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Zoning Administration

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ZONING NOTICE NOVEMBER 21, 2022, ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING

ZONING HEARING Z-2022-19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Conshohocken Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on November 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time. The meeting will be held at Borough Hall, located at 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428.

At this time, the Conshohocken Zoning Hearing Board will hear testimony and accept evidence on the following petition:

PETITIONER: Denise Masciantonio

32 Taylor Rd., Conshohocken, PA 19428

PREMISES INVOLVED: 306 W. 6th Ave.

Conshohocken, PA 19428

Borough Residential 1 Zoning District

OWNER OF RECORD: Denise Masciantonio

32 Taylor Rd., Conshohocken, PA 19428

The petitioner is seeking a Special Exception from Section 27-1002 and Section 27-703.B(1) of the Conshohocken Zoning Ordinance for a change in nonconforming uses from a gardening supplies and equipment use to DBC America, a marketing agency, to utilize the building for showroom, retail, warehouse storage, and office uses.

Interested parties are invited to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special accommodations to attend should contact the Conshohocken Borough Administration Office at 610-828-1092 or zoning@conshohockenpa.gov as soon as possible for arrangements.

If you have questions regarding the above prior to the meeting, please contact the Borough at <u>zoning@conshohockenpa.gov</u>.

Thank you, Zoning Hearing Board



400 Fayette Street, Suite 200, Conshohocken, PA 19428 Phone (610) 828-1092 Fax (610) 828-0920

Zoning Application

Application is he	· —	Date Received: 10-19-3
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Property Owner:		
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Phone Number:	(640) 673-3604 6/0 631 - 3074 denisemasc@verizon.net	
E-mail Address:	denisemasc@verizon.net	
Lot Dimensions:	4500 sq. feet Zoning District:	-1

8.	Has there been previous zoning relief requested in connection with this Property?
	Yes ✓ No If yes, please describe.
	See attached narrative.
9.	Please describe the present use of the property including any existing improvements and the dimensions of any structures on the property.
	See attached narrative.
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10.	Please describe the proposed use of the property. See attached narrative.
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11.	Please describe proposal and improvements to the property in detail. See attached narrative.

12.	Please describe the reasons the Applicant believes that the requested relief should be granted.
	See attached narrative.
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13.	If a Variance is being requested, please describe the following:
	a. The unique characteristics of the property:
	b. How the Zoning Ordinance unreasonably restricts development of the property:
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	c. How the proposal is consistent with the character of the surrounding
	neighborhood
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	d. Why the requested relief is the minimum required to reasonably use the
	property; and why the proposal could not be less than what is proposed. N/A
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14.	The following section should be completed if the applicant is contesting the determination of the zoning officer. a. Please indicate the section of the zoning ordinance that is the subject of the zoning officer's decision (attach any written correspondence relating to the determination).
	See attached narrative.

	b. Please explain in detail the reasons why you disagree with the zoning officer's determination.	3
	See attached narrative.	
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15.	If the Applicant is requesting any other type of relief, please complete the following section.	
	 Type of relief that is being requested by the applicant. See attached narrative. 	
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16.	If the applicant is being represented by an attorney, please provide the following information.	
	Andrew M. Slom. Esq.	
	a. Attorney's Name: 1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 1250. Philadelphia, PA 19103	
	b. Address:	
	c. Phone Number:	
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I/we hereby certify that to the best of my knowle this Zoning Application and any papers or plans Borough of Conshohocken are true and correct.	dge, all of the above statements contained in submitted with this application to the
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Applicant	
Legal Owner	
10-19-22	
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY	
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Decision

(For Borough Use Only)						
Application Granted	Application Denied					
MOTION:						
CONDITIONS:						
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD						
	Yes	No				
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DATE OF ORDER:						

Re: 306 W. 6th Avenue

Narrative:

Applicant is the owner of the subject property located at 306 W. 6th Avenue (the "Subject Property").

The Subject Property is located in the BR-1 District and was constructed in 1950. It has a lot area of approximately 4,500 square feet. Applicant received relief from the Zoning Board in approximately 2012 when it let the Subject Property to NAPA Auto Parts. Subsequently, in 2017, Applicant let the Subject Property to former tenant, Deep Roots Grow Supply, LLC. Deep Roots Grow Supply, LLC utilized the Subject Property for warehouse storage and retail sales of indoor gardening supplies and equipment.

