

APPENDIX E

(Duncan Factors)

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The factors to be considered and weighed to determine whether a property owner has encountered practical difficulties are (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without the variance;
2. Whether the variance is substantial;
3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance;
4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);
5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restrictions;
6. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance; and
7. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting a variance.