BZA Packet

August 15, 2022

Hello All,

Enclosed please find your packet for the meeting of August 15, 2022.

We have:

- 1 carryover
- 2 new cases

If you receive any citizen inquiries regarding these cases the proposed plans may be viewed by going to:

www.mtnbrook.org

- Calendar (upper right corner)
- Board of Zoning Adjustment (August 15, 2022)

- Meeting Information (for agenda) and Supporting Documents (to view proposed plans and/or survey select link associated with the case number)

If you have any questions about the cases please don't hesitate to give me a call at 802-3811 or send me an email at slatent@mtnbrook.org ...

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Tyler

MEETING AGENDA CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT August 15, 2022 PRE-MEETING: 4:40 P.M. REGULAR MEETING: 5:00 P.M.

MEETING TO BE HELD IN PERSON AT CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING (ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS ON MEETING WEBPAGE)

<u>NOTICE</u>

Any variance which is granted today expires and becomes null and void one year from today unless construction is begun in less than one year from today on the project for which the variance is granted. If construction will not be started within one year from today, the applicant may come back in 11 months and ask for a six-month extension, which the Board normally grants.

Any variance which is granted, regardless of the generality of the language of the motion granting the variance, must be construed in connection with, and limited by, the request of the applicant, including all diagrams, plats, pictures and surveys submitted to this Board before and during the public hearing on the variance application.

- 1. Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2022 and July 18, 2022
- 1. Case A-22-21: Mary Conyers and Jordan Hicks, property owners, request a variance from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow a new single family dwelling to be 25 feet from the secondary front property line (Pine Haven Drive) in lieu of the required 35 feet. -2923 Balmoral Road (*carried over from the July 18th BZA meeting*)
- 2. Case A-22-23: Jay and Theresa Friedman, property owners, request a variance from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow 1 onsite parking space in lieu of the required 7 spaces.-2716 Culver Road
- 3. Case A-22-24: David Williams and Barbara Burton, property owners, request a variance from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow an addition to be 23 feet 6 inches from the rear property line (south) in lieu of the required 25 feet. -2011 Garden Place
- 4. Next Meeting: September 19, 2022
- 5. Adjournment



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

Address of Subject Property 2923 Balmoral Road
Zoning Classification Res B.
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Phone Number 205 910 52.00 Email Mcjernigan Bbegmail. am
Name of Surveyor Ray James
Phone Number 205 245 32.43 Email jim. vay Crayandgill land on
Name of Architect (if applicable) Jason Robb
Phone Number 2054789379 Email Jason & Jasmrobbarchitecture.cm
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

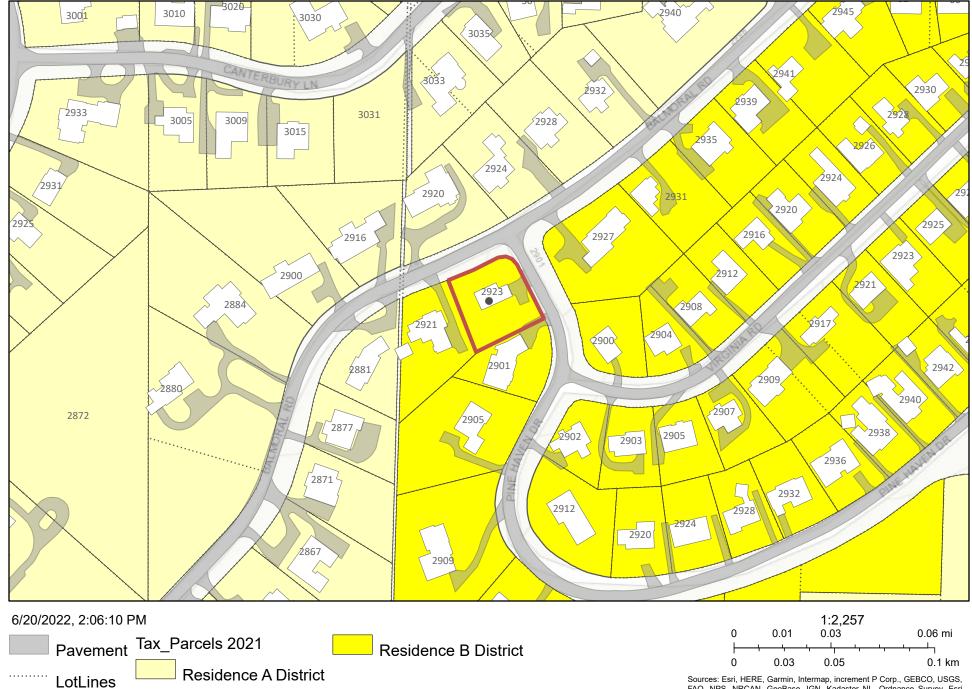
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	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)			
Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary			
Front Setback (ft) secondary	35 or 17.5'	17. +/-	25'
Right Side Setback		~	
Left Side Setback			
Right Side Setback (ft):			
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22' high or greater \rightarrow			
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Rear Setback (ft)			
Lot Coverage (%)			
Building Height (ft)			
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A-22-21 Zoning



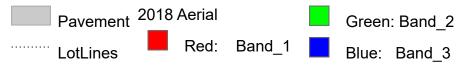
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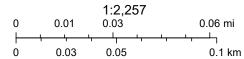
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A-22-21 Aerial







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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-22-21

Petition Summary

Request to allow a new single family dwelling to be 20 feet from the secondary front property line (Pine Haven Drive) in lieu of the required 35 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work entails a proposed new single family dwelling.

Variance Request for Secondary Front (Pine Haven Drive) Setback

Nexus: The hardship in this case is the corner lot configuration which is reasonably related to the request for the home to be located in the secondary front yard.

Possible Findings for Approval: The proposed new single family dwelling will be replacing an existing non-conforming dwelling. The existing dwelling is non-conforming with respect to the secondary front setback existing approximately 17 feet from Pine Haven Drive. The proposal to build at 20 feet would reduce the current setback encroachment by approximately 3 feet.

