

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Minor Variance

You are receiving this notice because you are either:

- Assessed owner of a property located within 60 metres of the subject property
- Applicant/agent on file, or
- Person likely to be interested in this application

APPLICATION NO.:	HM/A-20:242
APPLICANTS:	Martin Quarcoopome on behalf of the owner 415 Main Inc.
SUBJECT PROPERTY:	Municipal address 415 Main St. W., Hamilton
ZONING BY-LAW:	Zoning By-law 05-200 & 6593, as Amended by By-law 17-240
ZONING:	"C5, E298 (05-200) & H (6593) (Mixed Use Medium Density (05-200) & Community Shopping and Commercial, etc. (6593) district

PROPOSAL: To permit the construction of a multiple dwelling, notwithstanding that:

VARIANCES TO HAMILTON ZONING BY-LAW 6593

1. A maximum building height of 25.35 metres shall be permitted, instead of a maximum permitted building height of 17.0 metres.

VARIANCES TO HAMILTON ZONING BY-LAW 05-200

- 1. The finished floor elevation of any dwelling unit shall be 0.0 metres above grade, instead of the minimum requirement of 0.9 metres above grade.
- 2. A minimum 2.0 metre setback to a street line for a building with residential units on the ground floor facing a street shall be permitted, instead of the minimum requirement of 3.0 metres.
- 3. A maximum building height of 25.35 metres shall be permitted, instead of a maximum permitted building height of 22.0 metres.
- 4. Where a wall, column or any other obstruction is located abutting or within any parking space, within an above ground or underground parking structure, the minimum width of a parking space shall be increased by 0.0 metres, instead of the requirement that the minimum width of a parking space shall be increased by 0.3 metres.
- 5. Forty (40) parking spaces shall be provided instead of the minimum required seventy-six (76) parking spaces.
- 6. Forty (40) parking spaces shall be provided instead of the minimum required seventy-six (72) parking spaces.
- Two (2) barrier free parking spaces shall be provided instead of the minimum required four (4) barrier parking spaces.
- 8. Two (2) barrier free parking spaces shall be provided instead of the minimum required three (3) barrier parking spaces.

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NOTE:

- 1. Be advised that Amending By-law No. 17-240 was passed on November 8, 2017 which changed the zoning of this property from "H" (Community Shopping and Commercial) under Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593 to C5, E298 (Mixed Use Medium Density) under Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200. However, there are portions of Amending By-law No. 17-240 which are still under appeal to the Local Appeal Planning Tribunal (LPAT); therefore, it is not yet final. As such, the proposed development is reviewed under the regulations contained within Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200, except where portions of these regulations are still under appeal by By-law No. 17-240 both the existing and proposed Zoning By-law regulations will be examined with the more restrictive zoning regulation being applied. An exception to this policy is for Building Permits, which are reviewed under the former existing Zoning By-law regulation until such time that Amending By-law No. 17-240 comes fully into force. Once By-law No. 17-240 is approved in its entirety by the Local Appeal Planning Tribunal (LPAT), the zoning and regulations under this By-law will be applicable
- 2. The plans provided show a <u>1.8m</u> high fence along the southerly lot line. However, no details have been provided to confirm that the fence will satisfy the requirement for a visual barrier. It should be noted that a chain link fence is not considered a visual barrier. Additional variances may be required if compliance with Section 4.19 is not possible.

This application will be heard by the Committee as shown below:

DATE:	Thursday, December 3rd, 2020
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- Call 905-546-CITY (2489) or 905-546-2424 extension 4221, 4130, or 3935
- Email Committee of Adjustment staff at <u>cofa@hamilton.ca</u>

DATED: November 17th, 2020.

Jamila Sheffield, Secretary-Treasurer Committee of Adjustment

Information respecting this application is being collected under the authority of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. P. 13. All comments and opinions submitted to the City of Hamilton on this matter, including the name, address, and contact information of persons submitting comments and/or opinions, will become part of the public record and will be made available to the Applicant and the general public.









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S. DAN McLAREN, O.L.S.







