BZA Packet

July 17, 2023

Hello All,

Enclosed please find your packet for the meeting of July 17, 2023.

We have:

• 6 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 (July 17, 2023)
- 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 July 17, 2023 PRE-MEETING: 4:30 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)

NOTICE

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 19, 2023
- 2. Case A-23-22: Dr. Dick Briggs, property owner, requests variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow a detached accessory structure to be 6.6 feet from the rear property line (south) in lieu of the required 40 feet. -2925 Southwood Road
- 3. Case A-23-23: Leslie Bashinsky, property owner, requests variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow a new single family home to be 34 feet from the secondary front property line (Matthews Road) in lieu of the required 40 feet, and to allow a pool to be 1 foot from the side property line (southwest) in lieu of the required 10 feet. -79 Country Club Boulevard
- 4. Case A-23-24: Keith and Fran Anderton, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow additions and alterations to an existing single family dwelling to be 34.7 feet from the front property line (Mountain Park Drive) in lieu of the required 35 feet, and 5.7 feet from the side property line (southeast) in lieu of the required 9 feet. -3724 Mountain Park Drive
- 5. Case A-23-26: Sara James, property owner, requests variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow an addition to be 13 feet 4 inches from the rear property line (northwest) in lieu of the required 30 feet, and to allow pool equipment to be 5 feet from the side property line (southwest) in lieu of the required 10 feet. -304 Dexter Avenue
- 6. Case A-23-27: Daniel and Mary Balkovetz, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow an addition to the existing single family dwelling to be 34.5 feet from the rear property line (southeast) in lieu of the required 40 feet. -4217 Antietam Drive

- 7. Case A-23-25: Blake Smith and Nancy Shinouda, property owner, requests variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow additions and alterations to an existing single family dwelling to be 3 feet from the side property line (west) in lieu of the required 8 feet for portions of the building less than 22 feet high, and in lieu of the required 12 feet for portions of the building greater than 22 feet high.-2119 English Village Lane
- 8. Next Meeting: August 21, 2023
- 9. Adjournment



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

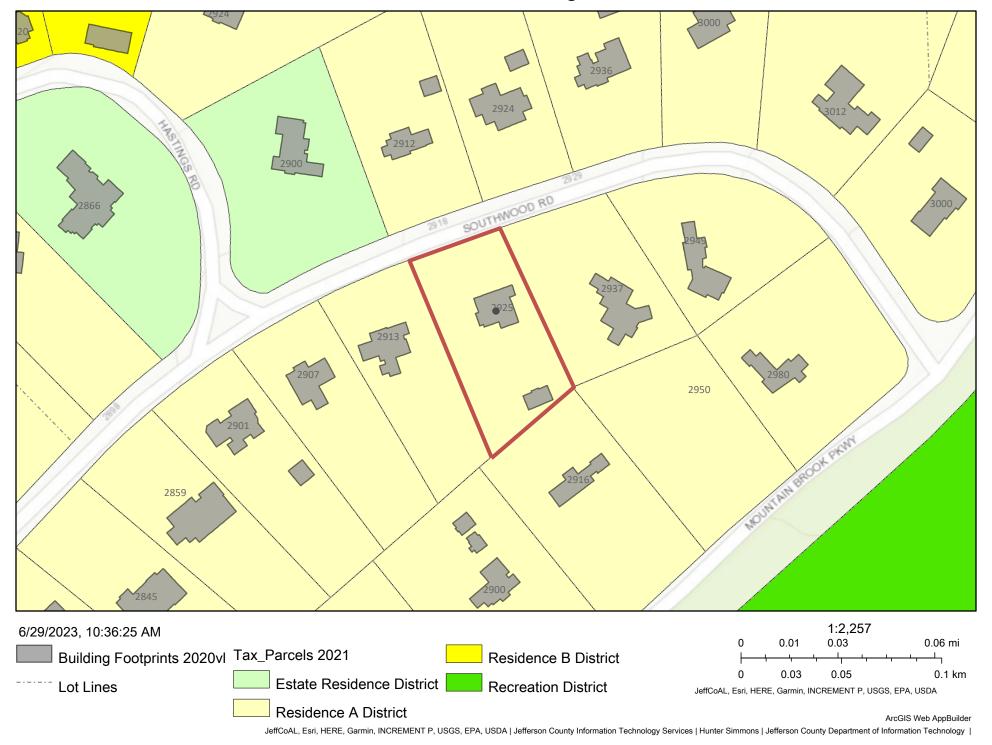
Address of Subject Property 2925 Southwood RD, Mr. Brook 3520
Zoning Classification KFS/DENTIAC
Name of Property Owner(s) Dick D Baigos TR
Phone Number 205 - 879 - 5280 Email DCK BRIGGS TRQ OMMIL . Com
Name of Surveyor Sulvivior Solutions , 20
Phone Number 205-999-8965 Email 11A
Name of Architect (if applicable)
Phone Number Email Email
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing RIAN DEMPSEN WILL BE BIZESENT AS CONTRACTOR 205-500-1504
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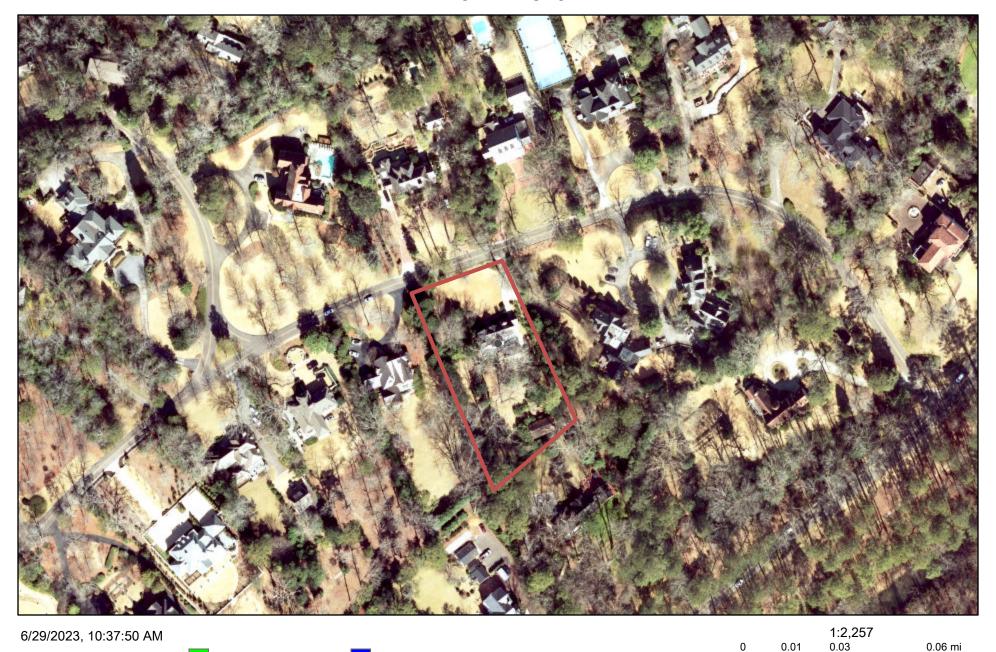
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Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary			
Front Setback (ft) secondary			
Right Side Setback			
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lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →			
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A-23-22 Zoning



A-23-22 Aerial



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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-22

Petition Summary

Request to allow detached accessory structure to be 6.6 feet from the rear property line (south) in lieu of the required 40 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes the construction new detached accessory structure to replace one that was damaged by a storm.

Variance Request for Setback

Nexus: The applicant has stated that the hardships in this case are the existing design constraints (existing foundation and utilities), and the angled rear lot line. These stated hardships appear to be reasonably related to the variance request; however, a different view of this case might be that now is the appropriate time to bring a non-conforming building into zoning compliance. The building does not meet the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance with respect to setback allowance for small detached buildings which are truly "accessory" in nature. The subject building is proposed to be 804 square feet which is not considered "accessory" by the fact that the zoning code requires it to maintain the same side and rear setbacks as the principal structure (40 feet). It is understood that the utilities and footprint already exist, but for all intents and purposes the proposed building is new.

Standard Hardships Required

It may be reasoned that the subject request meets "c." and "e." of the following hardship standards:

Section 129-455 of the municipal code outlines the hardships that the board may consider as justification for the granting of a variance:

- a. exceptional narrowness
- b. exceptional shallowness
- c. irregular shape
- d. exceptional topographic conditions
- e. other extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of such parcel which would result in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties (existing design constraints).

Applicable findings for any motion to approve should be read into the record of minutes. The Board may determine that the following findings are applicable to this case:

1. That special circumstances or conditions apply to the building or land in question (in that the foundation and utilities are already in place), and

- 2. That these circumstances are peculiar to such building or land, and
- 3. That these circumstances do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity;
- 4. The condition from which relief or a variance is sought did not result from action by the applicant;
- 5. That the granting of this variance:
 - a. will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property; (given the depth of the rear yard behind the subject property);

Potential Findings for Denial Might Include:

That the granting of this variance:

- a. merely serves as a convenience to the applicant (in that the location of the existing foundation and utilities makes reconstruction in this location easier);
- b. is not in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance (given that the size of the detached building is not considered, by definition, to be incidental or "accessory," being required to maintain a 40 foot rear setback by code).

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

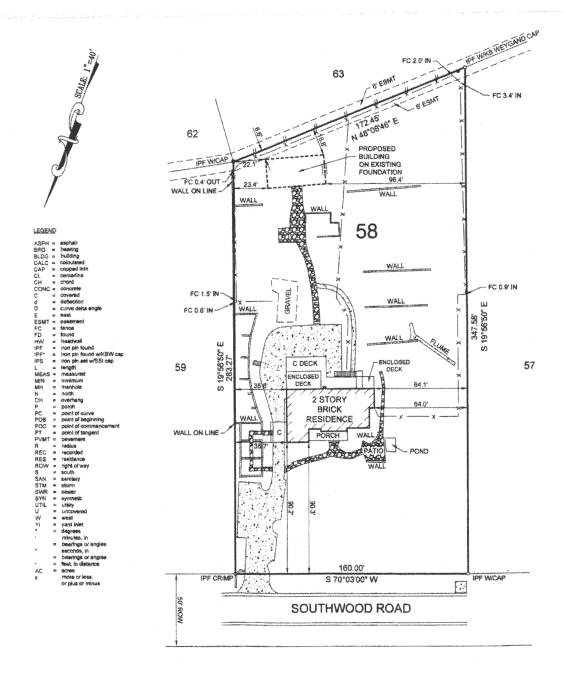
Article III, Section 129-34 Area and dimensional requirements

Appends

LOCATION: 2925 Southwood Road

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District

OWNERS: Dick D. Briggs Jr.



LOT 50,392± SQ FT IMPERVIOUS 9,710 SQ FT IMPERVIOUS = 19.27%

STATE OF ALABAMA SHELBY COUNTY

Order No. 917889

Purchaser: Dempsey Built Type of Survey: Property Boundary

I, Carl Daniel Moore, a registered Land Surveyor, certify that I have surveyed Lot 58, MOUNTAIN BROOK ESTATES as recorded in Map Book 16. Pages 76 & 77 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Jefferson County, Alabama; that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the current requirements of the Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; that the correct address is as follows: 2925 Southwood Road according to my survey of May 26, 2023. Survey is not valid unless it is sealed with embossed seal or stamped in red.