The curvature of Pine Haven and existing setbacks of dwellings in the vicinity results in inconsistency in the streetscape. There appear to be 3 houses along the street with non-conforming front setbacks and a few that appear setback farther that the minimum.

It is anticipated that an approval of such variance:

- a. <u>would be not detrimental to the streetscape along Pine Haven Drive</u> (the proposed new home would reduce the setback encroachment from the dwelling that has existed in this location by approximately 3 feet, and would not be out character with the inconsistent streetscape);
- b. <u>is somewhat minor in nature</u> (in that only a portion of the façade along the secondary front would encroach into the setback rather that the entire structure).

Impervious Area

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

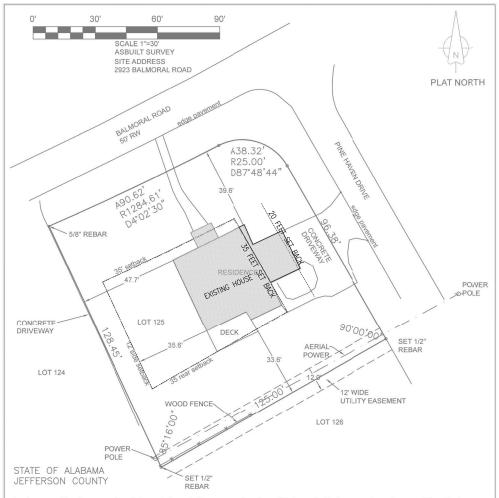
Affected Regulation

Article IV, Residence B District; Section 129-52, Area and Dimensional Requirements

Appends LOCATION: 2923 Balmoral Road

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence B District

OWNERS: Mary Conyers and Jordan Hicks



I, James M. Ray, a Registered Land Surveyor in the State of Alabama, hereby certify that all parts of this survey and plat (or drawing) have been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Standards for the Practice of Surveying in the State of Alabama, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lot 125 PINE CREST Subdivision as shown in the office of the Judge of Probate of JEFFERSON County, Alabama in map book 18 page 64

I, further certify that the building now erected on said lot is within the boundaries of the same, except as shown above, that there are no encroachments by buildings except as shown above, that there are not joint driveways over or across said lot visible on the surface, or structures or supports, thereof, including poles, anchors or guy wires over or across said premises, except as shown above.

According to my survey this the 1ST DAY OF JULY 2021.

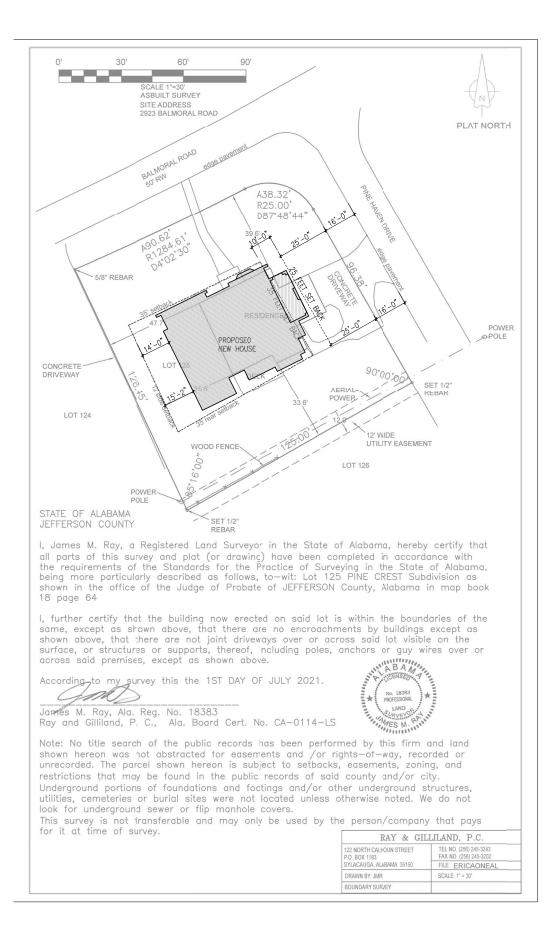


James M. Ray, Ala. Reg. No. 18383 Ray and Gilliland, P. C., Ala. Board Cert. No. CA-0114-LS

Note: No title search of the public records has been performed by this firm and land shown hereon was not abstracted for easements and /or rights-of-way, recorded or unrecorded. The parcel shown hereon is subject to setbacks, easements, zoning, and restrictions that may be found in the public records of said county and/or city. Underground portions of foundations and foctings and/or other underground structures, utilities, cemeteries or burial sites were not located unless otherwise noted. We do not look for underground sewer or flip manhole covers.

This survey is not transferable and may only be used by the person/company that pays for it at time of survey.

RAY & GIL	LILAND, P.C.
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Variance Application Part II

Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?

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Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., selfimposed hardship such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")

See attached

How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning **Regulations?**

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Attachment for 2923 Balmoral Road Variance request:

Response to question 1:

Section 129-52 provides for a 35-foot front (primary) yard setback and a 17½-foot front (secondary) yard setback on corner lots when the primary frontage is opposite a dedicated alley. The proposed plot plan would fully comply with all setback requirements and a variance would be unnecessary if the southern (rear) boundary line of the subject property bordered a dedicated alley instead of the dedicated public utility easement applicable to this property. No apparent basis exists to require a setback greater than 17½ feet on the <u>eastern</u> (front secondary) boundary line based on whether an alley or utility easement abuts the <u>southern</u> (rear) boundary of the property.

Response to question 2:

No. The applicant's hardship is a result of the existing zoning regulation's application to a corner lot platted in 1928.

Response to question 3:

The requested variance would simply afford the applicant the same spatial requirements expressly allowed to other property owners under similar circumstances. Furthermore, the variance would increase the width of the side yard which will provide for additional fire protection, light and air space, pervious surface and alleviate congestion.