On September 21, 2022, Applicant submitted a Use and Occupancy Permit Application with the Borough, notifying the Borough of a change in tenant, and seeking a Use and Occupancy Permit for the use of the building by the new tenant, DBC America LLC ("DBC"), for a commercial showroom, retail, and warehouse space. A true and correct copy of the September 21, 2022 Use and Occupancy Permit Application is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.

In a September 30, 2022 letter from the Borough Zoning Officer, said Application was denied, citing that the uses proposed by the tenant are not listed as permitted uses in accordance with Zoning Code Section 27-1002; nor permitted by Conditional Use per Zoning Code Section 27-1003. As a result, it was required that the Applicant seek a Special Exception by the Zoning Hearing Board for the proposed change in nonconforming use. A true and correct copy of the September 30, 2022 Denial Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**.

Of note, on August 30, 2022, Applicant entered into a new Lease Agreement with the new tenant, DBC. The Lease is contingent upon Applicant being able to obtain approval for the use of Subject Property for its new intended (mixed) use.

Relief Requested:

DBC is a marketing agency based on Wyandotte, Michigan that predominantly provides marketing services on behalf of the adult-beverage industry. They intend to utilize the Subject Property as showroom, retail, and warehousing space. The Subject Property also will contain office space for interviews, storage for promotion and retail items (i.e. T-shirts, koozies, keychains, hats, etc.) for sale. There will be approximately one full-time employee and 2-3 part time employees on site, and at most 3-4 vehicles. At some point in the future, they anticipate parking their event trailer in the rear lot. The location will also contain a small store front, with normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Pursuant to Section 27-703.B(1) of the Conshohocken Zoning Code, "a nonconforming use may be changed to another nonconforming use which is equally appropriate to the district in which the property is located, and is no more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use, as a special

exception by the Zoning Hearing Board in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of this Chapter."

Although BR-1 does not permit the newly proposed nonconforming use (i.e. mixed use), the proposed nonconforming use is equally appropriate in the district. Moreover, as the permitted (and conditional) uses for properties located in the BR-1 district do not allow for commercial activity, the Subject Property, which is a commercial building, would be rendered useless without zoning relief. While the current nonconforming use will continue under the new tenant, the addition of office space will in no way be more detrimental than the prior usage under the former tenant. During the former tenant's occupancy, there was significant foot traffic as a result of their dependency on retail sale of consumer goods. Although retail will continue here, said retail usage is not the primary source of income for the new tenant, and very little foot traffic is expected. Rather, the primary uses of the Subject Property will be for storage and office space. Moreover, there will likely be less vehicular activity, as the new tenant only proposed to have one full-time employee on-site.

As a result of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Zoning Board grant its application for a Special Exception and permit the nonconforming use as set forth above.

Exhibit "A"



AGENT'S SIGNATURE

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN 400 Fayette Street, Suite 200 Conshohocken, PA 19428 Phone (610) 828-1092 Fax (610) 828-0920

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USE & OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION

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Promotional Modeling & Marketing Agency P.O. Box 8, Wyandotte, MI. 48192 734.624.3100

Date: 09/18/2022

RE: W. 6th Street, Conshohocken, Pa 19428

To Whom It May Concern:

DBC America wishes to take possession of Building located 306 W. 6th Avenue, Conshohocken, Pa 19428, for use as Showroom, retail, warehousing space. We are a marketing agency based out of Michigan which offers marketing services to select clients in PA. We need this space to use as common meeting space, work hub as well as a place to set up a retail area and warehouse our event supplies (Shirts, hats, key chains, (Event trailer to be parked in the rear lot). This location will be used as a small store front. We will have normal business hours, Mon – Fri 8:30am – 5pm with 3-4 staff working in this location.

