

Board of Zoning Appeals Members,

We are writing to formally remonstrate **ZB 2019-17 (V) 370 E. Jefferson St.** It is our strong belief that the addition of the rail car in the proposed location will have major negative effects on our business, Madison Street Salvage, which is owned and operated by Franklin Heritage, Inc.

Simply stated, the train car will completely block the view of our signage and façade from the main thoroughfare through Franklin, Jefferson Street. Franklin Heritage, Inc. invested over a quarter million dollars in the restoration of this once-dilapidated structure, including well over \$10,000 on signage so that our façade could be viewed from Jefferson Street. On a near daily basis we have new customers coming in saying they saw our façade during the day or lit at night from Jefferson Street.



Note: photo in supporting document from petitioners shows exactly how our business will be completely blocked from public view along Jefferson Street. Also shown: Night shot of our property as viewed from the direction of Jefferson Street. (view that will be completely blocked with the addition of the rail car.

We ask that as board members review this variance they strongly look at #2 in 'Criteria for Decisions':
2. Adjacent Property: The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance (will or will not) be affected in a substantially adverse manner. We believe that the addition of this rail car will have a significant impact on our property value and more importantly our annual sales, which raise valuable funding for The Historic Artcraft Theatre and other Franklin Heritage, Inc. causes.

As Franklin's hometown Historic Preservation Group we understand and support any group wanting to educate the public on our area and nation's rich history, but for the reasons mentioned previously and many others including but not limited to: maintenance already appears to be behind schedule, large sums will need to be set aside for future repairs, etc. we cannot support the expansion of the railroad museum in the proposed location.

We are asking the Franklin Board of Zoning Appeals members vote to deny this variance.

Respectfully,

Michael Hill
Franklin Heritage, Inc.
Board President

Rob Shilts
Franklin Heritage, Inc.
Executive Director

Danny Causey
Madison Street Salvage
(Franklin Heritage, Inc.)