AREA: 1530M² (16,468 SQ.FT)















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APPLICATION NO. _____ DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED _____

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SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

CITY OF HAMILTON COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HAMILTON, ONTARIO

The Planning Act

Application for Minor Variance or for Permission

The undersigned hereby applies to the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Hamilton under Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 for relief, as described in this application, from the Zoning By-law.

1.	Name of Owner <u>415 Main Inc</u> .	Telephone No.
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Yard Setback, Building Height and Parking. See enclosed Letter for more detailed
information
Why it is not possible to comply with the provisions of the By-law? Compliance with the Building Code, development requirements and site layor
constraints.
Legal description of subject lands (registered plan number and lot number or ot legal description and where applicable, street and street number): PT LTS 3,4,5, PL 518; PT LTS 11,12,13, & 14, PL 244; S/T AB19941; BEING PT 1
ON 62R-14112; HAMILTON
PREVIOUS USE OF PROPERTY
Residential Industrial Commercial X
Agricultural Vacant
Other
If Industrial or Commercial, specify use Fast food restaurant (Dairy Queen)
Has the grading of the subject land been changed by adding earth or other material, i.e. has filling occurred?
Yes No X Unknown
Has a gas station been located on the subject land or adjacent lands at any time Yes No X Unknown
Has there been petroleum or other fuel stored on the subject land or adjacent lands?
Yes No X Unknown
Are there or have there ever been underground storage tanks or buried waste of the subject land or adjacent lands?
Yes No X Unknown
Have the lands or adjacent lands ever been used as an agricultural operation where cyanide products may have been used as pesticides and/or sewage slu was applied to the lands?
Yes No X Unknown
Have the lands or adjacent lands ever been used as a weapon firing range?
Yes No X Unknown
Is the nearest boundary line of the application within 500 metres (1,640 feet) of fill area of an operational/non-operational landfill or dump?
Yes No X Unknown

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10. Dimensions of lands affected:

Frontage	63.38 m
Depth	27.51 m
Area	1,742.3 sq. m. (0.43 acres)
Width of street	Future ROW of 26.213 m.

 Particulars of all buildings and structures on or proposed for the subject lands: (Specify ground floor area, gross floor area, number of stories, width, length, height, etc.)

Existing: Vacant former fast food restaurant (Dairy Queen) and associated surface parking.

Existing building is 1-storey in height. Specific dimensions of existing building is unkown.

Proposed: Proposed 6-storey residential building with one level of underground parking.

111 residential units, 40 parking spaces, 94 bicycle parking spaces, 173 sq. m.

of indoor amenity space and 1,132 sq. m. of outdoor amenity space.

 Location of all buildings and structures on or proposed for the subject lands; (Specify distance from side, rear and front lot lines)
 Existing: Unknown Proposed: 2 m front yard setback, 7.55 m rear yard setback, 3.5 m side yard setback

- Date of acquisition of subject lands: November 5, 2019
- 14. Date of construction of all buildings and structures on subject lands: Construction has not proceeded yet.
- 15. Existing uses of the subject property: <u>Commercial</u>. Former fast food restaurant. The subject property is now vacant.
- 16. Existing uses of abutting properties: <u>Commercial</u>. Animal Hospital and fast food resaurant to the west and east, respectively. Residential to the south and north
- 17. Length of time the existing uses of the subject property have continued: Unknown
- 18. Municipal services available: (check the appropriate space or spaces) Water ______ Connected ______ Sanitary Sewer ______ Connected ______ Storm Sewers ______
- 19. Present Official Plan/Secondary Plan provisions applying to the land: Urban Hamilton Official Plan - "Primary Corridor"; " Mixed-Use Medium Density"

Strathcona Secondary Plan - "Mixed-Use Medium Density"; "Area Specific Policy - Area B"

20. Present Restricted Area By-law (Zoning By-law) provisions applying to the land: By-law 05-200 - "C5 - Mixed Use Medium Density Zone, Exception 298"

Former By-law 6593 - "H - Community Shopping and Commercial, etc."