Cheers,

Matt Widby
DBC America flc
P.O. Box 8
Wyandotte, Mi. 48192
O- 734.624,3100
F- 313.383.2369
C- 313.363.1875
www.DBCMODEL.com

Exhibit "B"



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September 30, 2022

Denise Masciantonio 72 Taylor Road Conshohocken, PA 19428

Re: 306 West 6th Avenue - Use & Occupancy Permit Application

Conshohocken Borough is in receipt of the referenced Use and Occupancy Permit Application for the proposed use of the building by DBC America for a commercial showroom, retail, and warehouse space specializing in marketing services at the referenced property. In the September 18, 2022 letter, DBC America also indicated that the building will have a retail store front and will be used as a common meeting space, work hub, and warehouse event supplies with event trailers to be parked in the rear of the property.

This property is identified as an existing commercial building with a former nonconforming use located within the BR-1 Borough Residential District 1 zoning district. The uses proposed by DBC America for this site is not listed as a permitted use in accordance with Zoning Code Section 27-1002; nor permitted by Conditional Use per Zoning Code Section 27-1003 within the BR-1 zoning district. However, per Zoning Code Section 27-703.B.(1), a nonconforming use may be changed to another nonconforming use which is equally appropriate or more appropriate to the district in which the property is located, and is no more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use, as a special exception by the Zoning Hearing Board in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Hearing Board process.

Therefore, based on the zoning code requirements identified in this letter for the Applicant to seek a Special Exception by the Zoning Hearing Board for the proposed change in the nonconforming use, the referenced permit application is **DENIED**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 484-243-6073 or zoning@conshohockenpa.gov.

Sincerely,

Allison A. Lee, PE Zoning Officer

PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC.

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cc: Ray Sokolowski

Stephanie Cecco

Kristen Davis

Chris Small

STATETAN

THIS INDENTURE Made the 7th day of January in

the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninetyseven (1997)

Between MICHAEL MASCIANTONIO, Widower, and GERALD W. MASCIANTONIO and DENISE MASCIANTONIO, his Wife

(hereinafter called the Grantors), of the one part,

and

GERALD W. MASCIANTONIO and DENISE MASCIANTONIO, his Wife, as tenants by entireties

(hereinafter called the Grantees), of the other part,

Witnesseth That the said Grantors

for and in consideration of the

sum of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Grantees, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns, as tenants by entireties,

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of land situate in the Borough of Conshohocken, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Northeasterly side of Sixth Avenue at the distance of twenty-four feet Northwestwardly from the Northerly corner of Sixth Avenue and Wood Street, a corner of this and land about to be conveyed to Pietro DiSebastiano, et ux; thence along the said side of Sixth Avenue Northwestwardly seventy-six feet to a point a corner of land now or late of Frank Waters; thence along said land of Waters Northeastwardly one hundred and forty feet to a point a corner on the Southwesterly side of a twenty feet wide alley; thence along the said side thereof Southeastwardly seventy-six feet to a point a corner of land about to be conveyed to Pietro DiSebastiano, et ux; thence along the same Southwestwardly one hundred and forty feet to the place of beginning.

BEING the same premises which Michael Masciantonio, Widower, by deed dated November 29, 1996, and recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office in and for the County of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 5171, page 347 &c., granted and conveyed unto Michael Masciantonio and Gerald W. Masciantonio and Denise Masciantonio, his wife.

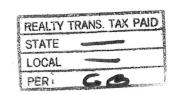
BEING Parcel No. 05-00-08772-007

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGISTRY 05-00-08772-00-7 CONSHOHOCKEN

306 W SIXTH AVE

MASSCIANTONIO MICHAEL & GERALD W &

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Together with all and singular

improvements, ways, streets, alleys, driveways, passages, waters, watercourses, rights liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever unto the hereby granted premises belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof and all the estate, right, title, interest property, claim and demand whatsoever of

the said Grantors, as well at law as in equity, of, in, and to the same.