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

Address of Subject Property 2716 Culver Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213		
Zoning Classification		
Name of Property Owner(s)	Jay and Theresa Friedman	
Phone Number (205) 305-0	Email Jayfriedman@friedman-lawyers.com	
Name of Surveyor TBD		
Phone Number TBD	Email TBD	
Name of Architect (if applica	ble) Andrew Taylor, Davis Architects	
Phone Number (205) 322-7		

Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

Please **fill in only applicable** project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

	Zoning Code	Existing	Proposed
	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)			
Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary			
Front Setback (ft) secondary			
Right Side Setback			
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For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
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22' high or greater \rightarrow			
Rear Setback (ft)			
Lot Coverage (%)			
Building Height (ft)			
Other	No elimination of on site	2 Parking Spaces	1 Parking Space
Other	parking spaces (Art.XXXI, Section 129-555(b)(1) b.		

Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-22-23

Petition Summary

Request to allow one onsite parking space in lieu of the required seven spaces, in conjunction with the remodel and expansion (outdoor seating) of a previous restaurant space (Sneaky Pete's).

Scope of Work

The subject site is non-conforming with regard to on-site parking, wherein it contains two parking spaces while the zoning code requires seven parking spaces. With regard to on-site parking, the code allows uses of the same parking requirement to be replaced with like uses without having to bring on-site parking up to code. So, a food service may be replaced with another food service as long as the existing on-site parking is maintained.

The proposed scope of work involves the removal of one of the existing two on-site parking spaces to allow the construction of an outdoor patio at the rear of the property. As may be seen on the attached proposed floor plans, the proposed indoor capacity is 42 seats, and the additional (new) patio seating contains 22 seats. Given the seating increase over and above that of the previous Sneaky Pete's it is apparent that the on-site parking demand would increase with the addition of the subject outdoor seating.

Variance Request for Parking Reduction

If approved, the proposed variance would allow the reduction of required onsite parking from seven spaces to one space. The Zoning Ordinance states the following as it relates to the Board of Zoning Adjustment's authority to reduce required parking:

"The board shall not grant a variance to allow a structure or use in a district restricted against such structure or use except as specifically provided in the following subsections (1) and (2).

1. (e)The reduction in the parking space requirements of this chapter *whenever the* character or *use of a building* or a parcel *makes unnecessary the required number of parking spaces*, or where such regulations would impose an unreasonable hardship, such as structural difficulties, upon the use of the premises." Given the proposed increase in parking demand (associated with the proposed outdoor seating) the above finding for the number of on-site parking spaces does not appear to be made unnecessary for the proposed use of the building.

Hardship

In the Applicant Statement of Hardship, the applicant cites the irregular lot shape which creates an existing design constant and precludes efficient utilization of the building area. However, the existing design constraint and lot shape presently contain two existing parking spaces.

Nexus: None. The lot irregular lot shape and design constraints are not hardships as it relates to the reduction of existing non-conforming parking. Those arguments are not

reasonably related to the request which requires evidence that the use renders the required parking unnecessary. The additional seating area of the outdoor patio would increase the actual on-site parking demand while, at the same time, reducing the amount of parking that is inadequate and non-conforming in its current state.

Potential Findings for Denial

1. That the proposed use of the building and parcel does not make unnecessary the

required number of parking spaces.

2. That the granting of the variance would be detrimental to the surrounding area as it relates to parking (in that the expansion of usable restaurant space would coincide with a reduction of onsite parking, which would add additional parking demand to the surrounding area).

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a commercial building, and is surrounded by same.

Affected Regulation

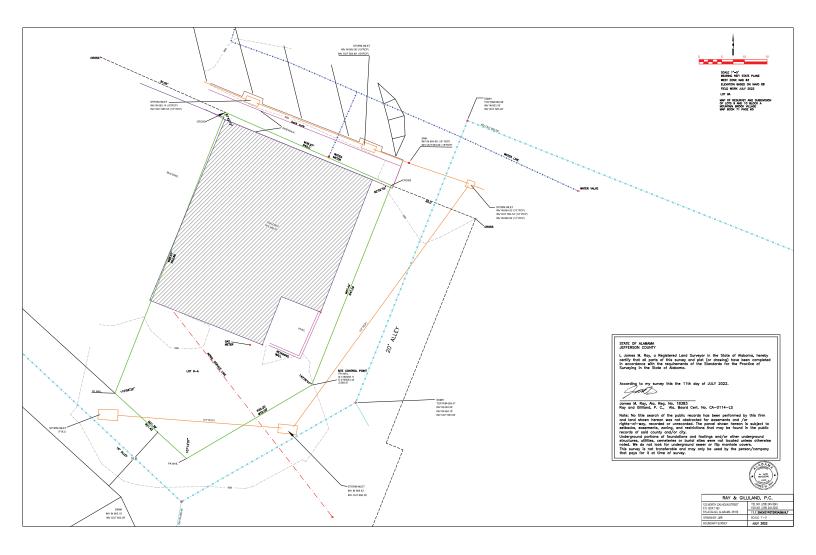
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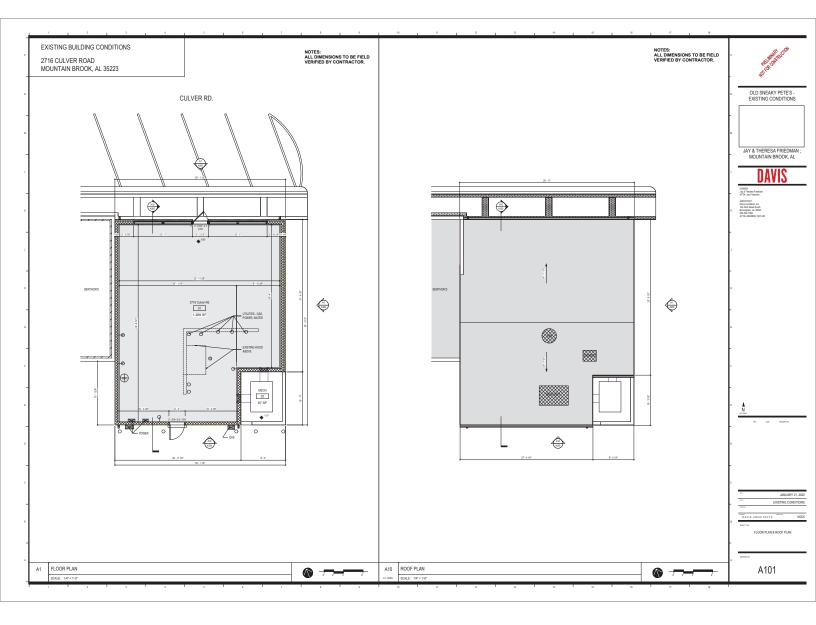
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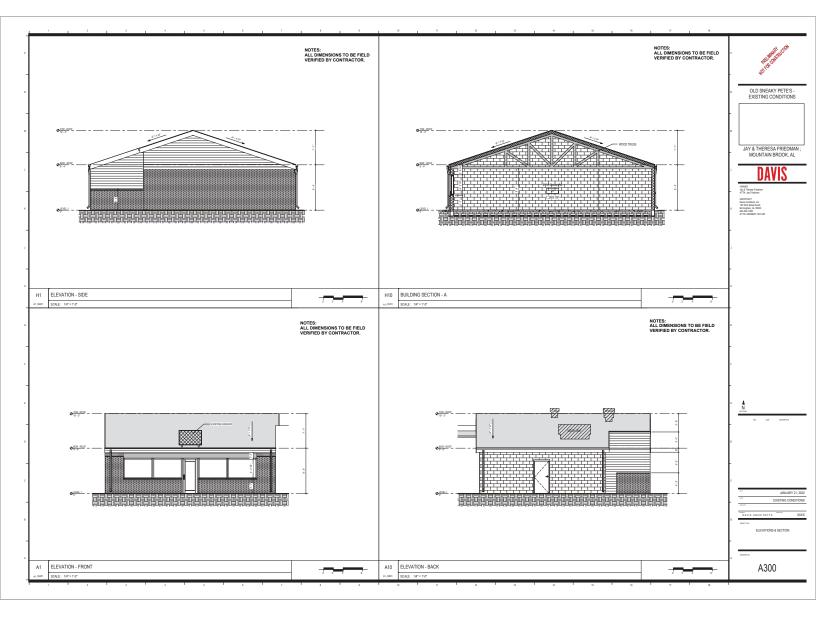
LOCATION: 2716 Culver Road

