 - a. The encroachment is visually undetectable and will not change the characteristics of the neighborhood.
 - b. The porch will not extend any further into the setback than the current stoop.
 - c. The owner has already received approval from the City of Charlotte Historic District Commission to allow the proposed new porch.

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An administrative approval was granted under Section 4.107(Delegated Authority). Please make sure that the annotation of this section is noted on the permit application. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me at (704) 336-3571.

Sincerely,

Kathina J. Young, CZO Zoning Administrator