To have and to hold the said buildings, improvements,

hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Grantors and their

heirs,
executors and administrators do covenant, promise and agree, to and
with the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns, by these
presents, that they, the said Grantors and
their heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereby
granted or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances,
unto the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns, against them
the said Grantors and their

heirs, and against all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under him, her, them, or any of them, shall and will WARRANT and forever DEFEND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF US:

Michael MASCIANTONIO

GERALD W. MASCIANTONIO

DENISE MASCIANTONIO

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this, the "jth" day of junuary, 1997, before me, the undersigned Officer, personally appeared MICHAEL MASCIANTONIO, GERALD W. MASCIANTONIO and DENISE MASCIANTONIO known to me (satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

APPROVED
Borough of Conshohocken
Date: ///3/97/pd)

NOTARIAL SEAL EDITH A. WALKER, Netary Public Whitpala Tup., Menigomery Co., PA My Commission Expires Sept. 29, 1997

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MICHAEL MASCIANTONIO and GERALD W. MASCIANTONIO and DENISE MASCIANTONIO, his Wife

TO

GERALD W. MASCIANTONIO and DENISE MASCIANTONIO

Premises: 302-304-306-308 W. Sixth Ave. Conshohocken, PA 19428



The address of the above-named Grantee is: 32 Taylor Road Conshohocken, PA 19428

On behalf of the Grantee

David M. Jordan, Esquire Wisler, Pearlstine, Talone, Craig, Garrity & Potash, LLP 484 Norristown Road; Ste. 100 Blue Bell, PA 19422 (610) 825-8400



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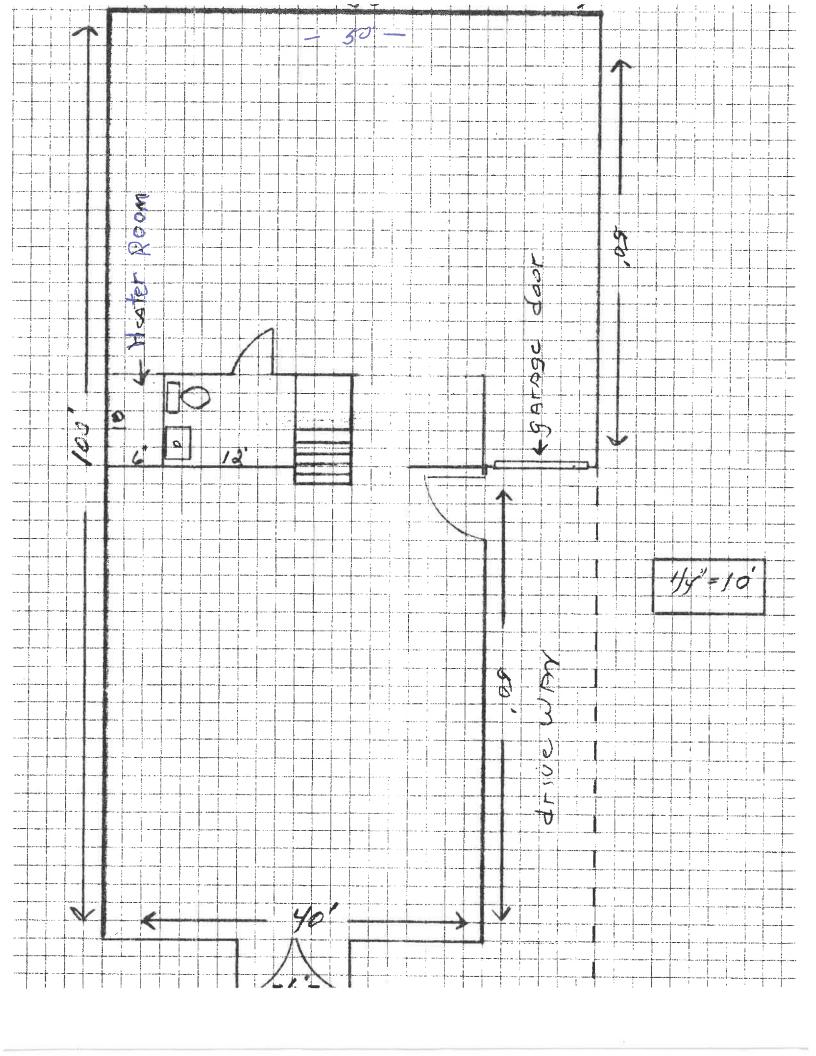
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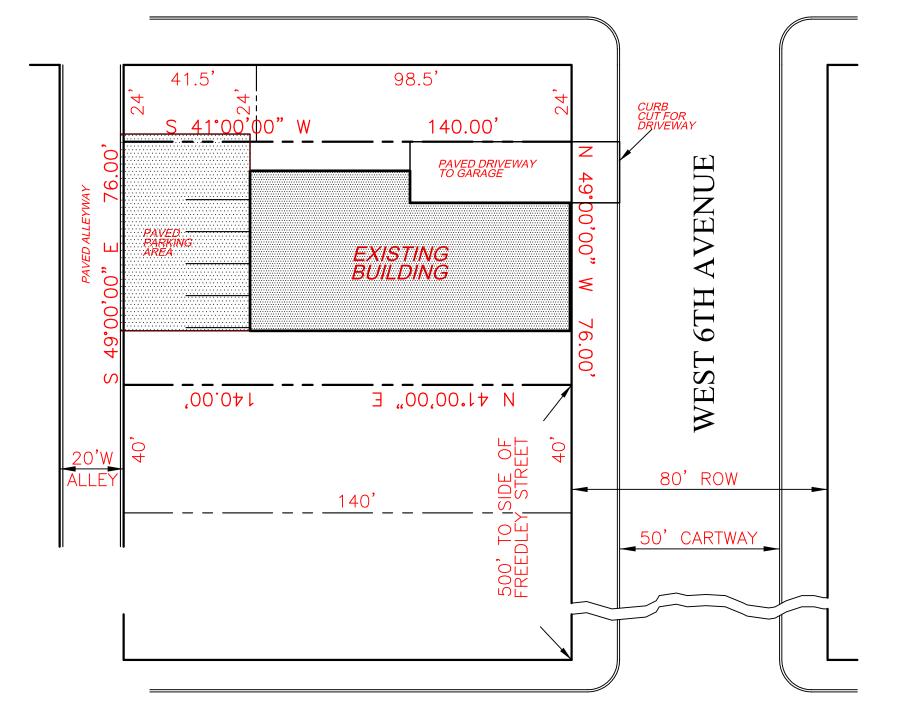
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PROPERTY SITUATE AT

