

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION SITE PLAN REVIEW

RE: 142 Temple Street. MBLU: 241 0233 01600. Site plan review for construction of a four-story, 60-unit residential building above an existing three-story commercial structure in the BD Zone.
(Owner/Applicant: Olympia Building LLC; Agent: Benjamin Trachten)

REPORT: 1602-01

ACTION: Approval with Conditions

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Pursuant to State Statute, this site plan and soil erosion and sediment control plan approval is valid for a period of five (5) years following the date of decision, until February 16, 2027. Upon petition of the applicant, the Commission may, at its discretion, grant extensions totaling no more than an additional five (5) years to complete all work connected to the original approval.
2. The applicant shall record on the City land records an original copy of this Site Plan Review report (to be provided by the City Plan Department) and shall furnish written evidence to the City Plan Department that the document has been so recorded (showing volume and page number), prior to City Plan signoff for building permits. A digital copy of the recorded report shall be provided to staff (.pdf).
3. Upon approval by the City Plan Commission, provide compiled digital copies of all application materials, including drawing sets and reports, to staff for filing (.pdf files) prior to City Plan signoff for building permits.
4. Signoff on final plans by the City Engineer; Department of Transportation, Traffic, and Parking; City Plan Department; and Fire Marshal in that order shall be obtained prior to initiation of site work or issuance of building permit.
5. Construction Operations Plan/Site Logistics Plan, including any traffic lane/sidewalk closures, temporary walkways, detours, signage, haul routes to & from site, and construction worker parking plan shall be submitted to the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking for review and approval to prior to City Plan signoff on final plans for building permit.
6. A site bond will be required in conformity with Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-3(g). Bond, or other such financial instrument, shall be provided to the City Plan Department, in an amount equal to the estimated cost of implementation of erosion and sediment controls, plus 10 percent, prior to City Plan final sign-off on plans for building permit.
7. Any proposed work within City right-of-way will require separate permits.
8. Any sidewalks or curbs on the perimeter of the project deemed to be in damaged condition shall be replaced or repaired in accord with City of New Haven standard details.
9. Any proposed removals of street trees must be coordinated with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees prior to sign-off for building permits.
10. Following completion of construction, any catch basins in the public right-of-way impacted by the project shall be cleaned, prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.
11. Within 10 business days of City Plan Commission approval, the applicant shall submit a digital (.pdf) and hard copy of the final approved plan set (including all revisions) to the City Plan Department.
12. As-built site plan shall be filed with City Plan Department, with a copy to the City Engineer, prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy. Site Plan shall be submitted in mylar and digital form (.pdf).

Submission: SPR Application Packet including DATA, WORKSHEET, SITE, SESC, and CSPR forms. NARRATIVE attached. Application fee: \$360 Dated and received December 16, 2021.

- Floor plans and elevations, 15 sheets. Dated and received December 16, 2021.
- Site plan, survey, and detail sheet, 3 sheets. Dated and received December 16, 2021, revised December 21, 2021.

- New Haven Parking Authority letter, 1 sheet, dated and received December 21, 2021.
- Development team supplement, 1 sheet, received December 16, 2021.
- Submission letter for first revision, dated and received December 21, 2021.
- Stormwater management plan, 48 sheets, dated and received December 21, 2021.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Project: 142 Temple Street apartment building addition

Address: 142 Temple Street

MBLU: 241 0233 01600

Site Size: 20,574 sf

Building size: 124,828 sf

Zone: BD

Parking: 0 spaces

Owner: Olympia Building LLC

Phone: 203-727-2429

Applicant: Olympia Building LLC

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Phone: 203-671-5544

Site Engineer: Raymond Paier, Wescott and Mapes Inc

Phone: 203-358-9526

BACKGROUND

Previous CPC Actions:

No previous CPC actions for this site.

Zoning:

The Site Plan as submitted meets the requirements of the New Haven Zoning Ordinance for the BD zone, with zoning relief granted for zero loading spaces where two are required and for zero parking spaces where 28 are required by the BZA on February 8, 2022.