ZONING DISTRICT: Local Business District

OWNER: Jay and Theresa Friedman



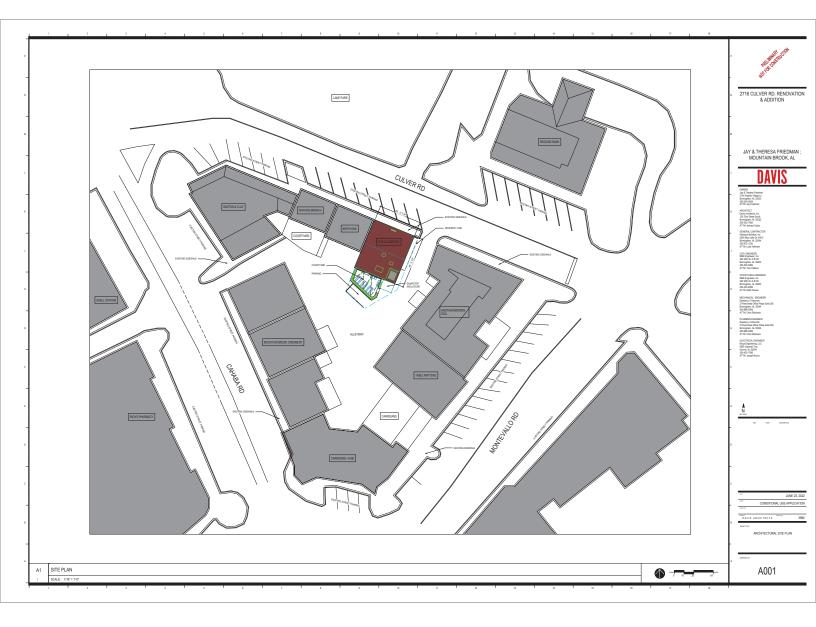


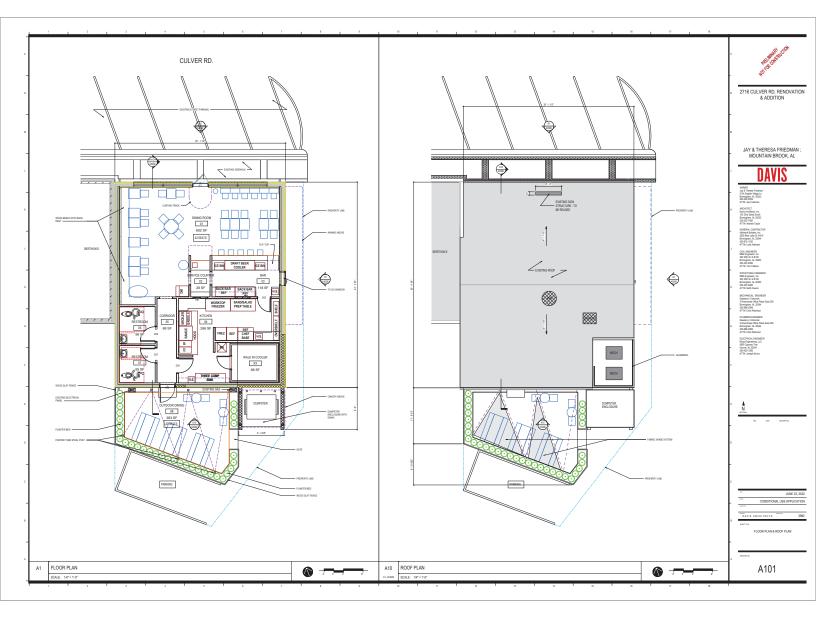


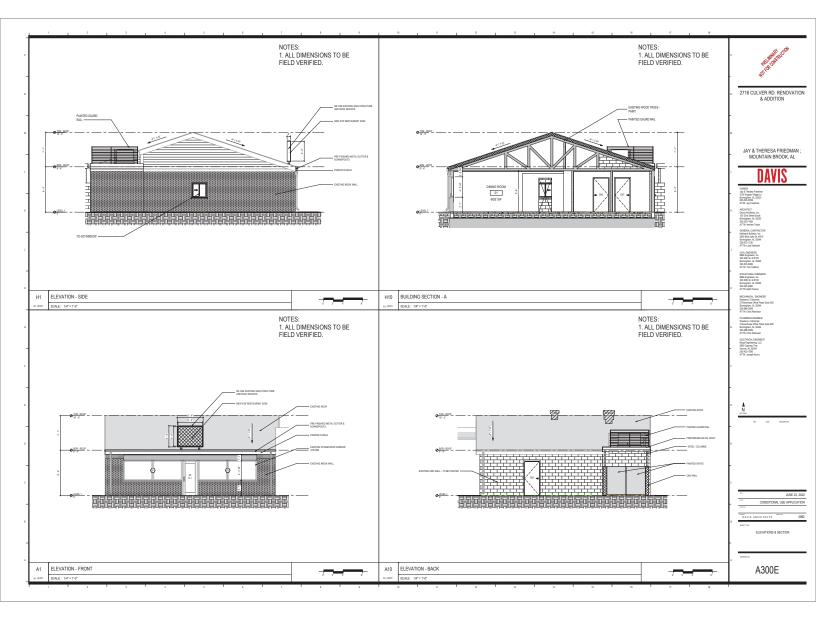














JAY FRIEDMAN jayfriedman@friedman-lawyers.com DIRECT DIAL NUMBER: (205) 278-7057

July 18, 2022

Board of Zoning Adjustments Tyler Slaten, City Planner slatent@mtnbrook.org Sent Via E-Mail

> RE: Variance Application 2716 Culver Road Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213

To the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

We hope this letter finds you well. Please allow this letter to serve as a formal Variance Application for relief from current Zoning Regulations governing parking requirements. As set forth more fully below, a variance is necessary accommodate the proposed future tenant at 2716 Culver Road (formerly Sneaky Pete's)—The Rougaroux. Rougaroux is owned and operated by local, successful Birmingham-based restauranteurs Ed Stacey and Ryan Champion. Rougaroux, as proposed, is in keeping with the historical use of the property and would be a tremendous addition Mountain Brook Village.

This letter is divided in to two parts. Part I is an explanation of the concept and scope of the proposal to bring Rougaroux to Mountain Brook Village. Part II details the request for variance. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

I. The Rougaroux at 2716 Culver Road.

A. The Concept

Rougaroux is a casual counter-service restaurant concept that serves authentic New Orleans po-boys, gumbo, house-made boudin, muffuletta, burgers, and other classic takes on Cajun dishes. The atmosphere is laid-back, offering authentic Cajun food in a relaxed setting. The aesthetic is kitschy and quirky, paying tribute to casual and relaxed creole culture as well as Bywater shotgun-style architecture of the French Quarter. Rougaroux prides itself on sourcing the best ingredients. For example, Rougaroux sources bread from the Leidenheimer, a classic New Orleans bakery, meats from Cochon, a classic New Orleans butcher shop, and only serves fresh