> SURVEYING SOLUTIONS, INC. 2232 CAHABA VALLEY DRIVE SUITE M BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242 PHONE: 205-991-8965

Carl Daniel Moore, Reg. L.S. #12159

6-1-2023

Carl David Moore CMAJ



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).

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Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

Address of Subject Property 79 Country Club Boulevard					
Zoning Classification Residence A					
Name of Property Owner(s) Ms. Leslie Bashinsky					
Phone Number 205-907-4258 Email lbashinsky@bellsouth.net					
Name of Surveyor Arrington Engineering					
Phone Number 205-985-9315 Email jeff@arringtonengineering.com					
Name of Architect (if applicable) Hank Long- Henry Sprott Long & Associates, Inc.					
Phone Number 205-323-4564 Email hanklong@bellsouth.net					
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing					

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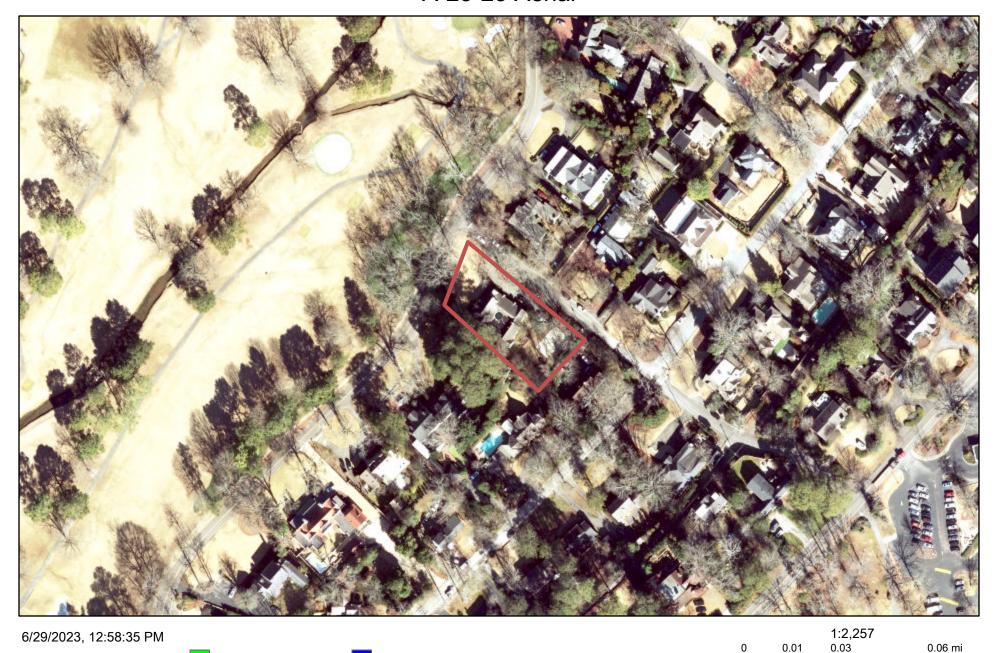
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	Zoning Code	Existing	Proposed
	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)	30,000 sf	24,230 sf	24,230 sf
Lot Width (ft)	100 ft.	110.0 to 112.77	110.0 to 112.77
Front Setback (ft) primary	40.0 ft.	47.0 ft. +/-	48.0 ft. +/-
Front Setback (ft) secondary	40.0 ft.	19.5 ft.	34.0 ft.
Right Side Setback	15.0 ft.	15.6 ft.	15.0 ft.
Left Side Setback	15.0 ft.	see front second	. see front secondary
Right Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
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Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →	2000		
Left Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →			
Rear Setback (ft)	40.0 ft.	79 ft.	58 ft.
Lot Coverage (%)	25%	20.4% +/-	15.61% +/-
Building Height (ft)	35 ft.	20 ft. +/-	35 ft.
Other			
Other			

A-23-23 Zoning



A-23-23 Aerial



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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-23

Petition Summary

Request to allow a new single family home to be 34 feet from the secondary front property line (Matthews Road) in lieu of the required 40 feet, and to allow a pool to be 1 foot from the side property line (southwest) in lieu of the required 10 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes the construction of a new single family dwelling.

Variance Request for Setback

Nexus: The hardship in this case is the corner lot configuration. The corner lot configuration in the Residence A zoning district requires three setbacks of 40 feet reducing the buildable area. The existing non-conforming home is both larger in its encroachment into the secondary front setback along Matthews Road, as well as larger in its overall footprint compared to the proposed new construction. It should be noted that the proposed encroachment does not span the entire building façade (as does the current encroachment), but it proposed as two "pop-outs," with a u-shaped courtyard between them. Also, the lot coverage is proposed to be reduced from 20% to 15%.

The proposed pool is to be 1 foot from the interior side property line, but the pool equipment will conform to the required setback of 10 feet.

Standard Hardships Required

The subject request appears to meet "e." for the following hardship standards (in that it is a corner lot configuration):

Section 129-455 of the municipal code outlines the hardships that the board may consider as justification for the granting of a variance:

- a. exceptional narrowness
- b. exceptional shallowness
- c. irregular shape
- d. exceptional topographic conditions
- e. other extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of such parcel which would result in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties (existing design constraints).

Applicable findings for any motion to approve should be read into the record of minutes. The Board may determine that the following findings are applicable to this case:

- 1. That special circumstances or conditions apply to the building or land in question, and
- 2. That these circumstances are peculiar to such building or land, and

- 3. That these circumstances do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity;
- 4. The condition from which relief or a variance is sought did not result from action by the applicant;
- 5. That the granting of this variance:
 - a. will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property; (since the pool in an in-ground structure)
 - b. will not be detrimental to the streetscape (in that the only other house along this same side of Matthews Road is approximately 26 feet from the secondary front property line along Matthews);
 - c. does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant;
 - d. is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance (in that the proposed secondary front setback does not break "line" with the facades of other structures along the same side of the street).

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

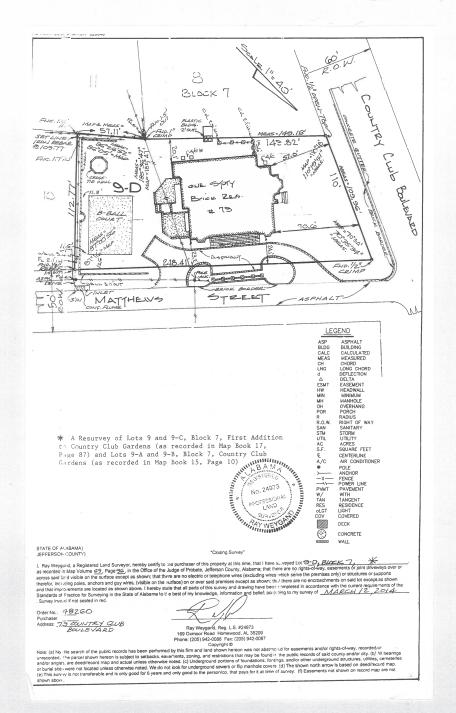
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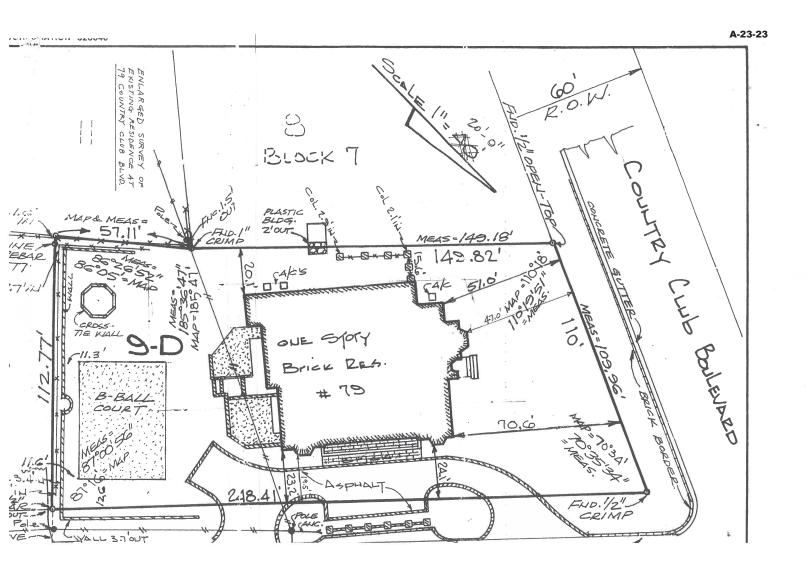
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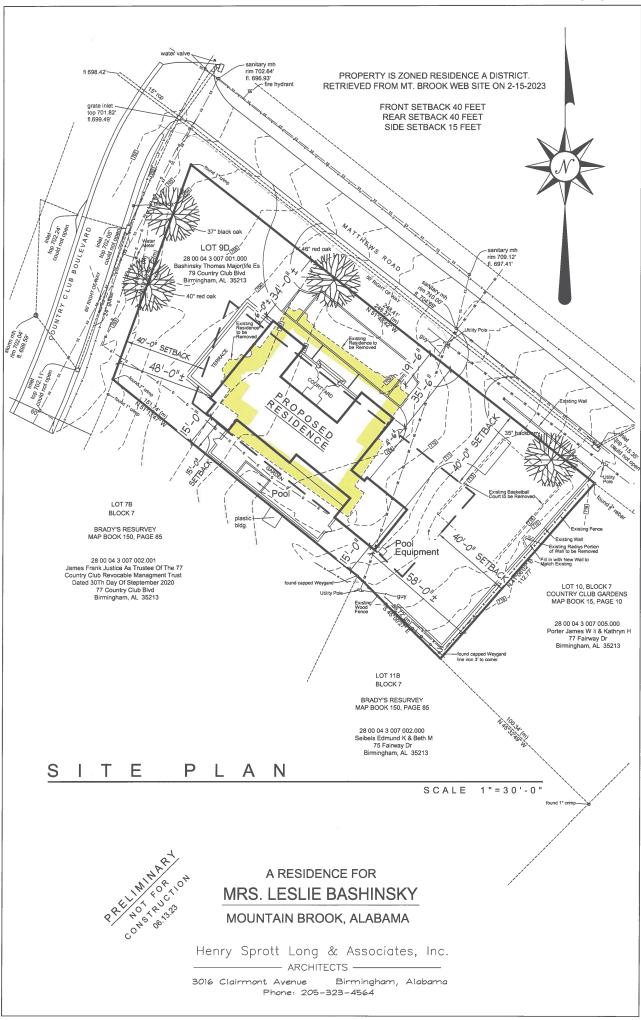
LOCATION: 79 Country Club Boulevard

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District

OWNERS: Leslie Bashinsky



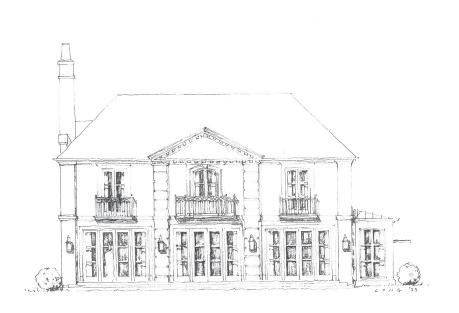








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ARCHITECTS



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)?
See Attachment
Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., <i>self-imposed hardship</i> such as: "converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback")
See Attachment
How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?
See Attachment

Attachment to the Variance Application for Ms. Leslie Bashinsky

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 non-conforming Residence A lot at 79 Country Club Boulevard has an existing non-conforming residence with a setback of 19.5 feet at the secondary front setback. We propose to tear down the existing residence and build a new residence that would have a setback of 34.0 feet from the secondary front on Matthews Road rather than the required 40.0 feet. All other setbacks will meet Residence "A" requirements. This non-conforming setback request is created by the corner lot setback restrictions, which require two front and one rear setback of 40.0 feet. Therefore, the combination of the more restrictive 2 fronts and one rear setback required for corner lots and the non-conforming lot size of 24,230 sf, rather than the required 30,000 sf, has created a hardship that makes it necessary to ask for a variance at the secondary front setback for the new residence.