Site description/existing conditions: The site is a 1/2-acre L-shaped parcel located at the corner of Temple Street and Crown Street in downtown New Haven. Currently, the site is almost entirely occupied by the footprint of the Olympia building, a three-story brick commercial building built in 1974. To the north west lies the Crown Street parking garage and to the north east a mixed-use building. A separate parcel bounds the site to the south which is occupied by another mixed-use building. A narrow ally runs between the Olympia building and the Crown Street garage to the west.

Proposed activity: Construct a four-story, 60-unit residential building above an existing three-story commercial structure.

Motor vehicle circulation/parking/traffic: No parking spaces are proposed. Zoning relief was granted by the BZA for zero loading spaces where two are required and for zero parking spaces where 28 are required on February 8, 2022.

Bicycle parking: A secure indoor bicycle storage room for 36 bicycles is proposed for the basement level, with a storage room for an additional 4 bicycles proposed for the ground floor.

Trash removal: A trash chute will be installed in the building with access from each floor leading to a trash compactor on the ground floor. Compacted trash will be wheeled out into the alley behind the building for collection.

Signage: A 48 sf sign with the building name and address is proposed for the front of the building where residents will enter on Crown Street. Proposed signage meets all zoning ordinance requirements.

Sec. 58 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control:

- Class A** (minimal impact)
- Class B** (significant impact)
- Class C** (significant public effect, hearing required)

Cubic Yards (cy) of soil to be moved, removed or added: 0 CY

Start Date: July 2023

Completion Date: July 2024

Note: Because the project is between 1 and 5 acres (“small construction”), the applicant is not required to obtain a General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction from CT DEEP as long as the applicant has adhered to the erosion and sediment control regulations of the municipality in which the construction activity, in this case, the City of New Haven.

Sec. 60 Stormwater Management Plan: SUBMISSION MEETS REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Soil characteristics of site;
- Location of closest surface water bodies and depth to groundwater;
- DEEP ground and surface water classification of water bodies;
- Identification of water bodies that do not meet DEEP water quality standards;
- Proposed operations and maintenance manual and schedule;
- Location and description of all proposed BMPs;
- Calculations for stormwater runoff rates, suspended solids removal rates, and soil infiltration rates;
- Hydrologic study of pre-development conditions commensurate with conditions.

STANDARDS

- Direct channeling of untreated surface water runoff into adjacent ground and surface waters shall be prohibited;
- No net increase in the peak rate or total volume of stormwater runoff from the site, to the maximum extent possible, shall result from the proposed activity;
- Design and planning for the site development shall provide for minimal disturbance of pre-development natural hydrologic conditions, and shall reproduce such conditions after completion of the proposed activity, to the maximum extent feasible;
- Pollutants shall be controlled at their source to the maximum extent feasible in order to contain and minimize contamination;
- Stormwater management systems shall be designed and maintained to manage site runoff in order to reduce surface and groundwater pollution, prevent flooding, and control peak discharges and provide pollution treatment;
- Stormwater management systems shall be designed to collect, retain, and treat the first inch of rain on-site, so as to trap floating material, oil and litter;
- On-site infiltration and on-site storage of stormwater shall be employed to the maximum extent feasible;
- Post-development runoff rates and volumes shall not exceed pre-development rates and volumes for various storm events. Stormwater runoff rates and volumes shall be controlled by infiltration and on-site detention systems designed by a professional engineer licensed in the state of Connecticut except where detaining such flow will affect upstream flow rates under various storm conditions;
- Stormwater treatment systems shall be employed where necessary to ensure that the average annual loadings of total suspended solids (TSS) following the completion of the proposed activity at the site are no greater than such loadings prior to the proposed activity. Alternately, stormwater treatment systems shall remove 80 percent TSS from the site on an average annual basis; and
- Use of available BMPs to minimize or mitigate the volume, rate, and impact of stormwater to ground or surface waters.