Has the owner previously applied for relief in respect of the subject property?

Yes If the answer is yes, describe briefly.

21.

22. Is the subject property the subject of a current application for consent under Section 53 of the *Planning Act*?

Yes



No

23. The applicant shall attach to each copy of this application a plan showing the dimensions of the subject lands and of all abutting lands and showing the location, size and type of all buildings and structures on the subject and abutting lands, and where required by the Committee of Adjustment such plan shall be signed by an Ontario Land Surveyor.

NOTE: It is required that two copies of this application be filed with the secretary-treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment together with the maps



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Committee of Adjustment City of Hamilton 71 Main Street West, 5th Floor Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5 October 30, 2020 File 9520

Attn: Jamila Sheffield, Secretary Treasurer

RE: Application for Minor Variance 415 Main Street West Related Site Plan Application File No. DA-20-059

Weston Consulting is the planning consultant for 415 Main Inc., the registered owner of the property municipally known as 415 Main Street West, in the City of Hamilton (herein referred to as the "subject property"). This Planning Letter has been prepared in support of a Minor Variance application seeking relief from provisions of City of Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200 and the Former City of Hamilton Zoning By-law 6593. The requested variances are to enable the development of a six-storey residential building.

The purpose of this Minor Variance application is to address non-compliances that were identified by the Building Engineering and Zoning Department. These comments that were outlined in their letter dated June 4, 2020, was issued after the initial submission of the site plan application which was proposed as a seven-storey building.

Description of Subject Property and Area Context

The subject property is located on the south side of Main Street West, east of Dundurn Street South. The site is approximately 1,742.3sq. m (0.43 acres) in size and has a lot frontage of approximately 63 metres on Main Street West. There are currently two driveways into the site from Main Street West. The subject property was formerly occupied by a Dairy Queen fast food restaurant which has since been closed and will be demolished prior to construction of the proposal. The legal description of the subject property is as follows:

PT LTS 3, 4, 5, PL 518; PT LTS 11, 12, 13, & 14, PL 244; S/T AB19941; BEING PT 1 ON 62R-14112; HAMILTON

Surrounding Land Uses:

- North: Commercial uses along Main Street, residential further north;
- South: Detached homes within stable residential neighbourhood;
- East: Commercial uses along Main Street, residential further east;
- West: Commercial uses along Main Street, residential further west.



Figure 1: Subject Property and Area Context

Applicable Planning Policies

The Urban Hamilton Official Plan ("Official Plan") designates the subject property:

- Schedule E Urban Structure: "Primary Corridor"
- Schedule E1 Urban Land Use Designations: "Mixed Use Medium Density"

The Strathcona Secondary Plan ("Secondary Plan") designates the subject property:

- Map B.6.6-1 – Land Use Plan: "*Mixed Use – Medium Density*" and "*Area Specific Policy – Area B*"

The Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200 ("Zoning By-law") zones the subject property:

"Mixed Use Medium Density Zone – C5" and "Exception 298"

The Former City of Hamilton Zoning By-law 6593 ("Former Zoning By-law") zones the subject property:

"H - Community Shopping and Commercial, Etc."

Proposed Development

The proposed development contemplates a six-storey mid-rise apartment building consisting of 111 residential units. The ground floor of the proposed building will incorporate a mix of residential use and lobby area. A driveway from Main Street West, the loading zone, visitor and bike parking, and the underground parking ramp are also provided on the ground level of the proposed development.

Parking will be provided in one level of underground parking, which contains 35 residential parking stalls including one accessible space. Five parking stalls are located at-grade, as well as one car share stall and one accessible parking stall. A total of 94 bicycle parking spaces are proposed, including 72 residential long-term and 22 residential short-term bicycle parking spaces. The 72 long-term bicycle parking spaces are located in the underground parking garage.



