TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

DATE APPLICATION	CASE #		
PROPERTY ADDRESS 21 & 25 Grove Aver	nue		
BLOCK 1702 LOT 22			
APPLICANT'S NAME Abbasi Construction			
	CELL PHONE #		
EMAIL rgaccione@gpmlegal.com (Robert	A. Gaccione, Esq. of Gaccione Pomaco, P.C.)		
PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME 21 and 25 Grove	e Associates LLC & 21 and 25 Grove Associates Two LLC		
PROPERTY OWNER'S ADDRESS 21 Grove	e Avenue, Verona NJ 07044		
PROPERTY OWNER'S PHONE # 973-602-	3459 CELL #		
PROPERTY OWNER'S EMAIL wfiore@meyn	ner.com (William J. Fiore, Esq. of Meyner and Landis LLP))	
	R Contract Purchaser		
total of 11 three-bedroom dwelling units ale landscaping improvements. CONTRARY TO THE FOLLOWING:	ruct a residential townhouse development with a ong with associated parking, lighting and		
LOT SIZE: EXISTING 31,210 sf PRO	OPOSED 31,210 sf TOTAL 31,210 sf OPOSED 3 stories / 47.64 feet		
	EXISTING 10.6% PROPOSED 31.9%		
PERCENTAGE OF IMPROVED LOT COVER.			
PRESENT USE 2 Commercial Buildings	PROPOSED USE_Residential Townhouse Use (11 Unit	S)	
SET BACKS OF BUILDING: REQUIRE FRONT YARD 20 ft REAR YARD 50 ft SIDE YARD (1) 15 ft SIDE YARD (2) 35 ft	D EXISTING PROPOSED 29.8 ft 20 ft 103.2 ft 38.6 ft 10.9 ft 11.6 ft		
DATE PROPERTY WAS ACQUIRED Augu	ust 12, 2021		

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION PROI Three story frame townhouse		al develop	ment			
SIGN INFORMATION (if applicab To be determined	le): supply detai			s, height	and illu	umination
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AREA PER FLOOR (square feet): BASEMENT FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR -ATTIC Third Floor	EXISTING Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown	63 63	OPOSED 0 85 / 964.6 85 / 964.6 85 / 964.6	6: 6: 6:	TAL 0 35 / 96 35 / 96 35 / 96	64.6 64.6
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NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES		Unknown	PROPOS	SED	32 spa	aces
What are the exceptional condition To be discussed in testimony Supply a statement of facts showin and without substantially impairing To be discussed in testimony	g how relief can	be granted	without subst	tantial de	triment	to the public good
History of any deed restrictions: None to the knowledge of the	applicant.					
A legible plot plan or survey to so proposed structure and scale draw	ings of the existi	ing and/or p	roposed struc	ture musi	. ве рго	vided.
A copy of any conditional contrac	t relating to this	application	must be filed	with this	applica	ation.
If the applicant is a corporation or or greater interest in the corporation	on shall be provi	ided.				
Name Mahmoud Ahbasi	Address 38 Har	milton Trial,	Totowa NJ 075	512 Pho	ne#_9	73-759-2807
Name_Mohannad Abbasi	Address 212	Tomahawk	Lane, Fran	klin_Pno	ne #9 ne #	1/3-/59-280/
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Expert witness(es) that will present evidence on behalf of this application:

Attorney:	Name Robert A. Gaccione, Esq. of Gaccione Pomaco, P.C.
	Address 1 Boland Drive, Suite 102, West Orange NJ 07052
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	Fax #973-759-6968
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Architect/Engineer:	Name Russell L. Bodnar, R.A. of Bodnar Architectural Studio
Atomico Diag	Address 52 Long Hill Road, Long Valley NJ 07853
	Phone #_ 908-391-2255
	Fax #
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Engineer / Planner:	Name J. Michael Petry, P.E., P.P. of Petry Engineering LLC Address 155 Passaic Avenue, Suite 305, Fairfield NJ 07004 Phone # 973-227-7004
	Fax # 973-227-7074
	Email mikepetry@petryengineering.com

AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP

STATE OF NEW JERSEY FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESSEX PALM BEACH		
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NOTARY	Mohannad Abbasi, Member APPLICANT Abbasi Construction LLC	

AUTHORIZATION

IF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE OWNER IS MAKING THIS APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATION MUST BE EXECUTED.

TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Abbasi Construction LLC

IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE WITHIN APPLICATION.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 87H DAY OF

BETTY DUPONT
Notary Public - State of Florida
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My Comm. Expires May 26, 2028
Bonded through National Notary Assn.

NOTARY

Jaime M. Weiss, Member

21 and 25 Grove Associates LLC

Owner

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Zoning Office

880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044

973-857-4772

November 7, 2025

Zoning Permit Application #2025-190 - Denied - Townhouse Development

Applicant:

Abbasi Construction LLC

38 Hamilton Trail Totowa, NJ 07512

Attorney:

Robert A. Gaccione, Esq.

Michael J. Piromalli, Esq.;

Owner:

21 and 25 Grove Associates LLC & 21 and 25 Grove Associates Two LLC

21 Grove Avenue Verona, NJ 07044

Attorney:

William J. Fiore, Esq.

Property:

21-25 Grove Avenue; Block 1702, Lot 22

Zone:

C-2 (Professional Office and Business) Zone District

Submittals:

This office is in receipt of the following:

- Township of Verona Residential Permit Application;
- Letter from Gaccione Pomaco, P.C., dated October 10, 2025, signed by Michael J. Piromalli, Esq.;
- Statement of Intent from Gaccione Pomaco, P.C., dated October 10, 2025;
- Engineering plans prepared by J. Michael Petry, P.E. of Petry Engineering, LLC dated September 19, 2025;
- Stormwater Management report prepared by J. Michael Petry, P.E. of Petry Engineering, LLC dated October 6, 2025;
- Architectural plans prepared by Russell L. Bodnar, R.A. of Bodnar Architectural Studio dated October 6, 2025, last revised November 6, 2025;
- Boundary and Topographic Property Survey prepared by John A. Loch, P.L.S. of Azzolina & Feury Engineering Inc. dated August 5, 2025;
- Statement of Intent dated October 10, 2025.

ZONING REQUEST:

Based upon the zoning permit application, the applicant is seeking approval to construct a residential townhouse development with a total of 11 three-bedroom dwelling units along with associated parking, lighting and landscaping improvements. No other requests have been submitted or shown and therefore have not been considered in this departments review. This review for Zoning only.

ZONING DETERMINATION:

- 21-25 Grove Avenue; Block 1702, Lot 22 is located within the C-2 (Professional Office and Business) Zone District;
- Per § 150-17.11 A., B., C. A residential townhouse development is not a permitted use in the C-2 district A Use Variance is required;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (1) Minimum lot size: 15,000 square feet; existing with no proposed change is 31,210 square feet Compliant;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (2) Minimum lot width: 100 feet; existing with no proposed change is 145.5 feet Compliant;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (3) Minimum front yard setback: 20 feet; existing is 29.8 feet and proposed is 20 feet Compliant;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (4) Minimum side yard setback (one): 15 feet; existing is 10.9 feet and proposed is 11.6 feet at most narrow point A Variance is required;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (5) Minimum side yard setbacks (both): 35 feet; existing is 60.4 feet and proposed is 26.6 feet A Variance is required;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (7) Minimum rear yard setback: 50 feet; proposed is 38.6 feet from last unit and 10.6 feet from drive aisle A Variance is required;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (8) Maximum height for principal building (stories/feet): 2.5/35;
 proposed is 3 floors / maximum building height of 42.70 feet A Variance is required for both stories and height;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (10) Maximum lot coverage: 30% proposed is 31.9% A Variance is required;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (11) Maximum improved lot coverage: 65%; proposed is 61.8% Compliant;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (12) Maximum floor area ratio: 50%; proposed is 57% A Variance is required;
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (13) Minimum landscaped buffer along residential zone: 15 feet; lot is bordered by residential zones in both the rear (R-50) and the SE side by R-50B;
 A Variance is required.
 - o Should a variance be granted for consideration please see § 150-5.2 B. (3) All rooftop appurtenances shall be appropriately screened from all adjoining properties with architectural screening, the material color and composition of which shall be approved by the approving body.