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.

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

The proposed residence will encroach less than the existing residence non-conforming secondary front setback. The new 34.0 foot front secondary setback requested is less invasive than the existing 19.5 foot secondary setback. Therefore, the granting of a variance will allow relief from the hardships caused by the corner lot setback restrictions while bring the lot closer to conformity with the required secondary front corner lot setback. Also, the lot coverage for the new residence will be less than the existing residence and will be approximately 15.6% in lieu of the existing 20.4% lot coverage.

Henry Sprott Long & Associates ARCHITECTS

June 19, 2023

Board of Zoning Adjustments The City of Mountain Brook Post Office Box 13009 Mountain Brook, AL 35213

ATTENTION: Tammy Reid via email

RE: Proposed New Residence at 79 Country Club Boulevard for Ms. Leslie Bashinsky

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is submitted in accordance with the standards for request of a variance for construction in the City of Mountain Brook.

We are requesting a variance to allow the construction of a new residence at 79 Country Club Boulevard, which is zoned Residence "A". The non-conforming Residence A lot at 79 Country Club Boulevard currently has an existing non-conforming residence with a setback of 19.5 feet at the secondary front setback. We propose to tear down the existing residence and build a new residence that would have a setback of 34.0 feet from the secondary front on Matthews Road rather than the required 40.0 feet. All other setbacks will meet Residence "A" requirements. This non-conforming setback request is created by the corner lot setback restrictions, which require two front and one rear setback of 40.0 feet. Therefore, the combination of the more restrictive 2 fronts and one rear setback required for corner lots and the non-conforming lot size of 24.230 sf. rather than the required 30,000 sf, has created a hardship that makes it necessary to ask for a variance at the secondary front setback for the new residence. The proposed residence will encroach less than the existing residence non-conforming secondary front setback. The new 34.0 foot front secondary setback requested is less invasive than the existing 19.5 foot secondary setback. Therefore, the granting of a variance will allow relief from the hardships caused by the corner lot setback restrictions while bring the lot closer to conformity with the required secondary front corner lot setback. Also, the lot coverage for the new residence will be less than the existing residence and will be approximately 15.6% in lieu of the existing 20.4% lot coverage.

We are also requesting a variance to allow construction of a small plunge pool (7'-0" x 14'-0") to be 1'-0" off of the right side property line in lieu of the required 10'-0" setback for pools. We are proposing an 8'-0" tall wall at the right side property line and the proposed pool will abut the inside face of the wall. The proposed pool equipment will meet the required 10'-0" setback requirement.

The required variance application forms, graphic explanation of the proposed additions and certified list of adjacent property owners are included. A check for \$ 100.00 to cover the hearing fee is also included. All information is submitted in preparation for the zoning board meeting on Monday July 17, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

HENRY SPROTT LONG & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Henry Sprott Long, Jr., President

HSLjr/ab

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Leslie Bashinsky



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

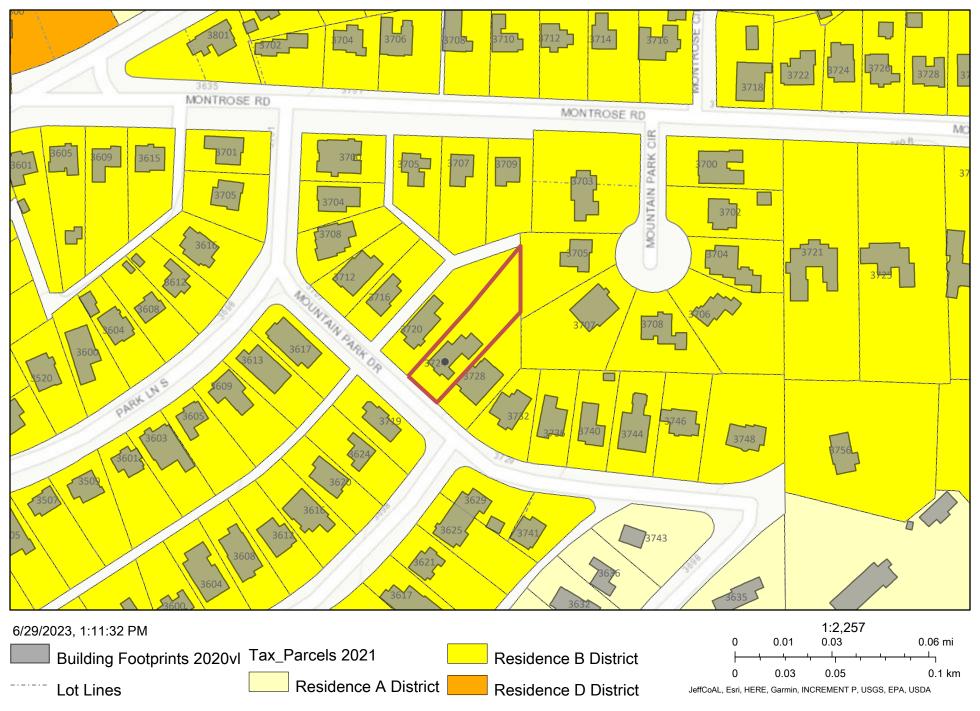
Address of Subject Property 3724 Mountain Park Drive
Zoning Classification Residence B
Name of Property Owner(s) Fran and Keith Anderton
Phone Number 205-600-6621 Email FKanderton @gmail.com
Name of Surveyor Steven J. Clinkscales
Phone Number 205-671-1033 Email info@clinksurveying. com
Name of Architect (if applicable) Matthew V. Costanzo
Phone Number 205-206-2825 Email matt @ mvcarchitect.com
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

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

X

	Zoning Code Requirement	Existing Development	Proposed Development
Lot Area (sf)	1		•
Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary	35'	34.7'	34.7
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 →	91	3.2'	5.7'
22' high or greater →	•	3:0	2.1
Left Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →			-
22' high or greater →			
Rear Setback (ft)			
Lot Coverage (%)			
Building Height (ft)			
Other			
Other			

A-23-24 Zoning



A-23-24 Aerial

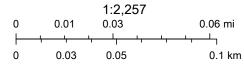


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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-24

Petition Summary

Request to allow additions and alterations to an existing single family dwelling to be 34.7 feet from the front property line (Mountain Park Drive) in lieu of the required 35 feet, and 5.7 feet from the side property line (southeast) in lieu of the required 9 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes the enclosure of an existing covered front porch and a new single story addition on the right side.

Variance Request for Setbacks

Nexus: The hardship in this case is the existing design constraint. The non-conforming covered front porch is currently 34.7 feet from the front property line, and aligns with the existing front façade of the house. The addition along the side aligns with the existing side façade of the house at 5.7 feet. Neither addition will increase the encroachment from what currently exists. It should be noted that the existing footprint of house is skewed toward the right side of the narrow property, with a greater-than-required side setback on the left side of the property.

Standard Hardships Required

The subject request appears to meet "a." and "e." of the following hardship standards:

Section 129-455 of the municipal code outlines the hardships that the board may consider as justification for the granting of a variance:

- a. exceptional narrowness
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- 3. That these circumstances do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity;
- 4. The condition from which relief or a variance is sought did not result from action by the applicant;
- 5. That the granting of this variance:

- a. will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property (given that it is a one-story addition and are aligned with the existing facades);
- b. will not be detrimental to the streetscape (given that the enclosed porch is within the existing footprint of the house, and aligns with the front façade of the house);
- c. does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant (in that it makes practical sense to align with the existing house);
- d. is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance.

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

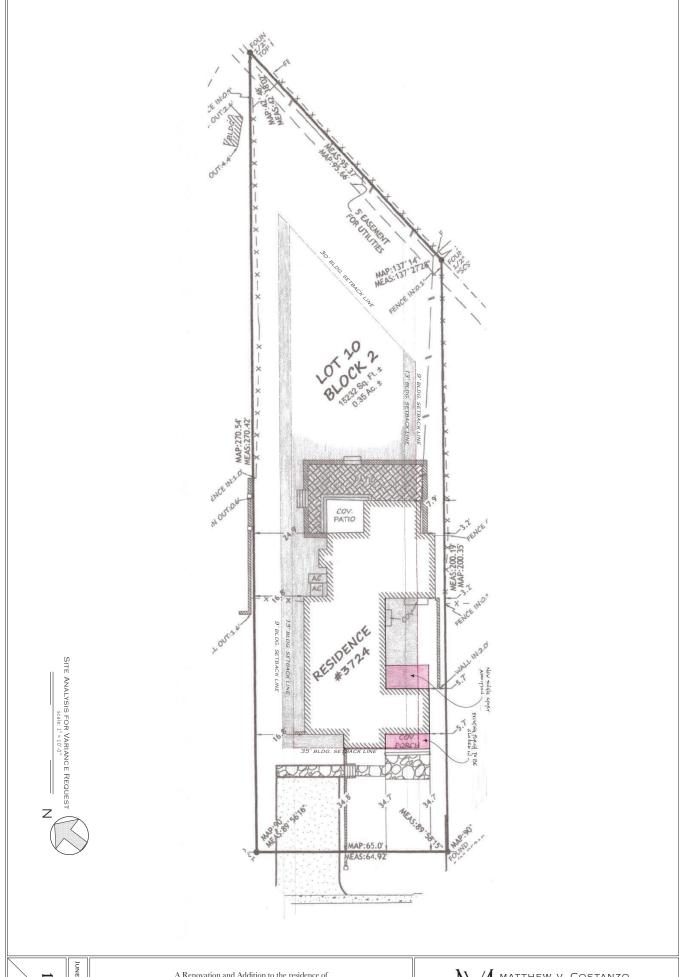
Article IV, Section 129-53 Area and dimensional requirements

Appends

LOCATION: 3724 Mountain Park Drive

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence B District

OWNERS: Fran and Keith Anderton



JUNE 215T 2023

MATTHEW V. COSTANZO
ARCHITECT

4425 KENNESAW DRIVE • BIRBINGHAM. ALABAMA 35213
205-266-2825



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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THAT TIES INTO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE



June 20, 2023

Mountain Brook Board of Zoning Adjustment 56 Church Street Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Board Members:

This letter, written on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Anderton, is a request for a variance to close in an existing porch, and construct a new single-story addition that extends beyond the required setback lines. The property is located at 3724 Mountain Park Drive.