Figure 2: Proposed Site Plan

As noted above, the applicant initially submitted a site plan application for a seven-storey mixeduse building. Through received circulation comments and discussions with City staff, the building design was revised to improve massing and compatibility. Following is a list of revisions made with the majority intended to improve compatibility with adjacent low-rise dwellings:

- Lowering of the height from six to seven storeys;
- Reducing the rear at-grade courtyard/ amenity area to increase privacy for adjacent detached dwellings;
- Doubling the landscape buffer along the south property line from 1.5m to 3m to allow for continuous row of tree planting adjacent to detached homes;

- Relocation of a portion of the outdoor and indoor amenity to the north half roof away from detached homes to the south; future residents will not have access to southern half to remove overlook potential;
- Replacement of overhanging rear balconies with inset balconies to provide greater separation and reduce overlook from adjacent detached homes;
- Reducing the number and size of rear windows to reduce potential overlook on adjacent lands;
- Setting back upper portions of building (storeys three to six) by 3.5m on east and west sides to accommodate future development of adjacent lands, and provide adequate future building separation; and
- Terracing the sixth storey by 1.2m to better comply with rear angular plane.

Purpose of the Requested Minor Variance Application

Through our review of City of Hamilton By-law 05-200 and Former City of Hamilton By-law 6593, we have identified four zoning deficiencies. The purpose of the enclosed Minor Variance applications is to request relief from the following provisions:

- 1. Residential Finished Floor Elevation:
 - a. 10.5.1.1(i)(1) Residential units are required to be 0.9m above the finished floor elevation.

The proposed development contemplates residential units at a FFE of 0.0m.

- 2. Front Yard Setback:
 - a. 10.5.3(a)(i) A minimum 3.0m setback from the street line is required with residential uses on the ground floor.

The proposed development contemplates a 2.0m setback.

- 3. Building Height:
 - a. 10.5.3(d)(ii) A maximum height of 22.0 m is permitted. This section is under appeal so the height provisions of Former Zoning By-law are applicable. Section 14(2)(i) of Former Zoning By-law 6593 permits up to four-storeys or 17.0m in height.

The proposed development contemplates a height of 25.35m, measured to the top of the indoor rooftop amenity area.

- 4. Required Vehicle Parking:
 - a. 5.6(c) A total of 72 spaces are required, which can be decreased by seven spaces (10% of required vehicular parking, due to bicycle parking provided) for a total of 65 parking spaces.

The proposed development contemplates 40 vehicular parking spaces.

Planning Analysis and Justification

Section 45 (1) of the Planning Act authorizes the Committee of Adjustment to grant minor variances from the provisions of the Zoning By-law, provided that the application satisfies the following four tests:

- The variance requested maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan;
- The variance requested maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law;
- The variance is desirable for the appropriate use of the land; and,
- The variance is minor in nature.

The following will demonstrate how the proposed development and associated request variances satisfy each test.

1. Residential Finished Floor Elevation:

While Section 10.5.1.1 was considered in the design of the building, it was determined that the residential units located on the ground floor cannot be 0.9m (2.9 feet) higher than the finished floor, as this would create several Building Code issues. It is our opinion that the intent of this regulation is to apply with ground-related units (i.e.: detached, semi-detached, townhouse, etc.) which have direct access to the street. The five proposed ground floor units will not have access to the street, and entry will be provided via an internal corridor from the main lobby.

2. Front Yard Setback:

The subject property fronts Main Street West, a large boulevard that is designated *Major Arterial* in the Official Plan. *Major Arterial* roads are intended to support large volumes of traffic and function as inter-regional connections that link wider areas of the City of Hamilton together. The subject property is also designated *Primary* Corridor and *Mixed Use Medium Density*, which are designations that emphases the importance of maintaining a strong, attractive and pedestrian-oriented environment. The proposed development proposes a 1.0m front yard setback deficit. It is our opinion that bringing the proposed building 1.0m closer to the street line does not impact the pedestrian realm, rather it would enhance and reinforce the streetscape and contribute to a more vibrant and attractive pedestrian-oriented environment. Furthermore, the majority of the street frontage will include 2m patios to better enhance the streetscape and encourage interaction between the public and private realms. Last, by reducing the front yard setback, we are able to maintain the required 7.5m rear yard setback and provide a 3m landscape buffer along the south property line.

