

VARIANCE & SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION

CITY OF WORCESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

455 Main Street, Room 404; Worcester, MA 01608 Phone 508-799-1400 Ext. 31440 - Fax 508-799-1406

Fill in information for the Variances (s) you are applying for. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

Lot Area	Front Yard	Setback	Rear Yard Setback	(
Square footage	Setback			
required:	required:		Setback required:	
Square footage	Setback			
provided:	provided:		Setback provided:	
	Relief		·	
Relief requested:	requested:		Relief requested:	
Frontage	Side Yard	Setback	Exterior Side Yard Setback	
	Setback			
Frontage required:	required:		Setback required:	
	Setback			
Frontage provided:	provided:		Setback provided:	
	Relief		<u> </u>	
Relief requested:	requested:		Relief requested:	
Off-street Parking/Loading	Heig	ht	Accessory Structur 5-foot Setback	е
	Height	50 feet		
Parking required:	permitted:	ou leer	Type of structure:	
Parking provided:	Height provided:	79 feet	Square footage of structure:	
Relief requested:	Relief requested:	19 feet	Relief requested:	
Loading required:		Othe	r Variances	
Loading provided:	Relief requested:	:		
Relief requested:	Zoning Ordinanc Article & Section	е		
Signs	Requirement:			
Area permitted:	Provided:			
Area provided:				
Relief requested:	1			
Height permitted:				
Height provided: Relief requested: Setback permitted: Setback provided:	Indicate if Variances are being requested for more than one structure or more than one lot. Only complete the sections which pertain to the Variances (s) you are applying for.			
Relief requested:				

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<u>TY</u>	<u>'PE OF SPECIAL PERMIT</u> (check the Special Permit you are requesting and describe what you are requesting)
1.	□Extension, Alteration or Change of a Privileged Pre-existing, Nonconforming Structure and/ or Use (Article XVI, Section 4)
2.	Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit (Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)
3.	□Non-Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit (Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)
4.	□Non-Accessory Sign (Article IV, Section 6)
5.	Residential Conversion (Article IV, Section 9)
6.	Placement of Fill/Earth Excavation (Article IV, Section 5)
7.	■Modification of Parking/Loading Requirements (Article IV, Section 7)
8.	☐Modification of Landscaping Requirements for Parking/Loading (Article IV, Section 7)
9.	Other Special Permit (Describe Special Permit sought):
 3. 4. 5. 	Is this property known by any other address: NO. OWNER OF RECORD: Address (es) of owner of record is /are Worcester District Registry of Deeds (WDRD) Book(s) (List Book and Page number of deed filed for the subject property as listed at Assessor's Office) MO. STREET Hand 162 Address (and 68 Albany STREET, LLC and 68 Alban
7.	NAME OF APPLICANT(S): Lundgren Equity Partners LLC
8.	Address of Applicant: 163 Washington Street, Auburn, MA 01501
9.	Telephone: 508-926-3464
10	_{. Email:} jsmith@bowditch.com
11	. Check if you are an: owner (s) , lessee (s) , optionee (s) (If you are not the owner of the subject property and are a lessee or optionee, it is recommended that you provide supporting information such as a lease or a purchase and sale agreement that shows your interest in the property.) Affiliate of property owners.
12	. Zoning district(s) of the property (Indicate if more than one zoning district and any zoning overlay districts): BG-2.0; MG-2.0; CCOD-S; USOD