The property, which is zoned Non-Conforming Residence B, has a required front setback of 40.0 feet, and a required side setback of 9.0 feet from the property line. The current residence as it exists extends beyond the front and right-side setbacks. Due to the existing design constraints, a variance is requested to close in an existing front porch and allow the construction of a new single-story addition in the areas that currently sit beyond the required setback. The new addition will have a roof height similar to what currently exists on the front porch. No other variance is requested at this time.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew V. Costanzo

Registered Architect, AL #8888



Variance pplica ion - Part I

Project Data

	Address of Subject Property 304 DE	EXTER AVENUE				
	Zoning Classification RESIDENCE C DISTRICT					
	Name of Property Owner(s) SARA JA	AMES				
	Phone Number (702) 581-2108	Email DENBOJAMES@GMAIL.COM				
	Name of Surveyor RAY WEYGAND					
	Phone Number (205) 942-0086	Email				
	Name of Architect (if applicable) EMILY COE - THOMPSON ARCHITECTURE					
	Phone Number (205) 414-1272	Email ECOE@THOMPSONARCHITECTURE.COM				
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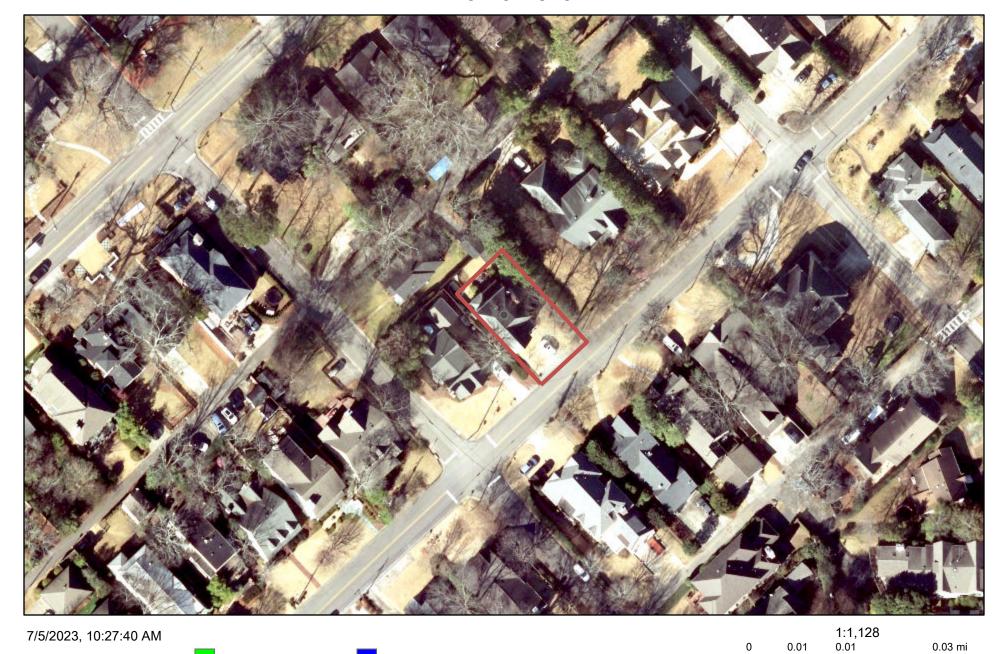
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	Zoning Code	Existing	Proposed
	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)	7500	5000	5000
Lot Width (ft)	70'	50'	50'
Front Setback (ft) primary	35'	24.9'	N/A
Front Setback (ft) secondary	15'	N/A	N/A
Right Side Setback	NONCORMING	11.8'	
Left Side Setback	NONCORMING	8'	
Right Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →	8'	8'	8'-5"
22' high or greater →	12'	N/A	N/A
Left Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →	8'	8'	8'
22' high or greater ->	12'	N/A	N/A
Rear Setback (ft)	30'	25'	13'-4"
Lot Coverage (%)	35 %	29 %	34.9 %
B ilding Height (ft)	35'	32'	13'-0 @ WALL FACE 22'-0" @ HIGHEST POINT
Other			
Other			

A-23-26 Zoning



A-23-26 Aerial



Aerial 2021

Red: Band_1

Green: Band_2

Blue: Band_3

Blue: Band_3

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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-26

Petition Summary

Request to allow an addition to be 13 feet 4 inches from the rear property line (northwest) in lieu of the required 30 feet, and to allow pool equipment to be 5 feet from the side property line (southwest) in lieu of the required 10 feet.

Recent Background

On June 19, 2023, the Board heard a request (Case A-23-18) to allow additions and alterations to be 24 feet 6 inches from the front property line (Dexter Avenue) in lieu of the required 35 feet, to be 12 feet from the rear property line (northwest) in lieu of the required 30 feet, to be 6 feet from the side property line (northeast) in lieu of the required 8 feet for portions of the building below 22 feet in height, to allow the maximum building area to be 39.9% in lieu of the maximum allowed of 35 percent, to allow walls to be as tall as 12 feet 9 inches in height in a front setback in lieu of the maximum front yard wall height allowed of 4 feet, to allow a wall to be as tall as 12 feet 4 inches in height in a side setback (northeast) in lieu of the maximum wall height allowed in a side setback of 8 feet, to allow a pool to be 0 feet from the rear property line (northwest) in lieu of the required 10 feet, and to allow pool equipment to be located 5 feet from a side property line (southwest) in lieu of the required 10 feet.

The Board approved the variances related to the front setback and walls. The Board denied the variances for lot coverage and the rear and side setbacks. The Board also approved the applicant's request to withdraw the pool and related pool equipment from the original request.

Scope of Work

The scope of work for the revised proposal entails:

- An addition to the rear that is smaller in scope that that which was denied by the Board;
- Adding back in the request for the pool equipment in the side yard (5 feet);
- Relocating the pool to meet setback requirements (no variance needed);
- Revising the rear addition to be 8 feet from the side property line (no longer needing a variance; originally 6 feet from the side property line);
- Reducing the lot coverage to meet the code.

Request for Rear Setback

Nexus: While it is true that the subject property's lot size (5,000) is smaller than the required 7,500 square foot lot/setback ratio, and the lot is shallow at 100 feet in depth versus an average of 150, there is not a strong nexus between lot size, width, and depth and the proposed encroachment request. Given the shallowness of the lot, a minor rear yard encroachment may be appropriate; however, the considerable requested rear yard

encroachment is 16 feet 8 inches into a required 30 foot rear setback, and appears to be more a matter of convenience than an undue hardship.

Request for Rear Setback

The applicant is also requesting a setback variance to allow the pool equipment to be 5 feet from the left side property line in lieu of the required 10 feet. The applicant has provided information related to the proposed sound suppression of this equipment.

Impervious Area

The proposed post construction impervious surface area exceeds the maximum allowed; which would have to be remedied with the Building Official in order to pull a permit, should the variances be approved.

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

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

Affected Regulation

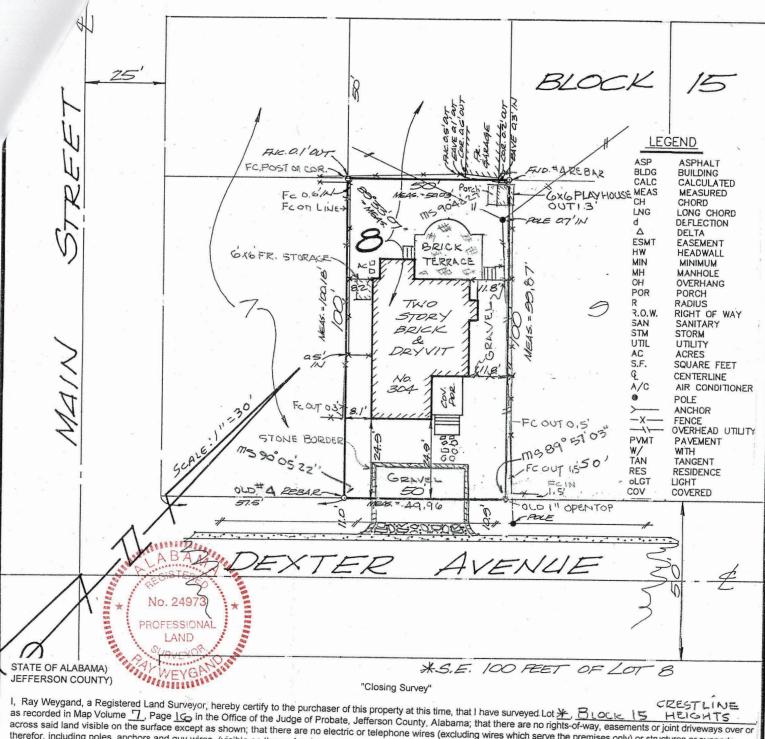
Article V, Section 129-63 Special provisions for nonconforming Residence C lots

Appends

LOCATION: 304 Dexter Avenue

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C District

OWNERS: Sara James



across said land visible on the surface except as shown; that there are no electric or telephone wires (excluding wires which serve the premises only) or structures or supports therefor, including poles, anchors and guy wires, (visible on the surface) on or over said premises except as shown; that there are no encroachments on said lot except as shown and that improvements are located as shown above. I hereby state that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the current requirements of the Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; according to my survey of TARECH 23, 2016