3. Building Height:

Excluding the rooftop amenity area, the building height to the top of the sixth floor is 21.85m. While the maximum permitted building height in By-law 05-200, which the proposed development complies with, this section of the By-law is under appeal and is not enforced. Height permissions revert back to Former Hamilton Zoning By-law 6593 which sets a maximum height of 17m, four storeys.

Further, unlike By-law 05-200 which excludes the height of enclosed or partially enclosed rooftop amenity areas (which is also under appeal and not applicable), By-law 6593 does not have such an exclusion. Thus, the building height need to be taken to the top of the proposed amenity room which has a height of 25.35m. Both By-law 05-200 and By-law 6593 exclude mechanical rooms from the calculation of height.

The height regulations for the C5 zone, which are all under appeal, allows the exclusion of rooftop amenity from the calculation of height subjected to two criteria:

- a) That the amenity area not exceed 10% of the floor area below it; and
- b) That the amenity area not exceed 3m in height.

The proposed indoor rooftop amenity area has a total floor area of 138sq. m with the sixth floor below having an area of 1,042sq. m. The indoor rooftop amenity area represents 13% of the floor area directly beneath. Although this regulation is not applicable, this 3% is negligible. The indoor rooftop amenity is setback 3.5m from the front of the building and the 3%, or 33.8sq.m, will not be discernible from the street.

Further, the proposed amenity space is 3.5m in height. While this regulation sets a maximum height of 3m, the additional 0.5m will not impact the surrounding lands. As mentioned, this amenity area is located at the front of the building in front of the mechanical room which is longer and taller at 5.2m. It will not be visible from the rear or the from the adjacent detached homes, and given that the mechanical room stands 1.7m taller, the additional 0.5m will not be apparent.

It is our opinion that exceeding the required 10% floor area by 3% and maintaining the proposed vertical height of the amenity area in excess of 0.5m are minor and ultimately supports and contributes to the provision of high-quality and appropriately sized amenity areas for future residents.

4. Required Vehicle Parking:

According to Section 5.6(c)(i) of By-law 05-200, the regulation in force to define parking standards indicates that the required parking for the proposed development is 72 parking spaces. Section 5.7(g)(i) enables proponents to calculate a reduced vehicular parking rate based on bicycle parking provided. A total of 72 long-term bicycle parking spots are provided, which permits a reduction of seven vehicular parking spaces, resulting in a total of 65 required vehicular parking spaces. A total of 40 vehicular parking spaces are

proposed for the development, which includes two accessible and one car share parking stall.

Main Street West is a Major Arterial Road that is well serviced by transit and public transportation infrastructure. Approximately 60m east from the centre of the subject property is a bus stop that is serviced by GO Transit and Hamilton Street Railway Transit (HSR). HSR bus routes that service this stop include 01, 05, and 51, and GO Transit bus routes include 16, 18, 40, and 47. The bus routes serviced by HSR connects the subject property to the surrounding area within the City of Hamilton, while the GO Transit busses connect the subject property to areas within the Greater Toronto Area. GO Transit routes at this bus stop includes a direct link to the Highway 407 Terminal in Vaughan, the GO Station in Richmond Hill, and Union Station in Toronto.

Main Street West is a major transit corridor and is currently under review for higher order transit. Appendix B – Major Transportation Facilities and routes to the Official Plan designates Main Street West as a Potential Rapid Transit Line (B.L.A.S.T.). With respect to the Growth Plan (August 2020 Office Consolidation), Section 7 defines "Major Transit Station Area" (MTSA) as:

The area including and around any existing or planned higher order transit station or stop within a settlement area; or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core. Major transit station areas generally are defined as the area within an approximate 500 to 800 metre radius of a transit station, representing about a 10-minute walk.