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- 13. Describe what is presently located on the property (Use as much detail as possible including all uses and square footage of each use): 225 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester currently contains approximately 2.38 acres of land and a 1-story approximately 23,336 square foot shopping plaza building containing restaurant, café, medical (dental), bank and office uses and a 1-story approximately 7,287 square foot former ambulatory storage building.
 - 68 Albany Street, Worcester currently contains approximately 0.95 acres of land and a 1-story approximately 29,730 square foot industrial building.
- 14. The applicant seeks to (Describe what you want to do on the property in as much detail as possible):
 - Construction and development of a new 7-story approximately 204,413 square foot multifamily high rise building with 218 units (the "New Building") (the "Project"). A total of 298 parking spaces will be provided for the entire Project site, including a 104-space at-grade podium parking area within the New Building, 74 existing parking spaces located next to the existing shopping plaza building that will remain in place and a new 120-space surface parking area at the Albany Street property. The Project also includes the construction and/or installation of related site improvements, including, but not limited to, new driveways and accessible walkways, ramps and crosswalks (i.e., across Albany Street and Casco Street to provide pedestrian access to the New Building and shopping center), landscaping, curb cuts, open space amenity areas, electric vehicle charing stations, bicycle storage areas, utilities and other site features. The existing storage building and the existing Albany Street building will both be razed to accommodate the Project.
- 15. Such a use is permitted only by the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance under Article (Insert Article, Section (s) of the Zoning Ordinance which permits the proposed used of the property):

See Article IV, Table 4.1, which permits multi-family dwelling, high rise. See also Article IX, Section 5.A.

16. Are you aware if this property has been previously granted approvals from any City Board or Commission? If so, please list (Provide dates of previous approvals, book and page numbers and/or certificate numbers of any recorded decisions and/or recorded/registered land. Also, please provide copies of previous recorded decisions):

48,000 square foot office building project approved in 2018 by Planning Board.

17. Have you applied for or are you aware if other applicants have applied for a Building Permit for this site and been refused for non-compliance with the Zoning Ordinance (e.g. a cease and desist order has been issued)? If so, explain:

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Unknown.

18. List any additional information relevant to the Variance (s) and Special Permit (s): See Statement in Support.

VARIANCE FINDINGS OF FACT

Complete the following questions. Your responses should provide justifications as to why the requested Variance(s) should be granted. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

1.	Describe how a literal enforcement of the provision of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant: See Statement in Support.
2.	Describe how the hardship is owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, and/or topography of the land or structures and how the hardship especially affects said land or structures, but does not affect generally the zoning district in which it is located: See Statement in Support.
3.	Describe how desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance: See Statement in Support.
4. m	Describe how the dimensional variance as it relates to floor space, bulk, number of occupants or other relevant easures, if granted, shall be no greater than the minimum necessary to provide relief from the statutory hardship: See Statement in Support.

SPECIAL PERMIT FINDINGS OF FACT

In the spaces below explain how the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the City with respect to each of the following considerations per Article II, Section 6(A)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. (Attach additional supporting documentation as necessary.)

1.	Social, economic or community needs that are served by the proposal: See Statement in Support.
2.	Traffic flow and safety, including access, parking and loading areas: See Statement in Support.
3.	Adequacy of utilities and other public services: See Statement in Support.
4.	Neighborhood character and social structure: See Statement in Support.
5.	Impacts on the natural environment: See Statement in Support.
6.	Potential fiscal impact, including city services needed, tax base, and employment: See Statement in Support.

WHEREFORE the applicant(s) requests that this Board grundgren Equity Partners LLC	Realty LLC
By:(Signature of Applicant or Applicant's Agent) If more than one applicant, all applicants must fill out information.	(Signature of Property Owner or Owner's Agent) If more than one property owner, all owners must fill out information.
Lundgren Equity Partners LLC	225 Shrewsbury Street Realty, LLC and 68 Albany Street, LLC
(Name of Applicant)	(Name of Property Owner)
163 Washington Street, Auburn, MA 01501	163 Washington Street, Auburn, MA 01501
(Address)	(Address)
508-926-3464 - Joshua Lee Smith, Esq.	508-926-3464 - Joshua Lee Smith, Esq.
ismith@bowditch.com	(Contact Phone Number) jsmith@bowditch.com
(Email) (Date)	(Email) (Date) / L Z
Complete the requested information for the Special Permit necessary. Only complete the sections which pertain to the Extension, Alteration or Change of a Privile	
Describe what is currently nonconforming about this structure	•
2. Indicate how long the nonconforming aspects of the stru	ucture have been in existence:

4. Describe the proposed extension, alteration or change and the total square footage of any physical expansion:

5. Explain how the extension, alteration, or change itself complies with the current Ordinance requirements: 6. Indicate the number of off-street parking spaces currently provided and to be provided for the proposed structure as extended, altered or changed: Note: In residential districts, the structure as extended, altered or changed shall meet the off-street parking requirements of the zoning ordinance. 7. Explain how the structure as extended, altered or changed will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure: Extension, Alteration or Change of a Privileged Pre-existing, Nonconforming Use (Article XVI, Section 4) 1. Describe what is currently nonconforming about this use: 2. Indicate how long the nonconforming use has been in existence? What year did the use begin? (Check with the zoning ordinance, as amended, that would have been in effect at the time of construction. Past zoning ordinances are available for research at the City Clerk's office. Past zoning maps are available at the Division of Planning and Regulatory Services) 3. At the time the use was initiated, was the use allowed under the then applicable Zoning Ordinance? 4. Describe the proposed extension, alteration or change of use and the total square footage to be utilized for the use: 5. Explain how the extension, alteration, or change itself complies with the current Ordinance requirements: 6. Indicate the number of off-street parking spaces currently provided and to be provided for the proposed structure as extended, altered or changed: Note: In residential districts, the use as extended, altered or changed shall meet the off-street parking requirements of the zoning ordinance. 7. Explain how the use as extended, altered or changed will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing use:

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Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit in a particular zoning district (Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)

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1.	Describe the proposed residential use:
2.	Total number of dwelling units proposed, number of bedrooms per unit, and square footage of units:
	Number and dimensions of off-street parking spaces to be provided and location (garage, driveway). Off-street irking spaces must be located outside of the front yard and exterior side yard setbacks.
	Non-Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit
	(Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1) Describe the proposed use (include description of business, proposed hours of operation, and number of
	nployees) Total square footage of proposed use:
3.	Number of off-street parking spaces to be provided. Indicate location of those parking spaces: garage, parking lo parking spaces on a different lot provided through the same ownership and/or leased spaces (a 5-year minimum lease with renewal options must be provided) within 1,000 feet of the use it will serve.
4.	For a proposed animal hospital, animal clinic, pet shop or animal shelter, per Article IV, Section 2, Notes to Table 4.1, Note 4, indicate the location of any animal runs if a residential zoning district is within 200 feet of the subject property.
5.	For a proposed Bed and Breakfast use, provide additional documentation per Article IV, Section 11.
8.	For a proposed Adult Entertainment use, provide additional documentation per Article IV, Section 10.
9.	For a proposed Limited Residential Hospice House, provide additional documentation per Article IV, Section 2, Notes to Table 4.1, Note 10.

10. For a proposed non-accessory parking lot or a motor vehicle display lot, provide additional documentation showing compliance with Article IV, Section 7B.
Non-Accessory Sign (Article IV, Section 6)
1. Square footage, length and width of proposed sign, and height of total structure:
2. Distance of proposed sign from other non-accessory signs along each side of a street.
3. Indicate on the submitted plan the type and style of sign, exact location, etc.
Residential Conversion (Article IV, Section 9)
1. Total number of existing units/Total number of proposed units:
2. Will the external appearance of the structure remain unchanged except for new doors, windows, fire escapes, and stairways?
3. Number of off-street parking spaces to be provided (If new parking is being created, the applicant(s) may need to seek a Special Permit for extension, alteration or change of a pre-existing, nonconforming structure if existing structure does not meet current zoning dimensional requirements. If additional parking cannot be provided for new dwelling unit(s), the proposed conversion may also require a Variance or Special Permit from off-street parking requirements):
4. Which dimensional requirements/setbacks are you seeking relief by the Special Permit?