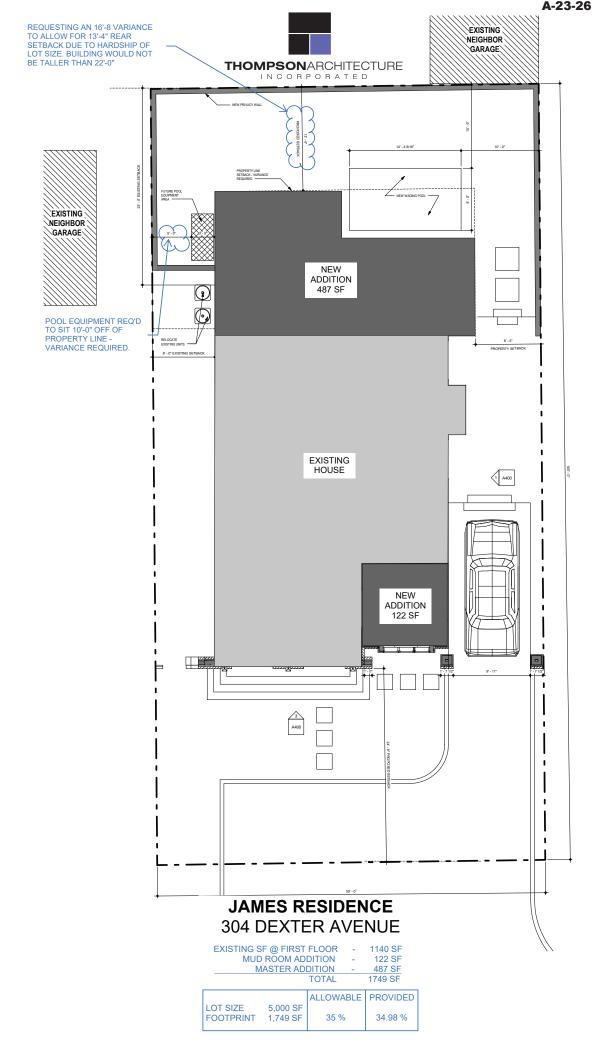
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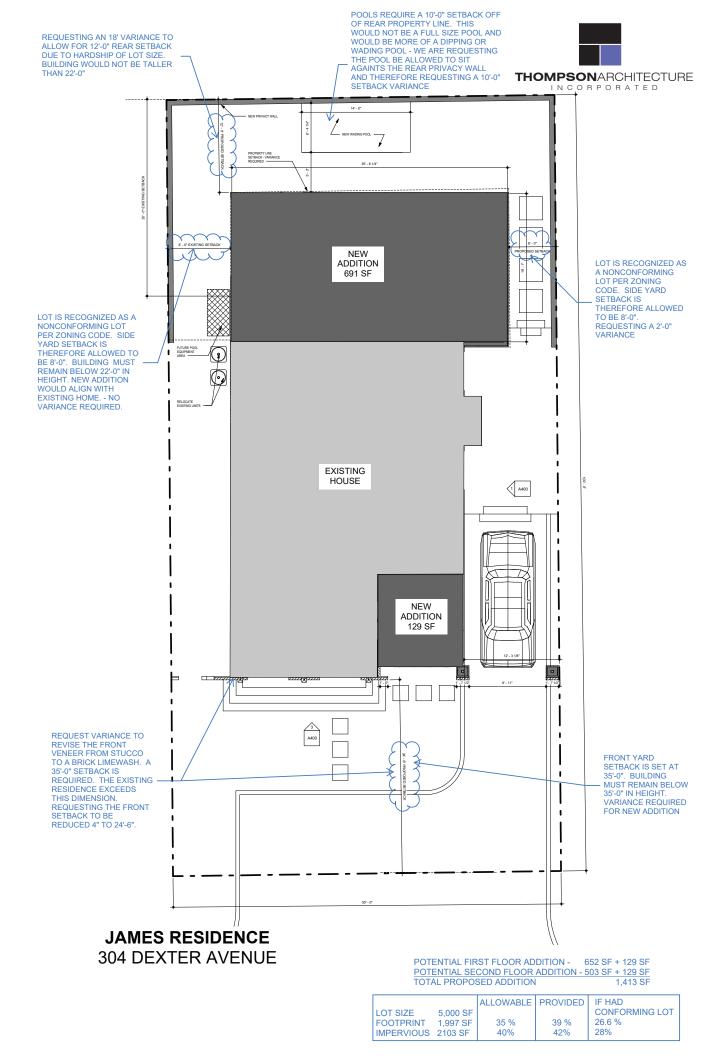
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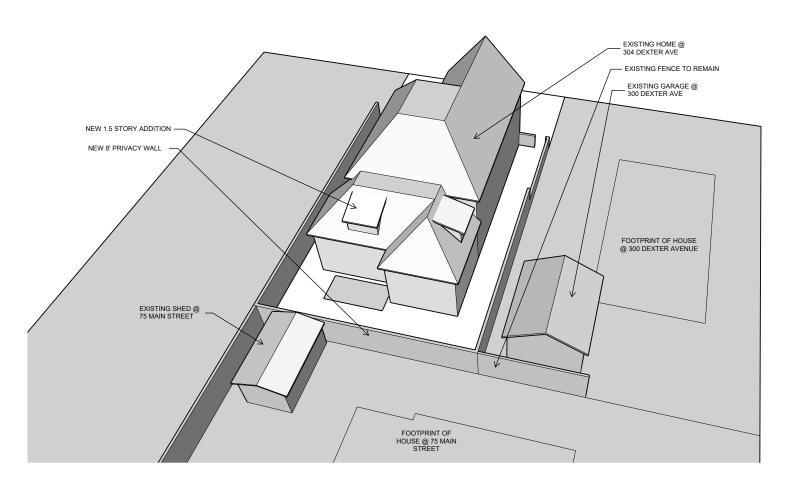
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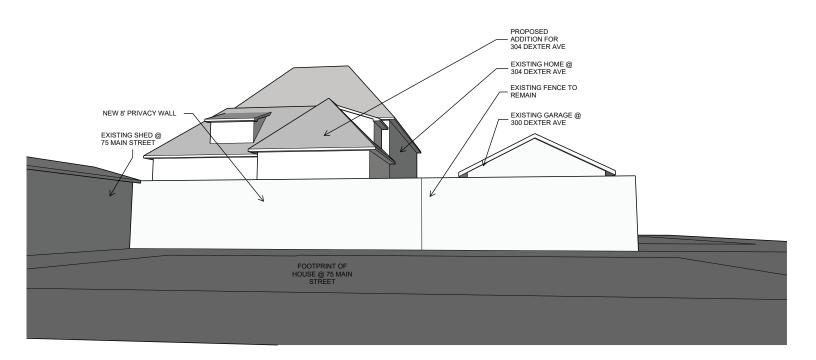
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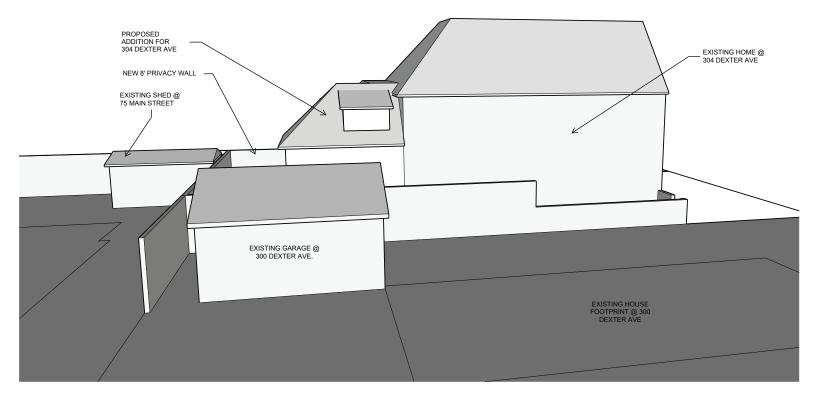




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Variance pplica ion Part II

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 lot is not only a very small lot in width but it is also a very small lot in length making it one of the smallest lots in Residence C District.
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Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., <i>self-imposed hardship</i> such as: "converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback") No. No updates to the property have been made.
How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?
The granting of this variance would allow for a new master suite off the rear of the property along with
an upgraded courtyard area that includes a small wading pool.

SARA JAMES 403 DEXTER AVENUE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35213

June 23, 2023

WRITTEN STATEMENT

To Whom it May Concern,

The James residence is located on a nonconforming lot that is only 50' wide by 100' deep where most properties in this area are 75' wide by 150' deep. Our hardship is that we have a piece of property that is 34% smaller than the minimum property size for this particular zoning classification.

Sara James is requesting the following variance requests regarding their property setbacks:

- 1) Master Suite addition at the rear of the property. The new addition at the rear of the property would require an 16'-8" variance at the rear of the property to reduce the required 30'-0" setback to 13'-4".
- 2) Wading Pool. The backyard is to be updated to include a small wading pool. While the pool itself will sit the 10'-0" minimum away from the property lines, the pool equipment will need to sit inside of the 10'-0" buffer required. We anticipate that because this is a much smaller pool than is typical, that the pool equipment would not be very large. We are also planning to use a noise reduction cover to help mediate any noise concerns.

Thank you for your consideration on these matters.

Emily Coe, AIA Thompson Architecture, Inc.

Margaret A. Burg 75 Main Street Birmingham, AL 35213 (205) 422-9966

July 12, 2023

VIA E-MAIL hazend@mtnbrook.org slatent@mtnbrook.org

Dana Hazen, MPA, AICP Director of Planning, Building and Sustainability

Tyler Slaten, Senior Planner

Re: Case A-23-26: Sara James

City of Mountain Brook Board of Zoning Adjustment July 17, 2023 Meeting

Dear Dana & Tyler,

The purpose of this letter is to strongly oppose the substantial variance requests outlined in the above-referenced Case A-23-26: Sara James as follows:

1. <u>Flooding</u>. My property floods in the area adjacent to 304 Dexter and the variance will exacerbate that problem and does not propose any remediation measures.

First, I am concerned that if the 304 Dexter dwelling is built over capacity additional drainage issues will occur causing additional flooding to my property which could lead to extensive damage to my yard, house, and garage. I have experienced flooding of the garage building on my property (adjacent to the property) as well as my front, back and side yards and I am concerned that the proposed changes to 304 Dexter will exacerbate that flooding.

Second, I am also concerned that a Perimeter Wall will impede water flow and cause additional flooding to my property. I have seen no details regarding the type of wall that will be constructed on the property line or the plan for drainage.

2. <u>Lot Coverage</u>. I strongly disagree with a 13' 4" rear property set back to add a 17' 1.5-story addition when the required set back is 30 feet. Regardless of the percentage, this puts the home too close to my property and the second story will be directly overlooking my property, and I believe my property will be adversely affected as a result. I suspect the owners are planning to add a patio around the pool. What type of surface will be used for this? I do not see anything on the site plan.

There is an existing detached shed/storage building on the James' property approximately 6"-10" from the back of my garage. It is not shown on the plan. Will it be removed?

The existing wood fence is my property and is not shown on the site plan. My fence is approximately 2" inside the property line.

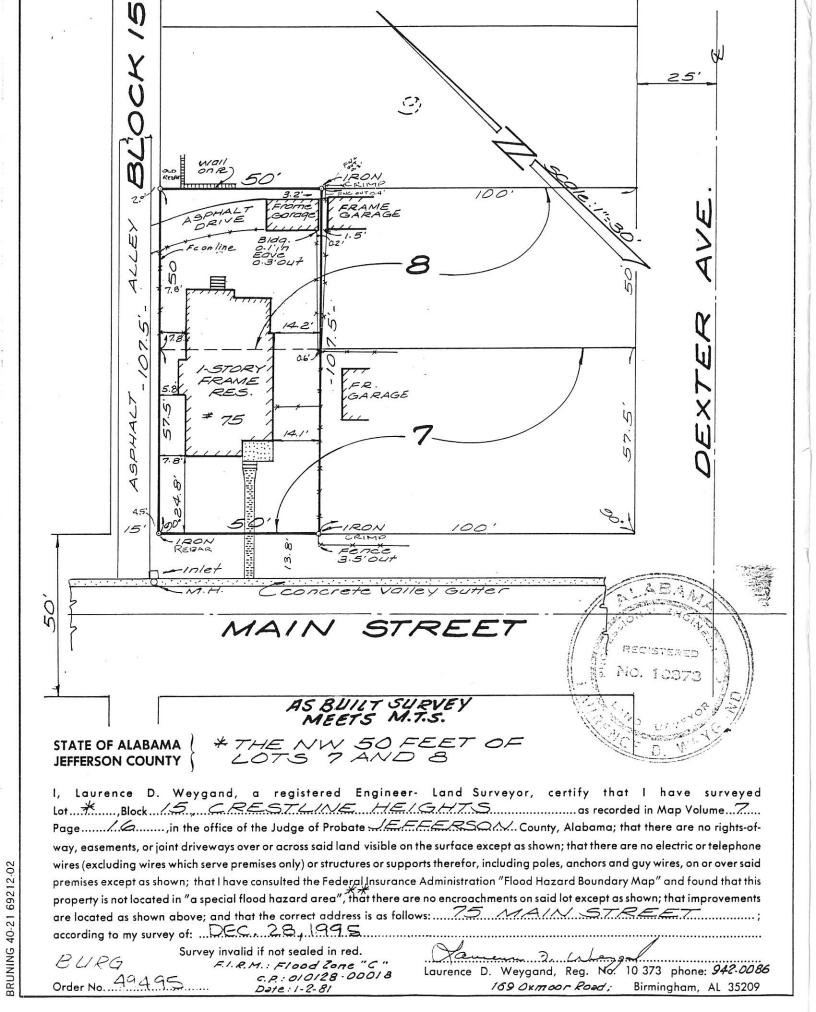
I strongly oppose the requested variance for the large addition. The variance request amounts to an overbuilding of the property and will result in damage to and loss of enjoyment of my property. The codes and regulations are in place to protect the property as well as the adjacent homeowners and neighborhoods. This lot is too small and narrow for a house of this size.