DECKS:

 Per § 150-17.11 D. (9) Maximum height for accessory structures: 15 feet; decks are proposed at 8.8 feet from grade;

- Per § 150-7.21 If an existing building fails to comply with zoning setback requirements, uncovered decks may be added, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - A. That the deck does not exceed 20% of the building footprint Compliant.
 - B. That no portion of the deck shall be elevated more than four feet above grade, excluding handrails and guardrails; proposed at 8.8 feet from grade A variance is required;
 - C. That the deck does not extend into the side yard beyond the line of the existing dwelling unless the deck meets the side yard setback requirements of this chapter A variance is required;
 - D. That the deck shall be no less than five feet from the side lot line and no less than 20 feet from the rear lot line.
 - Unit #1 2.25 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - Unit #2 3.5 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - Unit #3 5.75 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - Unit #4 5.5 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - Unit #5 6 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - Unit #6 7.5 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - Unit #7 through #11 5 foot feet setback each from the NW side property line;
 - Variances are required;

ROOFTOP TERRACES:

• Individual rooftop terraces are proposed at 267 square feet (20'x16") on end units and 204 square feet (17'x12") on middle units; located on the rear section of each unit's roof with parapet at 3.875 feet in height; Noting that the rooftop terraces will face residential districts on both the SE side and the rear of the proposed development. Roof-top Terraces are not a permitted accessory use within the C-2 Zoning District –Variance is required.

HVAC UNITS:

- Per § 150-7.13 Mechanical equipment. A. No mechanical equipment shall be located within a required minimum yard requirement and shall not extend more than five feet from the structure for which they serve.
- Per § 150-17.11 D. (4) Minimum side yard setback (one): 15 feet; HVAC units are proposed as (unit #s as identified per page SP-3 Layout Plan of the Site Plan)
 - O Unit #1 10 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - O Unit #2 11 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - O Unit #3 13 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - O Unit #4 13.25 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - O Unit #5 13.6 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - O Unit #6 14.625 foot setback to the SE side property line;
 - O Unit #7 through #11 12 feet setback each from the NW side property line;
 - Variances are required;
- Units should be installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications;

PARKING:

- Per §150-12.2 A. Each off-street parking space shall measure not less than nine feet by 20 feet exclusive of access drives and aisles and shall be of usable shape and condition. Where front overhang of the vehicle is possible onto a paved or grass area not used for vehicular or pedestrian circulation or parking, the space may be reduced to 18 feet; parking stalls are proposed as 9 feet by 18 feet with no overhang A Variance is required;
- Per §150-12.4 A (1) Access drives or driveways, except for one-family dwellings, shall be not less than 12 feet wide. In the business district where customer parking is involved, driveways for two-way traffic shall be at least 20 feet wide, proposed parking aisle width is 20 feet - Compliant;
- Per RSIS §5:21-4.14 2.4 spaces per 3 bedroom unit; there are 11 3 bedroom units proposed: 2.4 x 11 = 26.4 spaces -> 27 spaces required with 35 spaces proposed
- Electrical Vehicle Parking per NJAC 40:55D-66.20 27 spaces x 15% = 4.05 spaces; 4 spaces proposed;
- Proposed Parking Calculations per RSIS §5.21 4.14
 - o 2 car garage & driveway combination 3.5 spaces per RSIS
 - o 1 car garage & driveway combination 2.0 spaces per RSIS
 - Garage and driveway combinations = 18 spaces
 - o 5 two car garages with no driveway parking = 10 spaces
 - Outdoor lot = 4 spaces
 - o EV Credit (Counts as double up to 10% of requirement = 3 spaces
 - o Total spaces 35
- C Variance for minimum required parking aisle width where a minimum parking aisle width of 24 feet is required pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-12.4A(1) and a parking aisle width of 20 feet is proposed.
- Note: Engineering with review parking and turn radius for final approval;

TREES:

- 13 trees are proposed to be removed; while the DPM of the trees are shown, the condition of the trees i.e. alive, dead, hazardous, etc. are not shown and therefore the mitigation fee and replacement cannot be verified.
- A tree condition listing must be submitted for mitigation determination and the Tree Planting Schedule on page SP-5 of the Site Plan must be approved by the Township Forester. This must be submitted for Board review.

# of Trees Proposed for Removal	<u>DPM</u>
1	24"
1	32"
2	6"
2	8"
4	12"
2	28"

Mitigation Chart

Tree to be removed (diameter)	Equivalent No. Trees	Fees calculated (Application/Mitigation)
6 inches to 15 inches 16 inches to 23 inches 24 inches and greater	1 Replacement Tree 2 Replacement Trees 4 Replacement Trees	\$50.00 + \$400.00 (\$400.00 x 1) \$50.00 + \$800.00 (\$400.00 x 2) \$50.00 + \$1,600.00 (\$400.00 4)

- All tree removals must be performed by a licensed tree contractor that is registered by the Township;
- Per § 493-20 Protection of trees during construction All remaining trees must be protected during construction;
- An Engineering review/Stormwater Management review is required;
- Signage (directional and standard) and Lighting will be reviewed under the Engineering Review;
- The proposed limit of disturbance is over 5,000 square feet, HEPSCD certification will be required.
- Prior to any demolition, a demolition permit must be obtained for the Construction Department

ZONING DECISION:

Based on the reviewed submitted items, the applicant's request for a Zoning Permit has been denied by this office.

