

D. QUALIFYING STATEMENT

a. The public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare

Religious Institutions promote these social values.

b. The use and enjoyment of other property already established or permitted in the general area^{[[[SEP]]]}

Addition is screened by Priest Residence and also existing sanctuary. Expansion is for new functions and does not add to Occupancy or increase number of parishioners served.

c. Property values within the neighborhood

Expansion should raise the property value of this facility and its surroundings.

d. The normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses established or permitted within their respective existing zoning districts.

Property is currently zoned for this use.

e. Utilities, access roads, drainage and/or other necessary facilities.^{[[[SEP]]]} f. Ingress and egress as it relates to traffic congestion in the public streets.

Traffic pattern is not changed.

g. The applicable regulations of the zoning district in which the subject property is proposed to be or is located.

Property is currently zoned for this use.

SAI SAMSTHAN USA

Project: Sai Samsthan USA - Facility Expansion & Renovation

Introduction & Overview:

Sai Samsthan USA established Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir Chicago in Aurora, Illinois to facilitate worship services in the metropolitan Chicago area. Sai Samsthan USA is organized for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes.

Objectives: Sai Samsthan USA are to promote Baba's philosophy of communal harmony and welfare of all beings; conduct charitable activities such as medical aid to the indigent; provide relief to people affected by natural calamities; organize shelters to the homeless; arrange feeding of the destitute and others (Annadaana); translate, print, publish or distribute books, periodicals and literature to promote the goal and objectives of the organization; sponsor or support charitable, religious, spiritual, cultural, or educational activities or organizations in the United States and abroad.

Objective: The objective of this project is to add an additional structure next to the existing building to improve devotee experience and provide enough shoe area, coat storage, restrooms, and reception area. There will not be any additional services or prayer halls that may attract additional devotees to the facility.

Proposed Expansion:

1. Addition of a Show area, coat room, new and additional restrooms, meditation room and storage area as part of the phase 1.
2. Addition of a second Floor with flex spacing and storage in future, if needed (Phase 2)

Summary of the purpose and key objectives of expansion next to the existing building:

- a. In the current structure, we don't have a shoe and coat room which is needed for devotees visiting our Mandir. We are facilitating a shoe and coat room along with additional restrooms and wash area which improves our devotee experience overall. Also, these additional rest rooms and facilities will help us in conducting more blood drives and community events so that they can directly enter and use the facility without going to the prayer hall.
- b. Provide ample space for devotees to meditate in the new structure after completing the prayers in the main hall. **(Note: Devotees will move from the prayer hall to the meditation hall and there will not be any increase in the foot traffic but will have more space for services and facilities.)**
- c. Flex Space on the second floor will only be used for Sunday School or Food distribution for existing patrons comes for services. No additional services or any increase in visiting devotees to the Mandir.
- d. Provide ample space for shoe and coat storage with seating accommodations.

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- e. Move the existing restrooms to the new structure.
- f. Provide a foot wash area for devotees to wash their feet before entering the temple.
- g. Convert the existing restrooms into reception area and storage.