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Placement of Fill/Earth Excavation (Article IV, Section 5)

- 1. Indicate whether the Special Permit is for Placement of Fill or Earth Excavation:
- 2. Attach documentation showing proposed measures to protect pedestrians and vehicles.
- 3. Provide a proposed timeline for completion of placement of fill.
- 4. Attach documentation from the Director of Public Health and the Conservation Commission as outlined in the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 5.
- 5. Attach a site plan with all required information in support of the application per the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 5.

Modification of Parking/Loading Requirements (Article IV, Section 7)

1. Indicate what relief is being sought under the Special Permit:

A special permit is required to be granted by the Board pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2 for noncompliance with the loading requirements set forth in Table 4.5.

- 2. If applicable, indicate locations, square footages, and dimensions of relief sought under the Special Permit: N/A.
- 2. If applicable, provide number of parking/loading spaces required and relief requested through the Special Permit:
 - 4 loading spaces are required for the New Building and 1 loading space is required for the Existing Shopping Plaza Building based on the gross floor areas of the buildings, and no new dimensionally compliant loading spaces are contemplated—for the Project. Lundgren requests a reduction of loading spaces from 5 to 0 spaces. Loading for the New Building will occur in the parking area within the New Building near the Casco Street curb cut, and allow trucks to enter the site from Casco, turn right into a time-restricted parking area and back into the loading zone. There are currently no designated loading spaces for the Existing Building, and loading for the Existing Building will continue to occur within the drive aisle along the westerly side of the Existing Building. The proposed loading areas will be a safe distance from pedestrian walkways.

Other Special Permits

1. Describe Special Permit sought and provide relevant details on the plan of land and rendering. Provide square footage and height of any structures and indicate percentage of lot structure will occupy:

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WORCESTER REVISED ORDINANCES GOVERNING REVENUE COLLECTION

*Note: This form must be completed and signed by both the <u>applicant(s)</u> and <u>owner(s)</u> of the property certifying payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charges of any kind. Failure to include a fully completed certification form with the application shall result in the application being deemed incomplete and ineligible for further processing by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 57 and the City of Worcester General Revised Ordinance, Chapter 11, Section 26-28, the undersigned applicant and all parties having an ownership interest therein, hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the applicant(s) and owner(s) have complied with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Worcester regarding payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges of any kind.

(Give first and last names in full. In case of a corporation give names of President, Treasurer and Manager; and in case of firms, give names of individual members.)

(1) If a Proprietorship or Single Owner of residential property:

Name of Owner				
Business Address				
Home Address				
Business Phone	Home Phone			
Signature of owner (certifying payment of all	ture of owner (certifying payment of all municipal charges):			
Date:				
Partnership or Multiple Owners of resider	ntial property:			
Full names and address of all partners				
Printed Names	Addresses			
Business Address				
Business AddressBusiness Phone				
Signature of all owners of property (certifying	g payment of all municipal charges -attach multiple			
Business Phone	g payment of all municipal charges -attach multiple Date:			
Signature of all owners of property (certifying	g payment of all municipal charges -attach multiple Date: Date:			

(3) If a Corporation:

Principal Places of Business 163 Washington Str Place of Business in Massachusetts Same			
Printed Names of Officers of Corporation:	_	Title	
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Owners of Corporation: Printed Names		Address	% of stock
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Signature of all owners of property (certifying pa necessary) 225 Shrawsbury Street Realty, LLC By:	yment of a	all municipal charges	-attach multiple pa
Barry R. Lundgren, Its Manager	_ _ Date: _	1 / *	
68 Albany Admixet, LLC	_ Date: _	Malaz	
Bailor R. Lundgren, Its Manager	_ Date: _	8/8/26	
Name of Trust			dress
	_ _ _		
Printed Names of Beneficiaries:	_	Addre	ess
	_ _ _		
Signature of trustees of property (certifying payr necessary)		municipal charges -a	
	_ Date: _ _ Date: _		
ignature of Applicant (if different from owner, cer Printed Name of Applicant: Lundgren Equity Par		ment of all municipal	charges):