wild-caught Gulf seafood. Rougaroux's food travels well, allowing Rougaroux to offer an array of to-go and catering options, meeting a need for those who wish to enjoy their food at home. A menu is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

B. Design and Build

1. Davis Architects

Architect Andrew Taylor of Davis Architects ("Davis") will serve as the lead architect on the project. Davis is a nationally recognized architecture, design, and planning studio located in Birmingham, Alabama. Davis has been involved in many transformative projects, such as the Alys B. Stephens Center, the Bryant-Denny Stadium endzone expansions, the Brock School of Business at Samford University, and numerous others, both locally and nationally.

2. Hallmark Builders

Hallmark Builders, Inc. ("Hallmark") is a commercial contractor that has been in business for more than sixty years. Hallmark has completed many notable projects, including work for Altec Industries, Burr & Forman, P.C., Barber Advanced Design Center, and many others. Hallmark has also been involved with several build-outs in both phases of the Lane Parke development. Hallmark will serve as the general contractor for the construction of Rougaroux.

C. The Rougaroux Team

1. Ed Stacey

Mr. Stacey is a restauranteur that specializes in concept development, restaurant operations, and sourcing fresh seafood and meats. Mr. Stacey worked a fresh seafood distributor for many years, requiring much travel back and forth from New Orleans. He opened the first Rougaroux in Forest Park, repurposing a 19th century house into the restaurant. He also developed Hotbox at Parkside with co-owner Ryan Champion.

2. Ryan Champion

Mr. Champion is a professional chef with experience in working in elite restaurants all over the United States. Mr. Champion has worked in Michelin star restaurants. Locally he has served as a chef at Bottega under renowned chef Frank Stitt III. Mr. Champion also spent years as a chef at Commander's Palace in New Orleans. Mr. Champion has worked alongside Mr. Stacey to develop successful local concepts Rougaroux and the Hotbox at Parkside.

