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Re: Frieda H. Dortch v. City of Columbia
Appellate Case No. 2019-000868

Dear Counsel:

The panel would like you to come to oral argument prepared to discuss whether recent updates to the City of Columbia's ordinances affect your arguments. Columbia City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2019-13 on August 20, 2019. That ordinance repealed Chapter 17 "Planning, Land Development and Zoning" and replaced it with a new Chapter 17 titled "Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for the City of Columbia." Columbia City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-014 which established August 30, 2021, as the UDO's effective date. Consequently, all land use and development projects submitted after August 30, 2021 are required to comply with the new UDO.

Section 17-1.8(b) states that "[a]ny violation of a provision of the Code of Ordinances replaced by this Ordinance shall continue to be a violation under this Ordinance unless the development complies with the express terms of this Ordinance." Section 17-3.2(h) establishes a minimum lot size of 7,500 square feet

for a two-family dwelling in a Residential Two-Family (RD) District. The record indicates Ms. Dortch's lot size is 7,644 square feet, and the City's GIS indicates Ms. Dortch's lot is zoned as an RD district.

Very truly yours,


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