Attached please find the survey for 75 Main Street. Also attached are pictures of the flooding on my property taken in May 2023. The pictures were taken as the water began to recede. The water line on my garage and fence is visible in the photos. The water was 12 inches high on my privacy fence which is approximately 2" inside the property line between my property and 304 Dexter.

Kindest regards,
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Margaret 🛭 Burg

Attachments















Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

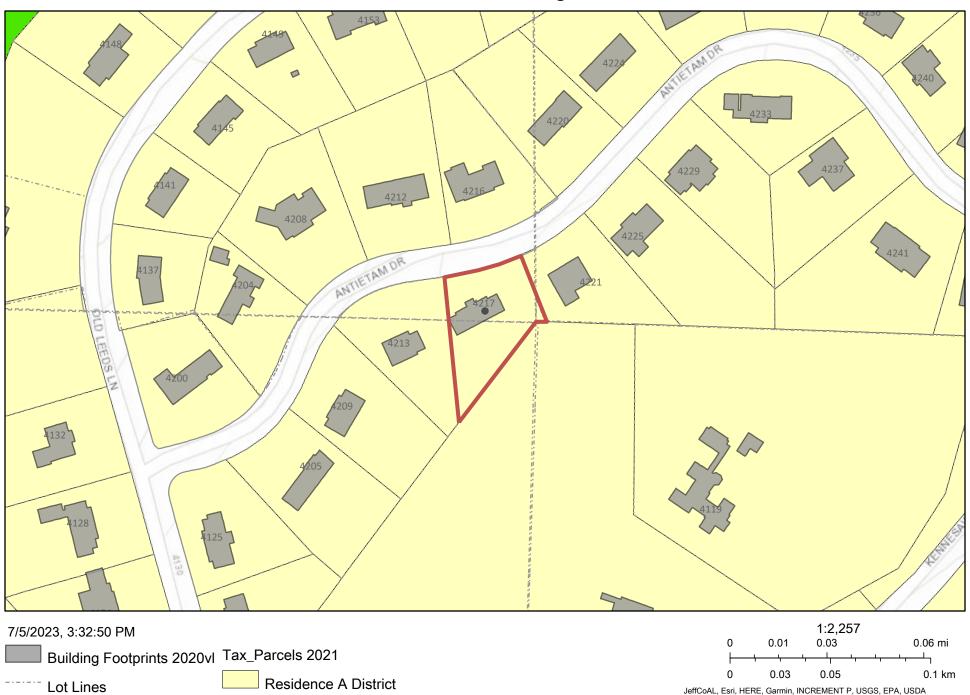
Address of Subject Property 4217 ANTIETAM DE.
Zoning Classification PESIDENCE A
Name of Property Owner(s) DANIEL + MARY BALKOVETZ
Phone Number 205-276-3123 Email MBALKOVETZ @ GMAIL. COM
Name of Surveyor JACKINS, BUTLER + ADAMS, INC
Phone Number 205-870-3390 Email BBSURVE BELLSOUTH. NET
Name of Architect (if applicable) GTUDIO C ARCHITECTURE
Phone Number 705 322 2315 Email CHERRI & STUDIOARCH. COM
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

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

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	Zoning Code Requirement	Existing Development	Proposed Development
Lat Area (af)	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)			
Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary	401	55 - 4°	
Front Setback (ft) secondary			
Right Side Setback	15	15-6	
Left Side Setback	15"	45-6"	
Right Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →			
Left Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →			
Rear Setback (ft)	40-	44 /	347-53
Lot Coverage (%)	15%	15%	16.5%
Building Height (ft)	34′	29	29.
Other	-		
Other			

A-23-27 Zoning



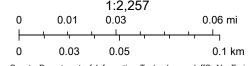
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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-27

Petition Summary

Request to allow an addition to the existing single family dwelling to be 34.5 feet from the rear property line (southeast) in lieu of the required 40 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes a single story addition to the rear of the existing home.

Variance Request for Setback

Nexus: The hardship in this case is unusual lot shape. The rear of the property line is angled in it relationship to the rear façade of the house.

Standard Hardships Required

The subject request appears to meet "c." and "e." of the following hardship standards:

Section 129-455 of the municipal code outlines the hardships that the board may consider as justification for the granting of a variance:

- a. exceptional narrowness
- b. exceptional shallowness
- c. irregular shape
- d. exceptional topographic conditions
- e. other extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of such parcel which would result in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties (existing design constraints).

Applicable findings for any motion to approve should be read into the record of minutes. The Board may determine that the following findings are applicable to this case:

- 1. That special circumstances or conditions apply to the building or land in question, and
- 2. That these circumstances are peculiar to such building or land, and
- 3. That these circumstances do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity;
- 4. The condition from which relief or a variance is sought did not result from action by the applicant;
- 5. That the granting of this variance:
 - a. will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property; (in that the nearest adjacent home to the rear is approximately 375 feet away from the proposed addition and is the area between the structures is heavily vegetated).
 - e. will not the risk of flooding or water damage;
 - g. is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance (in that the house exceeds most required setbacks, given the lot's unique shape).

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

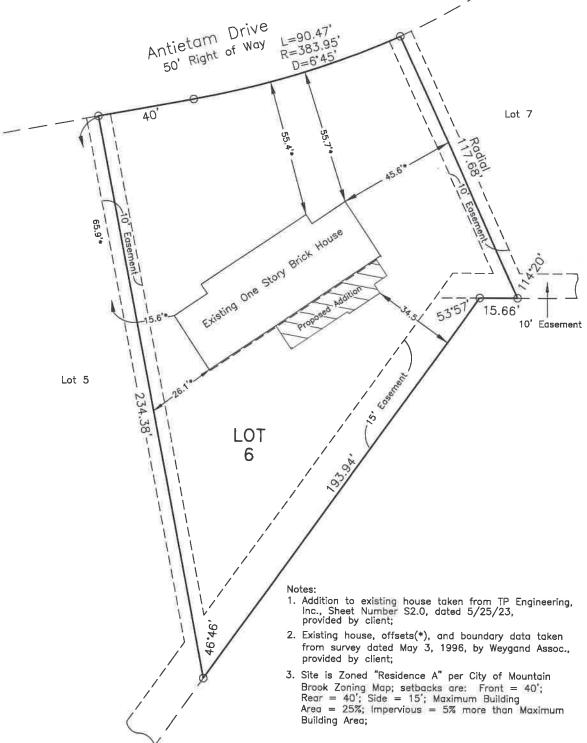
Article III, Section 129-34 Area and dimensional requirements

Appends

LOCATION: 4217 Antietam Drive

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District

OWNERS: Daniel and Mary Balkovetz



Prepared by Rowland Jackins, PLS Alabama Reg. No. 18399

PLOT PLAN

Lot 6, Amended Map of Cherokee Bend First Sector

Mapbook 70, Page 21, Judge of Probate Office, Jefferson County, Alabama

Scale: 1 Inch = 30 Feet June, 2023

JACKINS, BUTLER & ADAMS, INC.

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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

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")
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How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?
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4025 Kelly Creek Lane, Moody, AL 35004

City of Mountian Brook Variance Application Part 2

4217 Antietam Drive

The lot at 4217 Antietam Drive has a hardship due to the uncommon size and shape of the lot. Further, the overall size of the lot is smaller than the current 30,000 SF requirement. The rear property line is skewed rather than relatively square and therefor the left side of the lot is approximately 50% shorter than the right, and shorter than adjacent lots in general. For this reason, a small addition off the rear would encroach slightly on the required rear setback on the left corner only.

The purpose of this relief request is to add a small addition off the back of the house. This addition will allow for additional living space on the lower level and the main level as well. These spaces will include a guest suite as well as a multi purpose space in the lower level. An expansion of the Master Suite on the main level will allow for a reconfiguration of the bathrooms in order to make them accessible as the owners age. An elevator will be added as well for the same purpose.

Granting of this variance would be consistent with the intent of the Zoning Regulations as the improvement would enhance the property and property value. The proposed addition is in the rear and therefor not visible from the street. This particular lot backs up to an oversized lot of over 10 acres with several acres of natural area in the rear, thus the requested variance would not crowd the adjacent lot.



4025 Kelly Creek Lane, Moody, AL 35004

City of Mountian Brook Variance Application

4217 Antietam Drive

June 23, 2023

BECA Residential Construction, LLC proposes to build an addition off the rear of the existing Balkovetz Residence located at 4217 Antietam Drive. Work will be performed under contract with the Owners, Daniel and Mary Balkovetz.

The addition will be a 2 story addition including basement and main level. The addition will be painted brick veneer to be consistent with the existing house, with roofing to match as well, in both slope and material. The new roof line will be lower than the existing main ridge and therefore the work will not be visible from the front. This addition will involve some amount of remodel to the existing structure in order to tie it in. All interior finishes will be consistent with or in upgrade to the existing structure.

Builder will install poured wall foundation with slab foundation. Construction access will be via the existing driveway, as to avoid more ground disturbance than required. Silt fencing will be installed along the lower side of the property as required for erosion control.

This addition will allow for additional living space on the lower level and the main level as well. These spaces would include a guest suite as well as a multi purpose space in the lower level. An expansion of the Master Suite on the main level would allow for a reconfiguration of the bathrooms in order to make them accessible as the owners age. An elevator will be added as well for the same purpose.