D. Operations

1. Site and Business Specifics

- a. Zoning: Local Business
- b. Site Size: .05 Acres
- c. Tenant Space Size: 1,269 Square Feet
- d. Proposed Use of Tenant Space: Fast-Casual Restaurant

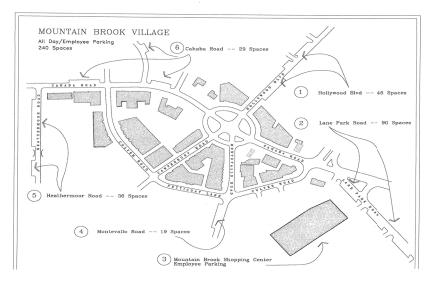
- e. Existing Parking Spaces: 2
- f. Proposed Parking Spaces: 0 Additional Spaces
- g. Proposed Hours of Operation:
 - Monday-Saturday 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
 - Sunday—Closed (except when the Saints are playing)
- h. Number of Employees: 5
 - Daytime Employees: 5
 - Nighttime Employees: 5

2. Number of Tables and Breakdown of Seating

The proposed restaurant will be housed in 1,269 square feet of space. The restaurant dining room as proposed is 602 square feet and features forty-two (42) seats total. Eleven (11) of these seats will be counter seating. The design, as proposed, also calls for a small outdoor patio dining area capable of seating twenty-two (22) patrons. To accomplish this, one on-site parking space behind the building will be eliminated, reducing the parking from two spaces to one. Relief from current parking regulations to create a patio is the basis of the application for variance, *supra*. The proposed Rougaroux site plan and layout is attached hereto as Exhibit "B," pp. 5-6.

3. Employee Parking

There will be one on-site parking space located directly behind the building. This spot will be utilized for staff parking. All other staff will park around the perimeter of Mountain Brook Village in accordance with the parking strategy set forth in the Mountain Brook Village Master Plan. *See* Village Parking Plan. Rougaroux anticipates needing just five (5) employees to operate the restaurant at full capacity. As proposed, the plan would add an additional one parking space burden to the existing two hundred and forty (240) designated employee parking spaces in comparison to the parking burden of the former Sneaky Pete's.



4. Rate of Turnover

Lunch time turnover is usually less than an hour. The average patron stays between forty (40) and sixty (sixty) minutes. Please note that this is premised on traffic to Rougaroux existing location in Forest Park (817 39th St. S., Birmingham, Alabama 35222). Rougaroux anticipates the rate of turnover to be greater at the Property due to pedestrian circulation in Mountain Brook Village. The proposed pick-up window will also facilitate quicker service and pedestrian circulation.

5. Destination Use

Given the fast-casual nature of Rougaroux's proposed service, Rougaroux anticipates that it will cater primarily to existing foot-traffic at its lunchtime service. Rougaroux will also provide another quick, casual option for patrons and employees of Mountain Brook Village. Rougaroux does expect some degree of destination use. Though the food will be elevated from Sneaky Pete's, the fast-casual, counter-service Rougaroux concept is consistent with the historical use of the Property. Rougaroux anticipates much of its lunchtime service will be generated from foot traffic versus destination use and served via the proposed pick-up window.

E. Impacts

1. Fast-casual food service is consistent with the previous use of the Property.

The former Sneaky Pete's opened in 1986 until it closed due to the pandemic. Sneaky Pete's featured counter-service hotdogs and hamburgers as well as grab and go drinks. The footprint of the restaurant was approximately 1,300 square feet. Sneaky Pete's was one of the few places in Mountain Brook Village where one could grab a casual lunch.

While Rougaroux's food is elevated in comparison to Sneaky Pete's, the overall fastcasual nature of the concept remains. Rougaroux's primary offerings are po-boys, gumbo, muffuletta sandwiches, and house ground brisket hamburgers ordered at the counter and served on disposable picnic ware and cutlery. Rougaroux's fast casual nature and affordance price points are very similar to that of Sneaky Pete's.

The Rougaroux, as proposed, will keep the same dining room footprint and cater to a similar sector of consumer as Sneaky Pete's. The counter service concept is also in keeping with previous fast-casual concept Sneaky Pete's. Like Sneaky Pete's, there will be no table wait service. The fast-casual style is consistent with the historical use of the property and will have similar benefits and parking burdens.

2. No disparate impacts to vehicle circulation or pedestrian circulation as compared to historical uses.

The fast-casual nature of Rougaroux's lunchtime service and proposed walk-up, pick-up window lends itself to pedestrian circulation and vehicular circulation. Furthermore, this protects against patrons of the Rougaroux occupying prime parking spots in Mountain Brook Village. As proposed, the Rougaroux will not significantly change the traffic operations at nearby intersections because the three parking spots in front of the restaurant will remain unchanged. The service area

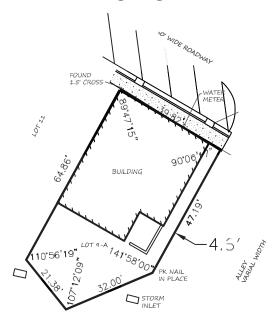
for Rougaroux will remain behind the Property where it was when Sneaky Pete's was in business. The service area is accessible via alleyway which prevents traffic from being frustrated on Culver Road. Vehicle circulation and pedestrian circulation will be in keeping with the historical use of the Property as a fast-casual, counter-service restaurant.

3. The proposed use is compatible with surrounding existing uses.

Rougaroux's offerings are completely unique to Mountain Brook Village. Rougaroux as proposed will not compete with existing food service businesses and will enhance retail businesses by increasing foot traffic in the area. As illustrated below, there is no restaurant with similar offerings to what is proposed by Rougaroux.

Address	Tenant	Food Offering
2418 Montevallo Road	Another Broken Egg	Breakfast and brunch focused foods including omelets, eggs benedicts, pancakes, waffles, and some burger, sandwich, and salad offerings.
2708 Culver Road	Watkins Branch Bourbon and Brasserie	Food inspired by traditional French brasserie, robust plates and concentrated craft cocktails
2837 Culver Road	Daniel George	Fine dining, white table-cloth offerings featuring a daily changing menu of seafood, wild and domestic game, meats, poultry, and fresh produce.
2805 Cahaba Road	Gilchrist	Old-fashioned soda fountain featuring simple sandwiches, chicken/tuna salads, and milkshakes.
900 Jemison Lane	Char Bar No. 7	Sports Bar and Grill featuring steaks, burgers, sandwiches, and salads.
291 Rele Street	Chop N Fresh	Gourmet salads, greens, and grains, with made-from- scratch dressings.
920 Lane Parke Ct.	Sol Y Luna	Mexican restaurant featuring unique tapas, tacos, flautas, and more.
2838 Culver Road	Olexa's	European style bakery featuring crepes, sandwiches, salads, and baked goods.
2400 Montevallo Road	Carrigan's Public House	Gastropub featuring American fare and craft cocktails.