Please feel free to contact this office should you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Miesch Zoning Official

cc: DeeDee Carpinelli – Zoning Assistant Michael Caggiano, Boswell Engineering Sarfeen Tanweer, Boswell Engineering ROBERT A. GACCIONE FRANK POMACO DENNIS E. GAGLIONE ALDO DITROLIO ANTHONY G. DEL GUERCIO

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Statement of Intent

Subject property:

21 & 25 Grove Avenue Verona, NJ 07044 Block 1702 / Lot 22

Abbasi Construction LLC (the "Applicant") has filed the present application to the Verona Zoning Board of Adjustment seeking preliminary and final major site plan approval along with associated use and bulk variance relief in order to construct a residential townhouse development with a total of 11 three-bedroom dwelling units along with associated parking, lighting and landscaping improvements.

The subject property is located in a C-2 Professional Office & Business Zone and the proposed residential townhouse use is not permitted in the zone. In order to improve and use the subject property as proposed the Applicant is requested preliminary and final major site plan approval in addition to the following variance relief:

- D(1) Use Variance to permit the townhouse residential use in the C-2 Zone which is not permitted pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11A, B & C.
- D(4) Use Variance for maximum permitted floor area ratio where a maximum floor area ratio of 0.5 is permitted in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D and floor area ratio of 0.57 is proposed.
- D(6) Use Variance for maximum permitted building height in feet where a maximum building height of 35 feet is permitted in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(8) and a maximum building height of 47.64 feet is proposed.
- C Variance for maximum permitted building height in stories where a maximum building height of 2.5 stories is permitted in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(8) and a maximum building height of 3 stories proposed.
- C Variance for maximum permitted building coverage where a maximum building coverage of 30% is permitted in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(10) and building coverage of 31.9% is proposed.
- C Variance for minimum required single side yard setback where a minimum single side yard setback of 15 feet is required in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(4) and a single side yard setback of 11.6 feet is proposed.

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- C Variance for minimum required combined side yard setback where a minimum combined side yard setback of 35 feet is required in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(5) and a combined side yard setback of 26.6 feet is proposed.
- C Variance for minimum required rear yard setback where a minimum rear yard setback of 50 feet is required in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(7) and a rear yard setback of 38.6 feet is proposed.
- C Variance for minimum required landscaped buffer along any residential zone where a minimum 15 foot wide landscaped buffer is required in the C-2 Zone pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(13) and the minimum landscaped buffer is not provided along both the rear and southeast side of the property which border the R-50 residential zone.
- C Variance for maximum permitted deck height where a maximum deck height of 4 feet above grade is permitted pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-7.21B and decks are proposed which are 8.8 feet above grade.
- C Variance to permit decks which extend into the required side yard beyond the line of the existing dwelling which is not permitted pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-7.21C.
- C Variance for minimum required distance from any deck to any side lot line where a minimum 5 feet setback is required from any side lot line pursuant to Verona Ordinance \$150-7.21D and decks are proposed which are a minimum of 2.25 feet from the southeast side property line.
- C Variance to permit individual rooftop terraces which are 267 square feet (20 feet x 16 feet) on end units and 204 square feet (17 feet x 12 feet) on middle units and where rooftop terraces are not permitted accessory uses in the C-2 Zone.
- C Variance for minimum side yard setbacks to any mechanical equipment where are minimum 15 foot setback is required pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-17.11D(4) and HVAC units are proposed which are a minimum of 10 feet from the southeast side property line.
- C Variance for minimum required parking stall size where a minimum parking stall size of 9 feet by 20 feet is required pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-12.2A and parking stalls are proposed which are 9 feet by 18 feet with no overhang.
- C Variance for minimum required parking aisle width where a minimum parking aisle width of 24 feet is required pursuant to Verona Ordinance §150-12.4A(1) and a parking aisle width of 20 feet is proposed.

The Applicant is respectfully requesting the above listed variance relief in addition to any and all other variance or waivers that the board deems necessary for approval of this application.

Dated: November 10, 2025