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Dear Knoxville Planning Commission,

I am applying for a Special Use Permit for a Market Garden on my vacant lot, 2303 Washington Ave Knoxville, TN, 37917. I moved to Knoxville about 5.5 years ago to work at the University of Tennessee as a Postdoctoral Research Associate. I was quickly charmed with area, so much so that I am now a Molecular Ecologist Staff Scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

I purchased my home, 2306 Washington Ave, when I first moved here and began growing food and flowers for myself and to share with my neighbors. The pandemic really brought to the forefront how sharing fresh flowers with others brought so much joy. When the opportunity presented itself to purchase the lot across the street from me, 2303 Washington Ave, I could not pass it up.

My goal is to have a thriving Market Garden that can spread joy through flowers to both my neighborhood, Parkridge, and the broader Knoxville community. To accomplish this goal, I have registered a small business called Parkridge Petals, LLC with the state of Tennessee and will apply for a City of Knoxville and Knox County Business licenses. I plan to have a flower cart for flower sales on the property 1-2 times a week. There is an existing driveway for parking, as well as available on-street parking.

I planned the space for both flower farming efficiency and neighborhood beautification. There are raised beds with low tunnels for cold weather protection. I believe in giving back to both the earth through sustainable growing practices (no-till, no pesticides or herbicides, native and non-invasive plants) and to my community.

I currently serve as the President of the Knoxville Dahlia Society (KDS), a chapter of the American Dahlia Society. Through both my position in KDS and owner/operator of Parkridge Petals, I aim to share with others how to grow their own flowers and make a healthy ecosystem for our native flora and fauna.

I have a tremendous amount of support from my neighbors, who are all looking forward to fresh local flowers. Even the Knoxville Police and Fire departments have stopped by to ask when flowers will be ready. I am so excited to share this adventure with the community and I hope that you will see the value in having a local city flower farm that will provide economic, ecological, and social benefits to our community.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any additional information or would just like to stop by and visit the farm. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kristine N. Moody'.

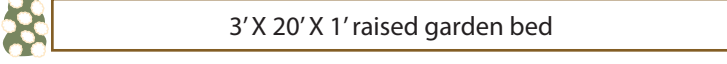
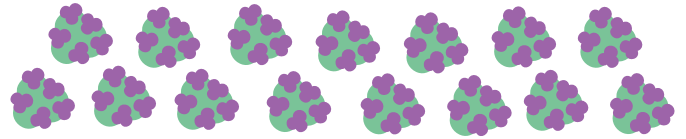
Kristine N. Moody, PhD
Owner, Parkridge Petals, LLC



Alleyway

Compost bin

Potential Greenhouse
(probably 5 years down the road)



3' X 20' X 1' raised garden bed

3' X 10' X 1' raised garden bed



Sidewalk



Gate entry



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Existing driveway



Washington Ave