Victor Wright
Owner



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

	Address of Subject Property 2119 English Village Lane, Mountain Brook, AL 35223						
	Zoning Classification Residence C						
	Name of Property Owner(s) Nancy Shinouda, Blake Smith						
Phone Number 919-271-6759 / 731-446-1954 Email nancy.shinouda@gmail.com							
	Name of Surveyor Rowland Jackins						
Phone Number 205-870-3390 Email							
	Name of Architect (if applicable) Ben Strout						
	Phone Number 205-569-8774	Email ben@stroutarch.com					
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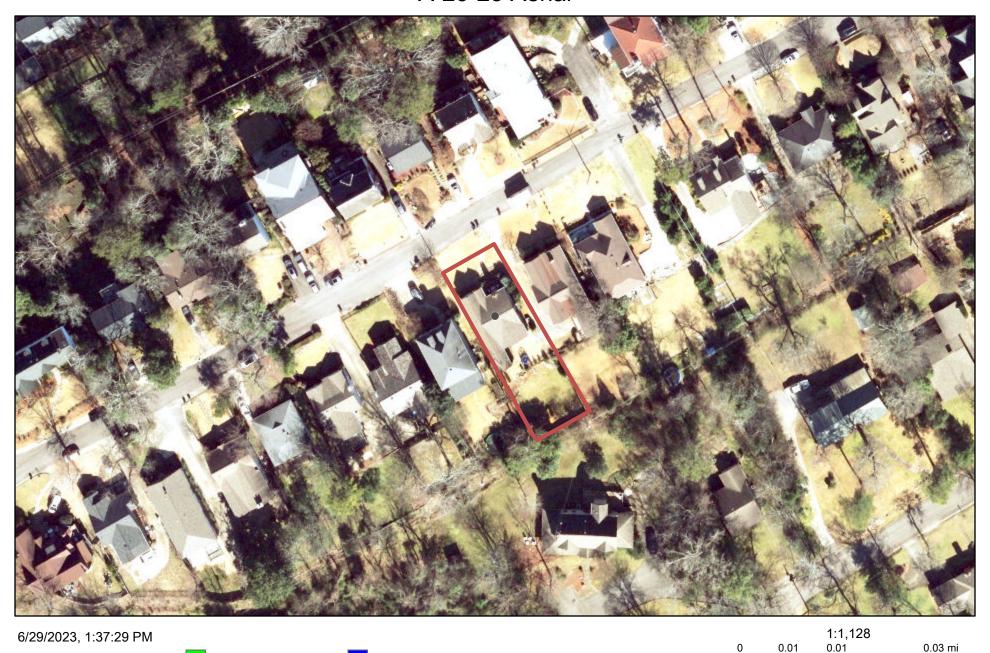
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	Zoning Code Requirement	Existing Development	Proposed Development
Lot Area (sf)	1		1
Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) primary			
Front Setback (ft) secondary			
Right Side Setback			
Left Side Setback			
Right Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:	8'	3.4'	4.6'
Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →			
Left Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →			
22' high or greater →			
Rear Setback (ft)			
Lot Coverage (%)			
Building Height (ft)			
Other	·		·
Other			

A-23-25 Zoning



A-23-25 Aerial



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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-25

Petition Summary

Request to allow additions and alterations to an existing single family dwelling to be 3 feet from the side property line (west) in lieu of the required 8 feet (for portions of the building less than 22 feet high), and in lieu of the required 12 feet (for portions of the building greater than 22 feet high).

Background

A permit request for additions and alterations to an existing single family dwelling was submitted to the city, and the permit was issued. The focus of the permit review was on the rear addition (uncovered deck); however, a new second floor addition was also proposed to the single story house. The permit reviewer inadvertently believed the second floor to be existing and not proposed as new construction. Effectively, a permit was issued for both the rear component and the second floor component, and the second floor is near completion.

Subsequently the applicant decided to apply for a variance to add a cover to the rear deck, and submitted an application for BZA. During the review of the BZA it came to light that the new second floor also needed a variance, aligning with the non-conforming first floor at 3 feet from the right side property line. As may be seen on sheet A102 of the drawings, the new second floor is much smaller in bulk than the first floor, and the portion that encroaches to within 3 feet of the side property line is approximately 13 feet in length.

The original variance request was related to the portion of the new proposed covered rear deck where a portion of the covered stairway would encroach into the side setback. This isolated request may be considered relatively minor in nature, given that the covered stairway would be located behind the farthest encroaching part of the existing side façade.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes a new 2nd story addition and new cover to the porch in the rear.

Variance Request for Setbacks

Nexus: The hardship in this case is the narrow lot width, and existing design constraints.

Standard Hardships Required

The subject request appears to meet "a." and "e." of the following hardship standards:

Section 129-455 of the municipal code outlines the hardships that the board may consider as justification for the granting of a variance:

a. exceptional narrowness

- b. exceptional shallowness
- c. irregular shape
- d. exceptional topographic conditions
- e. other extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions of such parcel which would result in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties (existing design constraints).

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

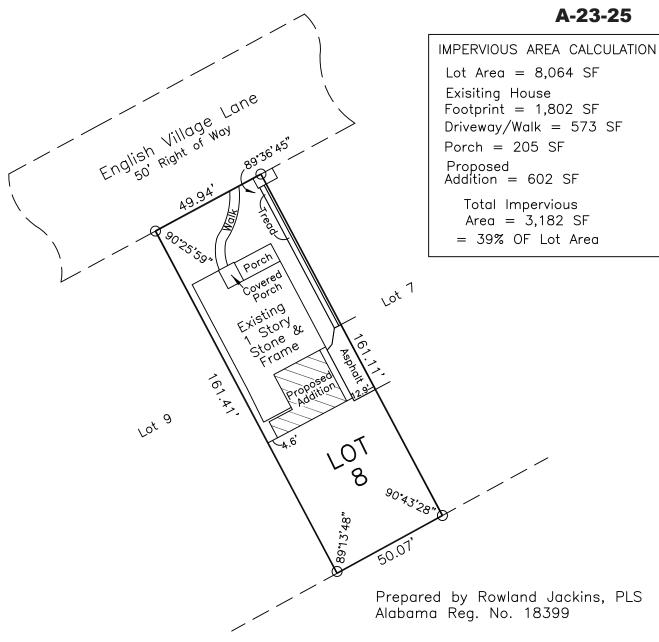
Article V, Section 129-63 Area and dimensional requirements

Appends

LOCATION: 2119 English Village Lane

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C District

OWNERS: Nancy Shinouda and Blake SMith



Notes:

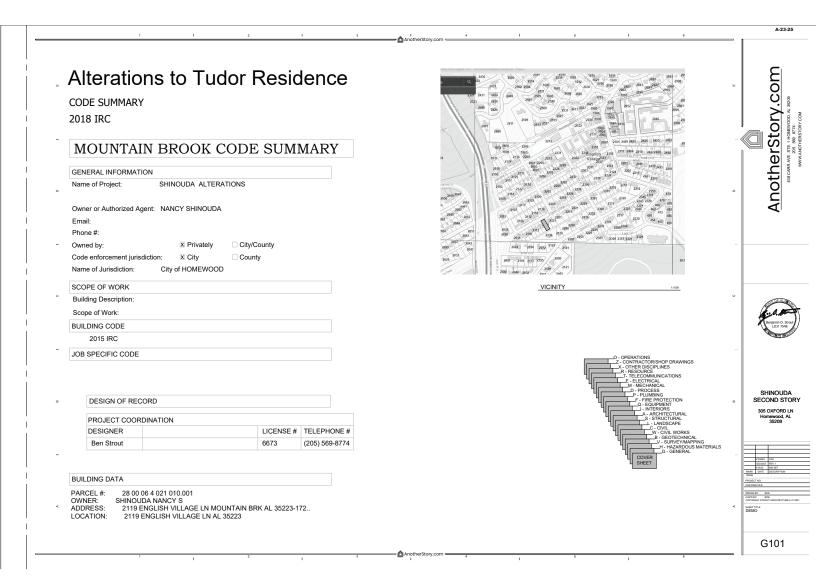
- 1. Proposed Addition depiction taken from AnotherStory.com Sheet A102, provided by client;
- 2. Existing improvements and lot dimensions are scaled from Surveying Solutions, Inc. survey dated 7/9/18; provided by client;
- 3. Site is Zoned Residence "C" District, per City of Mountain Brook Zoning Map; Setbacks are: Front=35'; Rear=35'; Side=10'; minimum lot area=7500 sq.ft. Maximum Building Area=35%;

