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**APPEAL**  
under Boston Zoning Code

Boston, Massachusetts, .....June 14, 2018.....

To the Board of Appeal in the Inspection Services Department of the City of Boston:

The undersigned, being .....Katherine O'Keeffe.....  
The Owner (s) or authorized agent

of the lot at .....42 Chestnut St.....5.....Beacon Hill/Boston Proper  
number Street ward district

hereby appeal(s) under St. 1956, c. 665, s. 8, to the Board of Appeal in the Inspectional Services Department of the City of Boston the action taken by Inspectional Services Commissioner as outlined in the attached refusal letter.

**DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE REASON(S) FOR THIS APPEAL**

This is an appeal for relief to allow for two off street parking spaces in the rear of the home at 42 Chestnut St, Beacon Hill. The proposal is to enlarge an existing opening in the garden wall to create a means of vehicular ingress and egress for the two parking spaces, off Branch Street.

**STATE REASONS FOR THIS PROPOSAL**

While the applicant understands ISD's violation in lieu of the property being a through block lot that triggers a violation; the property clearly designates Chestnut Street as its frontage and Branch Street as its rear façade/backyard.

The proposal and its design is in keeping with the existing character of the neighborhood. Branch Street, the rear portion of the property and where the proposed off street parking spaces are to be created, is historically a service/carriage street. The vast majority of homes on Chestnut Street have an existing set up that the applicant hopes to achieve; a front façade of the home that faces Chestnut St and vehicular access/parking in the rear of the home on Branch Street.

**PROVIDE REASONS WHY BOARD SHOULD GRANT RELIEF**

The applicant maintains the position that granting relief for this appeal, as proposed, will benefit the immediate abutters and neighborhood by taking more cars off of the congested streets of Beacon Hill. There will be no adverse effect on neighbors' quality of life or the aesthetics of the neighborhood; this is due to the thoughtful design that will be presented to the board, and the available existing space to adequately fit the two vehicles in the rear of the property.

**COMMENTS**

More information, as well as an abundance of community support, will be submitted/presented to the Board.

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