- II. Request for variance from the zoning regulations of Article XXXI, Section 129-555 governing parking requirements.
 - A. Due to the irregular shape of the lot, strict application of the zoning regulations creates an existing design constraint, causing undue hardship.



As illustrated above, 2716 Culver Road features an irregular lot shape. Due to the irregular shape of the lot, strict application of Article XXXI, Section 129-555(b)(1)(b), which prohibits the elimination of existing on-site parking, effectively prevents utilization of approximately thirty percent (30%) of the lot's buildable area. Thus, strict application under these circumstances would impose an unreasonable hardship upon the use of the premises. These conditions are inherent to this lot and do not apply to other buildings or land in the area. Patio seating is essential to the post-covid era restaurant, as many would-be customers still do not feel comfortable sitting in a crowded dining room. Here, strict application of the zoning code creates an existing design constraint, causing undue hardship.

B. The hardship is not self-imposed.

The building pre-dates the existing code requirements with respect to parking. Thus, as soon as Sneaky Pete's went out of business, any use, even one in perfect harmony with the code and planning, would not be able to meet the parking requirements set forth Article XXXI, Section 129-555. This is not the fault of anyone or anything—it is the present reality of space constrained, historic nature of Mountain Brook Village. As it stands, thirty percent of the lot is now unable to be utilized under a strict application of code.

Diligence shows there is precedent for this request. Currently, two businesses have converted parking spaces into outdoor patio seating with great success. Watkin's Branch, two doors down from Sneaky Pete's, eliminated two parking spaces in the Culver Alley to construct a patio space behind its building (pictured below). The patio does not impede traffic.





[With Parking]

[With Patio]

Similarly, Golden Age Wine, also on Culver Road, converted two public street parking spaces into patio space.

Rougaroux's proposal seeks to utilize only one parking space. The plan, as proposed is less burdensome from a parking standpoint than Watkin's Branch and Golden Age. Similar to Golden Age and Watkins Branch, this patio space would be well received and frequently enjoyed. As evidenced by the utilization of Watkin's Branch and Golden Age's patio seating, the benefits outweigh the burdens. Here, strict application of the zoning code precludes a great amenity for Mountain Brook Village that stands to be enjoyed by many.

C. Granting this variance is consistent with the broader goals and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Village Master Plan.

The Property is zoned for Local Business, which prefers retail and restaurant uses. Rougaroux, as proposed, is in keeping with this zoning designation, and in keeping with the vision, values, and goals set forth in Mountain Brook's Village Master Plan ("the Plan"). The Plan contemplates preserving Mountain Brook's unique character, facilitating eclectic complementary architecture while preserving the past, and promoting independent and local businesses to ensure a unique and local flavor. *See* § 3.1, Vision. Rougaroux also meets the stated goal of seeking more opportunities for evening business activity. *Id*.

Furthermore, Rougaroux also satisfies the land use policy set forth in the Plan. *See generally* Section 3.2. Pursuant to the Land Use Policy Map, the Property's recommended land use is General Commercial—Retail Dominant. This particular use prefers ground level activity which generates a high degree of pedestrian activity and are generally retail and restaurant type uses. This particular category of land use disfavors ground level service and office uses at these key locations.

Rougaroux fits squarely within the narrow zoning window and preferred uses as contemplated by the Plan. Rougaroux, as proposed, is consistent with the goals set forth in the Plan to promote independent local businesses and preserve Mountain Brook's character. In short, Rougaroux is a great fit for Mountain Brook Village and the 2716 Culver Road location.

III. CONCLUSION

In consideration of the foregoing, we respectfully request that the Board of Zoning Adjustments grant this variance request. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to know, and we will provide it. We are excited for the opportunity to bring Rougaroux to Mountain Brook Village.

Sincerely,

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Jay Friedman

Enclosures:

- (A) Rougaroux Menu
- (B) 2716 Culver Road Renovation & Addition Conditional Use Application Drawing Set
- (C) 2716 Culver Road Existing Conditions
- (D) Variance Application, Parts 1 and 2
- (E) Jefferson County Certified List of Adjacent Property Owners
- (F) Survey for 2716 Culver Road



Variance Application Part II

Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?

The condition from which relief is sought is the irregular lot shape which creates an existing design constraint under a strict application of the Zoning Regulations and precludes efficient utilization of the building area.

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., *self-imposed hardship* such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...") The condition from which relief is sought is not a result of action by the applicant.

How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?



Culver Alley

A-22-23 Rear of Subject Building



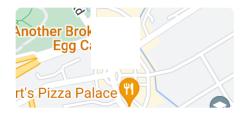
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Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

 Address of Subject Property
 2011 Garden Place

 Zoning Classification
 Res. D (w/ setbacks per recorded "condominium" plat map for development)

 Name of Property Owner(s)
 David Williams & Barbara Burton

 Phone Number
 205.602.2738 (David)
 Email

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 Weygand Surveyors

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 Email

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 ray@weygandsurveyor.com

 Name of Architect (if applicable)
 Williams Partnership: Architecture, Inc., Melissa & Joel Williams

 Phone Number
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 Email

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Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

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Please fill in only applicable project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

	Zoning Code Requirement	Existing Development	Proposed Development
Lot Area (sf)	1 acre / 43,560 sq.ft.	10,898.4 sq.ft	10,898.4 sq. ft.
Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary			
Front Setback (ft) secondary			
Right Side Setback			
Left Side Setback			
Right Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high \rightarrow			
22' high or greater \rightarrow			
Left Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high \rightarrow			
22' high or greater \rightarrow			
Rear Setback (ft)	25' (recorded plat map) 25'	23'-6"
Lot Coverage (%)			
Building Height (ft)			
Other			
Other			

Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-22-24

Petition Summary

Request to allow an addition to be 23 feet 6 inches from the rear property line (south) in lieu of the required 25 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work involves the addition of a new rear porch.