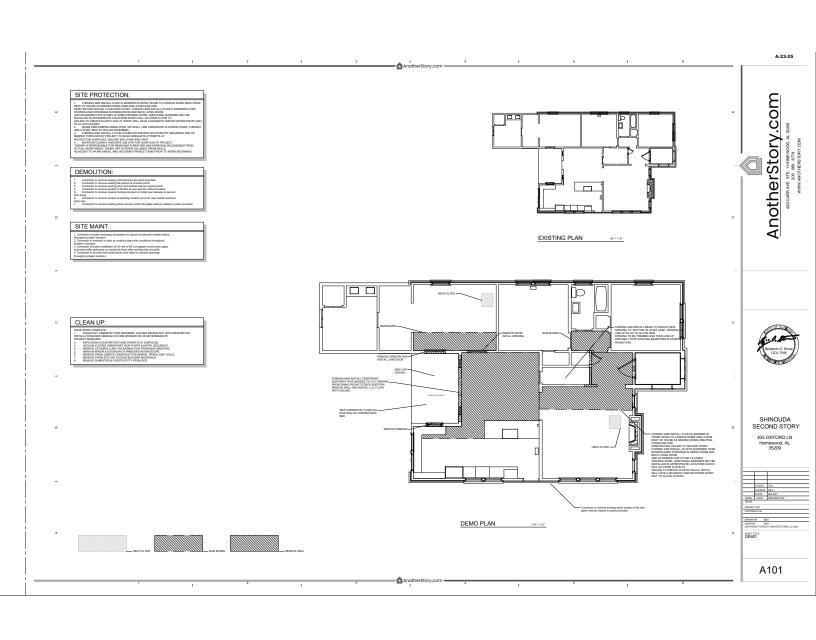


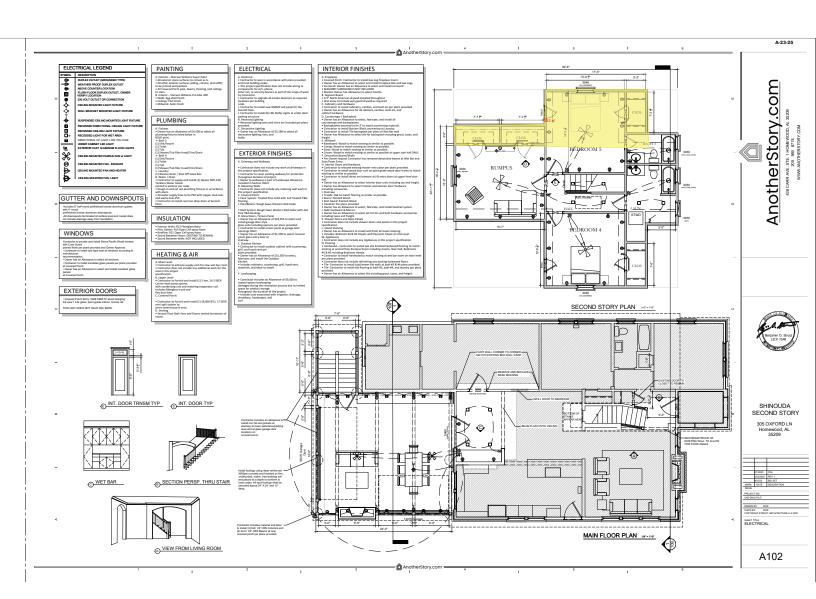
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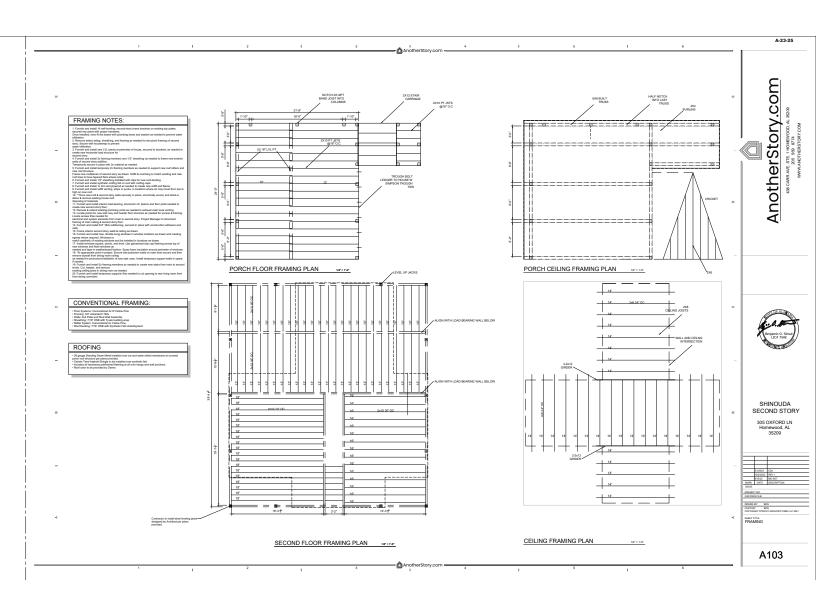
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Mapbook 7, Pages 105 & 106, Judge of
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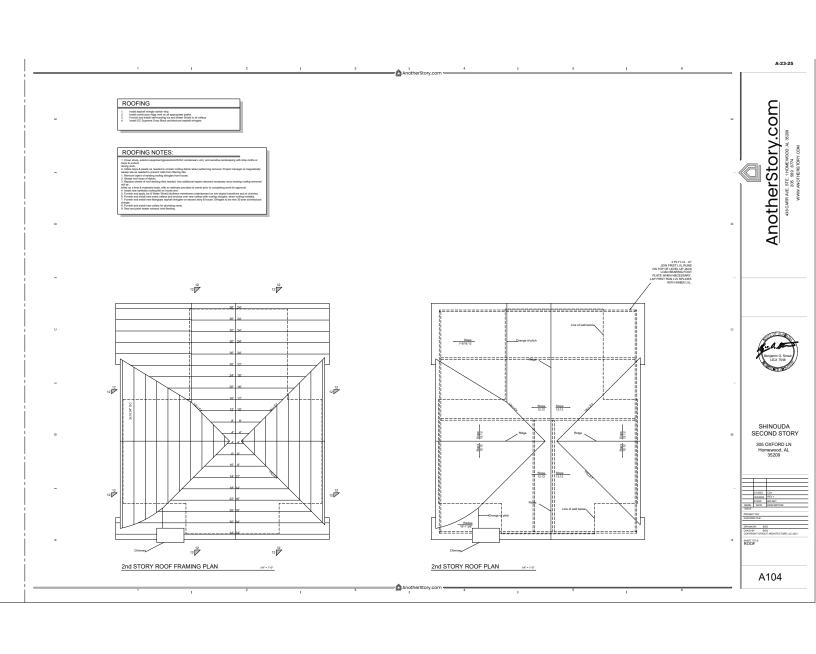
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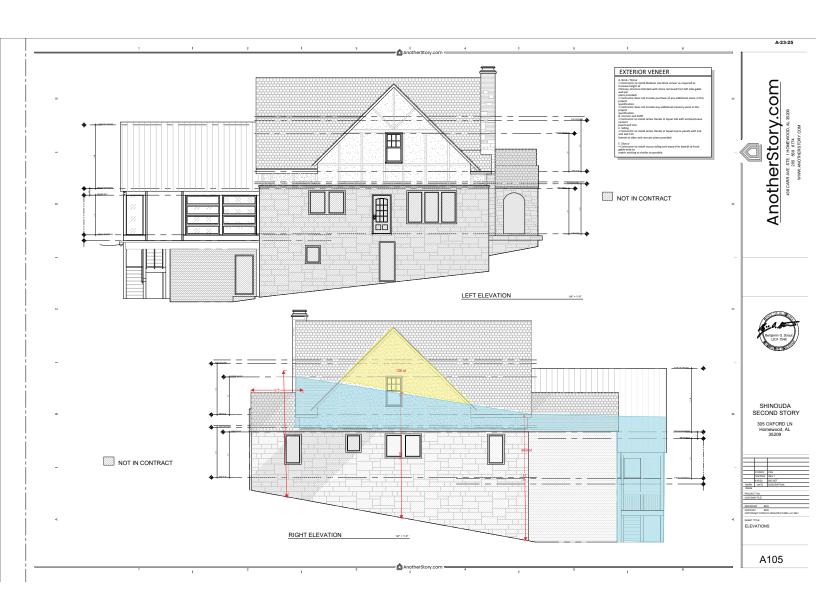




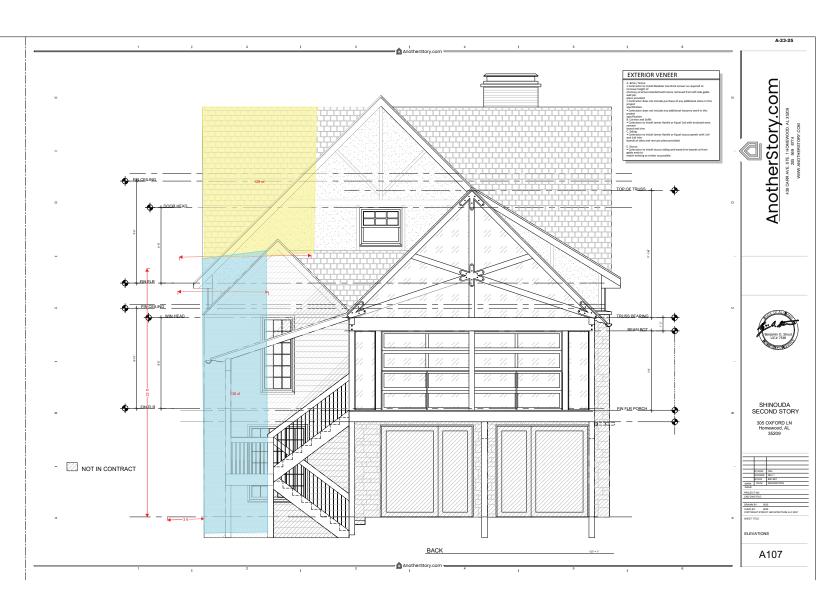


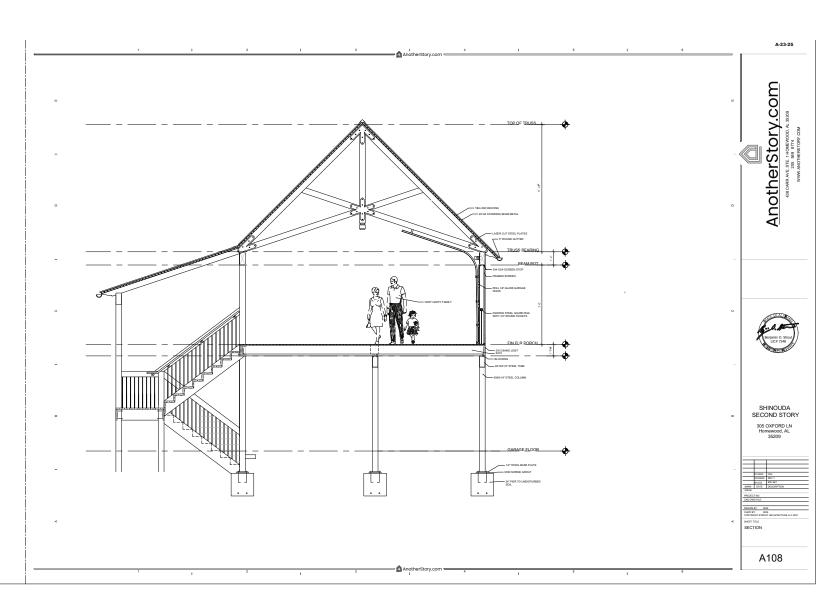


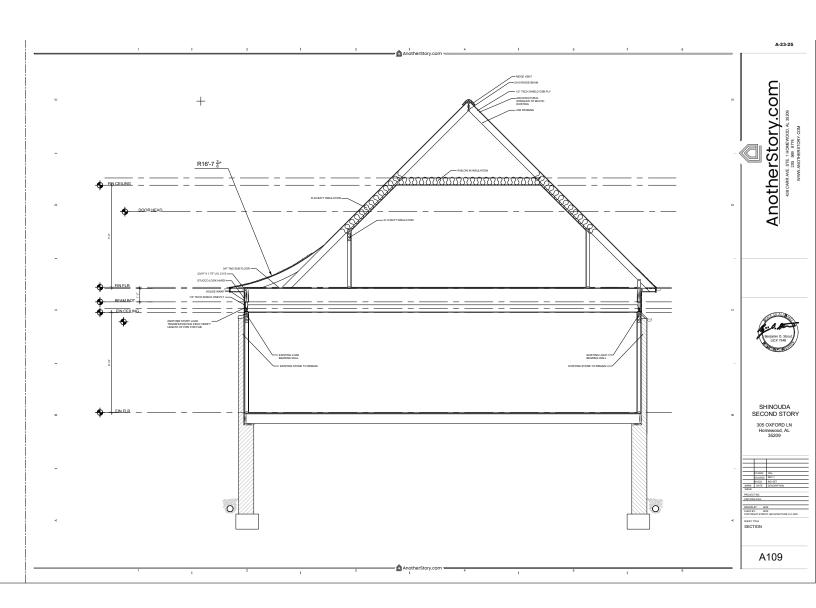














Variance Application Part II

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)? The lot is on a significant incline resulting in the rear of the house and parking pad being below the main level of the house. We are building a porch above the parking pad with stairs up to the porch allowing access to the rear of the house that we currently do not have. We would like for the stairs to be covered as it will be our primary access to the house. 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...") No. The stairs to the porch must be built alongside existing structure that was originally built within the required setback. How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations? The stairs will be built alongside existing structure of the house and will not protrude farther into the setback than the existing structure or affect neighboring property in any negative way.

Variance Application – Scope of Project

2119 English Village Lane

We are in the process of adding a second story to expand our home, but part of the addition is a new screened porch over our existing parking pad. This will allow for covered parking and a way to access the rear of our house, which we currently do not have. We will have stairs going up from the parking pad to the porch. The stairs will be built alongside existing structure of the home that was originally built within the setback. It is currently 3.4' from the property line. The stairs will be 4.6' from the line. Our building plans that were approved and underway did not have a roof over the stairs, but we would like to add this to allow for fully covered entry into the home. This will essentially be an extension of the roof from the porch and will not negatively impact the adjacent property in any way.

Nancy Shinouda – Homeowner

Blake Smith - Homeowner