Sec. 60.1 Exterior Lighting: SUBMISSION MEETS REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED SUBMISSION

- Lighting Plan with location of all fixtures, type of fixture and mounting height of lights;
- Manufacturer specifications or cut-sheet for each fixture;
- Photometrics.

STANDARDS

- In general, all exterior light sources must be directed downward. The lighting must also be, as much as physically possible, contained within the target area;
- Parking Lot and Security Lighting.* All outdoor light fixtures within a parking lot, vehicular circulation area, or pedestrian area must be of a Full Cutoff or Fully-Shielded type;
- Architectural Lighting.* Lighting for building facades and Indirectly Illuminated Signs is permitted subject to the following: (a) Uplighting does not exceed 900 lumens & (b) Upward aimed light is Fully-Shielded and fully-confined from projecting into the sky, eaves, roofs, or overhangs. The light must be fully confined within the vertical surface of the wall being illuminated;
- Unshielded Lighting.* Floodlighting is discouraged, and if used, must be shown that the type of fixture proposed is not objectionable because it (a) prevents Glare for drivers and pedestrians and light above a horizontal plane, and (b) mitigates light trespass beyond the property line. Unshielded, motion activated lighting will not be triggered off the property on which the fixture is located and must go off within five minutes of activation. Unshielded lighting creating Glare or Light Trespass is required to be re-aimed and/or fitted with a shield device to block the Glare;
- Lighting Curfew.* On all parking fields, including surface lots, parking decks and top levels of parking garages which contain a minimum of four light poles, the lighting must be reduced by at least 50 percent of full operational levels within 30 minutes after the close of business. Because certain minimum lighting levels are recommended for safety and security, parking field lighting does not need to be reduced to less than an average .2 footcandles as measured horizontally at the surface on which the light pole is mounted in accordance with Illuminating Engineer Society (IES) Standards; and
- Height.* Proposed lighting mounted higher than 20 feet has been reviewed and permitted through the site plan review process by City Staff;
- Maximum Light Levels at the Property Line.*
 - a. *The maximum light level at any point on the property line cannot exceed: .1 footcandles within or adjacent to a property with a residential use or .2 footcandles when adjacent to properties with other uses. Where the adjacent property is a residential use or mixed-use and the first floor is not residential, the maximum light levels at the property line cannot exceed .2 footcandles;*
 - b. *Color. Because blue light brightens the night sky more than any other color of light, lighting must have a color temperature of no more than 3000 Kelvins. Exterior Lighting that has warmer light spectrums are preferred;*
 - c. *The Staff or the Commission, as applicable, may determine that certain light fixtures are exempt from these requirements of this Section because they do not adversely affect an adjacent property owner or the night sky or because they are necessary for the functioning of the use.*

Sec. 60.2 Reflective Heat Impact: SUBMISSION MEETS REQUIREMENTS

STANDARDS

- 50% of all on-site non-roof hardscape or paved areas will be either:
 - shaded AND/OR
 - constructed of a material with a solar reflectance index of at least 29.

TOTAL SF of non-roof hardscape:
50% of non-roof hardscape:

1,712 SF
856 SF

Shaded (average)	
SRI > 29	1,712 SF
Cement	1,712 SF
Parking striping	
StreetBond coating	
TOTAL PROPOSED SHADED/HIGH SRI AREA	1,712 SF
% SHADED/HIGH SRI PROPOSED	100%

Project Timetable: July 2023-July 2024

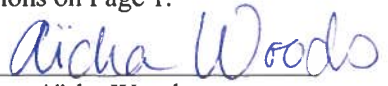
SITE PLAN REVIEW

Plans have been reviewed by the Site Plan Review team with representatives from the Departments of City Plan, City Engineer, Building, Disabilities Services and Transportation, Traffic and Parking and have been found to meet the requirements of City ordinances, regulations, and standard details.

SITE PLAN ACTION

The City Plan Commission approves the submitted Site Plans subject to conditions on Page 1.

ADOPTED: February 16, 2022
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department