Variance Request for Rear Setback

The proposed variance would allow a small portion of the addition to be located 1 foot 6 inches into the rear setback. The porch addition would be a one story screened porch with a flat roof. The height would be approximately 11 feet 4 inches above the existing grade.

Hardship

The shallowness of the lot and angled rear property line are hardships for this property. The house is oriented to sit aligned with the front of the property, but the angled rear lot line cuts into the area of the proposed addition.

Nexus: There appears to be a reasonable relationship between the shallow lot depth, angled rear lot line and the requested variance for the addition.

Potential Finding for Approval

That the granting of the variance for the screened porch encroachment:

1. <u>is minor in nature</u> (in that the encroachment is only for a small sliver of the addition and 1 foot 6 inches at its deepest).

Impervious Area

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

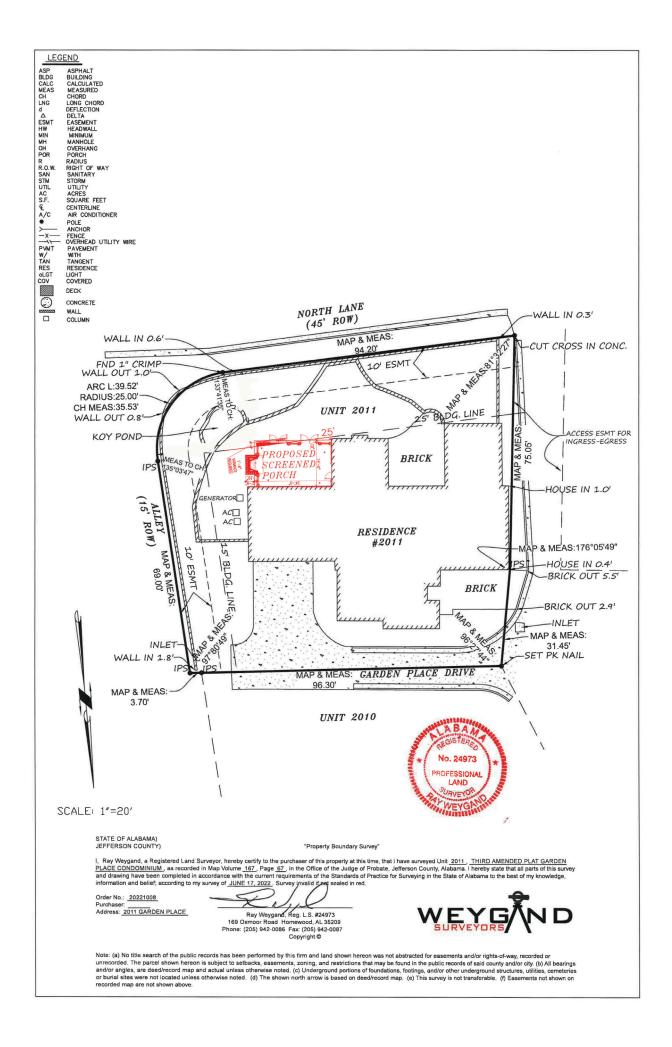
Affected Regulation

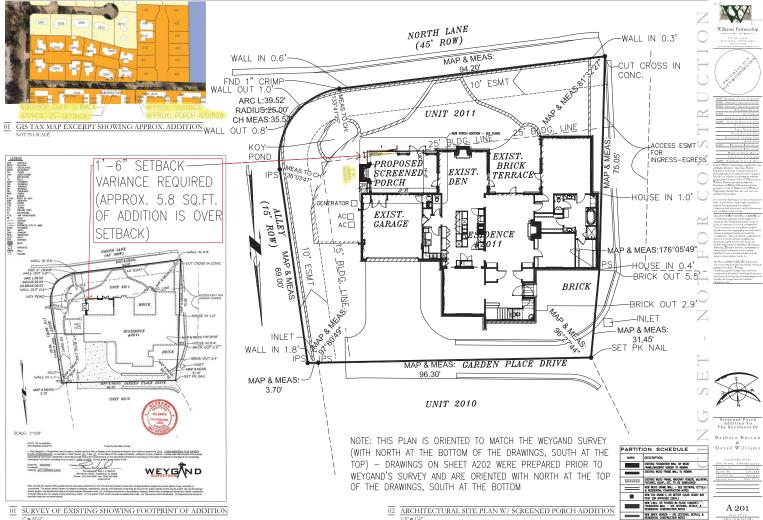
Rear setback established by approved plat.

Appends LOCATION: 2011 Garden Place

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence D District

OWNER: David Williams and Barbara Burton









Variance Application Part II

Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?

- The addition partially fills a void in the building footprint The narrowness of the lot and skew of house on lot relative to the rear property line result in a small triangle at the corner of the addition being over the setback, despite the addition being smaller than the rectanglular void defined by adjacent existing exterior walls.
- The rear yard/property line fronts North Lane and is separated from North Lane by a privacy wall that surrounds the Garden Place development) so no immediately adjacent neighbors are directly impacted by this variance
- The triangle over the setback is 5.8 sq.ft. in area, 10' wide, as little as 0" over to as much as 1'-4" over (requested 1'-6" variance to provide some margin of error)
- The addition is one story, open air (screened), and flat roofed with a max height of approx. 11'-4" above existing grade the height of the wall surrounding the Garden Place development results in this addition likely not being visible by a person standing in adjacent yards/streets.

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., *self-imposed hardship* such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")

- No. The condition is existing.

How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?

- The resulting footprint is in keeping with other existing footprints in the Garden Place development and, should the variance be awarded, will result in a footprint that is farther from the North Lane property line than the adjacent property, 2009 Garden Place (as demonstrated in GIS Tax Map excerpt included in the Architect's documents)
- The requested variance is minor in nature & will not impair adequate supply of light & air to adjacent properties