As such, there is potential that the subject property will be located within a future Major Transit Station Area, which will evolve into a transit and pedestrian-oriented environment that is well connected and served by higher order transit and active transportation provisions. The reduced parking rate proposed, in conjunction with the provision of 94 bicycle parking spaces, aligns with the intent and vision of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to "create compact and interconnected, pedestrian oriented, and transit-supportive communities within which all people can attain a high quality of life" (Section 3.3). This is also echoed in the Secondary Plan where Section 6.6.3 states that objective of lands within the Strathcona Secondary Plan are to "support the public transit system and future proposed Rapid Transit Corridor and decrease the reliance on the private automobile". The Secondary Plan also supports residential intensification along Major Arterials.

Four Tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act:

Test 1: Does the application conform to the general intent of the Official Plan?

The subject lands are is designated *Primary Corridor* and *Mixed Use Medium Density* in the Official Plan. The intent of this designation is to support higher density land uses and residential intensification up to six-storeys with heights above having to appropriately transition or neighbouring low-rise land uses. The proposed development is six-storeys in height, which is

consistent with the intention of maintaining a mid-rise form along *Urban Corridors*. The reduced parking rate also contributes to supporting existing and future planned transit systems.

While it is stated in the Official Plan and Secondary Plan that areas designated *Mixed Use Medium Density* are envisioned to evolve into areas characterized by mixed-use buildings with a balance of residential and commercial uses, it is our opinion that the proposed development may significantly support the establishment of an active streetscape and pedestrian-oriented community. Residential intensification on the subject property generates commercial demand that assists with attracting future investments to the area. It is our opinion that the application conforms to the general intent of the Official Plan.

Test 2: Does the application conform to the general intent of the Zoning Bylaw?

The subject property is zoned *Commercial – Mixed Use Medium Density* (C5) and is subject to Exception 298. According to Section 10.5 of the Zoning By-law, single-use residential buildings are permitted in the C5 zone.

The proposed variances for residential finished floor elevation, front yard setback, building height, and parking reinforce the design of the building to better fit within the existing context. The variances will not impact adjacent public or private lands. It is our opinion that the application conforms to the general intent of the Zoning By-law.

Test 3: Is the application desirable for the appropriate development of the lands in question?

The subject property is well served by public transportation, higher order transportation infrastructure and is located along a Major Arterial Road. The subject property is located in close proximity to Ontario Highway 403 and a future Rapid Transit Line (B.L.A.S.T.). The current and future planned transit infrastructure supports residential intensification on the subject property, which is representative of efficient use of underutilized land that is identified as within a *Primary Corridor* in the Official Plan. It is also anticipated that the proposed development may significantly contribute to the future re-urbanization and beautification of the area, which may attract future investment opportunities.

It is our opinion that the application is desirable and appropriate for the subject property as it contributes to modest intensification on an underutilized property that is appropriately located near transit and transportation infrastructure.

Test 4: Is the Application Minor?

The proposed development seeks relief from the implementing Zoning By-laws with respect to finished floor elevations, building setbacks, building height and parking. The potential individual and cumulative impacts of these variances are mitigated with the sensitive design to ensure the vibrant streetscape is provided, high quality of life for adjacent existing detached dwellings are maintained, and that lower parking rates support transit usage. It is our opinion that the proposed variances are minor in nature.

Conclusion

Based on our evaluation of the proposed development and the requested variances to the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200 and the Former City of Hamilton Zoning By-law 6593, we are of the opinion that the requested variances satisfy the conditions outlined in Section 45 (1) of the *Planning Act*, represents good planning and is worthy of support by the Committee of Adjustment. In order to allow for the appropriate review of the application, the following materials have been provided:

- 1. Completed Application Form;
- 2. Plan of Survey dated (August 28, 2019);
- 3. Architectural Drawing Set dated (October 28, 2020); and
- 4. Application Fee in the amount of \$3,302.00.

We trust that the enclosed materials appropriately constitute a complete Minor Variance Application. We ask that the materials be circulated for review and comments and that this application be heard by the Committee of Adjustment at the earliest available hearing date.

Please contact the undersigned at ext. 266 or Charles Ng at ext. 298 should you require any additional information.

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