306 WEST 6TH AVENUE MASCIANTONIO PROPERTY

CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

DATE: 10/17/2022 SCALE: 1" = 30'



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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 10, 2022

To: Stephanie Cecco, Brittany Rogers

From: Allison A. Lee, PE

Re: 306 W. 6th Avenue – Zoning Determination

History of the Site:

306 W. 6th Avenue is an existing non-conforming, commercial property, developed with a 1-story, 4,940 square-foot brick and masonry warehouse structure. The property contains an off-street parking lot located to the rear of the site. There is an alley access to the rear parking lot located between 618 and 618-1/2 Wood Street. There is also a driveway and driveway access off of W. 6th Avenue along the eastern side of the building to a garage entrance into the building. The building was previously occupied by a prior commercial use, Deep Roots Grow Supply company. The property is located within the BR-1 – Borough Residential One zoning district.

Current Request:

The Deep Roots Grow Supply company has vacated the property and the property owner, Denise Masciantonio, proposes to have a new tenant, DBC America, to establish their marketing business to the subject property. DBC America proposes to convert the building from the prior garden supplies and equipment retail business, and to utilize the building for a mix of showroom, retail, warehouse storage, and office uses by the new tenant. The new tenant is also proposing to park their event trailers in the rear of the property. The anticipated hours of operation of the new tenant is 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. There will be 3 to 4 staff for the business.

Zoning Determination:

Per 27-1002 – Permitted Uses, the proposed commercial use is not a permitted use by right within the BR-1 Residential Borough 1 zoning district. Since the property currently exist as a commercial property within the BR-1 Residential Borough 1 zoning district, it is classified as an existing nonconformity. The Applicant has requested a Special Exception from this Code Section in their zoning application; however, this request from this code section is not needed since the property is already an existing nonconformity.

Per 27-703.B.(1) – Change in Use, a nonconforming use may be changed to another nonconforming use which is equally appropriate or more appropriate to the district in which the property is located and is no more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use as a special exception by the Zoning Hearing Board.

The existing property is a nonconforming commercial property in the BR-1 Residential Borough 1 zoning district. The proposed change of use for the building from a garden supply and equipment use to a marketing-based business with a mix of showroom, retail, warehouse storage, and office uses constitutes a change of a nonconforming use, requiring a special exception granted by the Zoning Hearing Board.