# LU 20-134213 AD appeal

BDS STAFF PRESENTATION TO ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2, 2021



#### Site Location

Vacant lot near intersection of SW Upper Hall St. and SW College St.

#### Zoning

R5 – single-dwelling residential















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1. Granting the Adjustment will equally or better meet the purpose of the regulation to be modified.

#### <u>Purpose statement for R5 zone height standard:</u>

The height standards serve several purposes:

- They promote a reasonable building scale and relationship of one residence to another;
- They promote options for privacy for neighboring properties; and
- They reflect the general building scale and placement of houses in the city's neighborhoods.



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With no Adjustment, exposed height above the street could be no more than 7.5'.



### **BDS staff interpretation:**

Building height consistent with the intent of the standard must be:

- no taller than 23 feet above SW Upper Hall Street (2-story scale); and
- as low as possible for a 2-story scale above the street, in order to minimize the scale difference with comparably situated homes nearby that extend only a single story above the street.















2. The proposal will not significantly detract from the livability or appearance of the residential area.





3. The cumulative effect of the Adjustments results in a project which is still consistent with the overall purpose of the zone.

4. Any impacts resulting from the Adjustment are mitigated to the extent practical.

## BDS staff decision:

Approval with conditions:

- bottoms of south-facing windows in the two upper stories must be at least 6 feet above the floor
- continuous landscaping screen must extend across the ground-level, east wall, with trees or shrubs between 8' and 20' tall