Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment November 16, 2022

File:A/208/22Address:60 Senator Reesor's Drive – Markham, ONApplicant:Vachagman Amirkhanian MehrabiansAgent:SHDESIGN (randa zabaneh)Hearing Date:November 23, 2022

The following comments are provided on behalf of the East District team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following "Residential One (R1)" zone requirements under By-law 1229, as amended (the "Zoning By-law"), to permit:

a) By-law 1229, Section 5.9:

an accessory dwelling unit, whereas the Zoning By-law permits no more than one dwelling unit on a lot.

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

60 Senator Reesor's Drive (the "Subject Property) is located on the north side of the street, east of Wooten Way South, south of Highway 7 East, and west of 9<sup>th</sup> Line, within a residential neighbourhood that is comprised of low rise dwellings. The Subject Property is in proximity to commercial plazas located along Highway 7 East which are comprised of compatible and desirable commercial uses that assist in serving the needs of residents. These uses include and are not limited to a mix of: retail, restaurant, personal service, and medical offices. The Subject Property is developed with a two-storey single detached dwelling, and the existing garage and driveway area can accommodate at least three parking spaces.

#### PROPOSAL

The applicant is requesting permission for an accessory dwelling unit, which would be accessed by walk-up stairs located at the east side of the building.

#### ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW (ZPR) NOT UNDERTAKEN

The owner has confirmed that a ZPR has not been conducted. However, the applicant has received comments from staff through their Building Permit process to confirm the variance required for the proposed development.

### COMMENTS

The *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended* (the "*Planning Act*") states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment (the "Committee"):

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

# Secondary Suites

Staff are satisfied that the proposed development meets the criteria under <u>Section 8.13.8</u> of the Official Plan for the establishment of a secondary suite, and support its approval in accordance with the requirements under Section 16(3) of the *Planning Act*.

### PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of November 16, 2022. Additional information may be received after the writing of this report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

### CONCLUSION

Planning staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, and are of the opinion that the requested variance meets the four tests. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision. The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

## APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Conditions of Approval Appendix "B" – Plans

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# APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/208/22

- 1. The variance applies only to the proposed development for as long as it remains.
- 2. That the variance applies only to the proposed development, in substantial conformity with the plans attached as Appendix "B" to this Staff Report, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.
- 3. That the owner submit, if required by the Chief Building Official, a third-party report prepared by an architect or professional engineer licensed in the Province of Ontario, to assess compliance of existing construction with the provisions of the Ontario Building Code, and in particular relating to the change of use from a dwelling containing a single suite to a dwelling containing more than one suite.

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APPENDIX "B" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/208/22







