BZA Packet

October 16, 2023

Hello All,

Enclosed please find your packet for the meeting of October 16, 2023.

We have:

• 3 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 (October 16, 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 October 16, 2023 PRE-MEETING: 4:45 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: September 18, 2023
- 2. Case A-23-33: Thorne and Melissa Williams, property owners, request a variance from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow additions and alterations the existing single family dwelling to be 7 feet 8 inches from the side property line (west) in lieu of the required 8 feet. 126 Spring Street
- 3. Case A-23-34: Whitt and Lucy Israel, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow additions and alterations to the existing single family dwelling to be 30 feet 11 inches from the rear property line (south) in lieu of the required 40 feet. 4009 Winston Way
- 4. Case A-23-35: Kirk and Tate Forrester, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow a detached accessory structure to be 3 feet 10 inches from the side property line (north) in lieu of the required 10 feet. 12 Montcrest Drive
- 5. Next Meeting: November 20, 2023
- 6. Adjournment



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

Address of Subject Property 126 Spring Street			
Zoning Classification126 Spring Street			
Name of Property Owner(s) Melissa and Thorne Williams			
Phone Number 214-208-8110 Email thornewilliams12@gmail.com			
Name of SurveyorMTTR Engineers - Joey Miller			
Phone Number 205-320-0114 Email jmiller@mttreng.com			
Name of Architect (if applicable) <u>Blackmon Rogers Architects, LLC - David Blackmon</u>			
Phone Number 202-837-4886 Email David@BlackmonRogers.com			
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing			

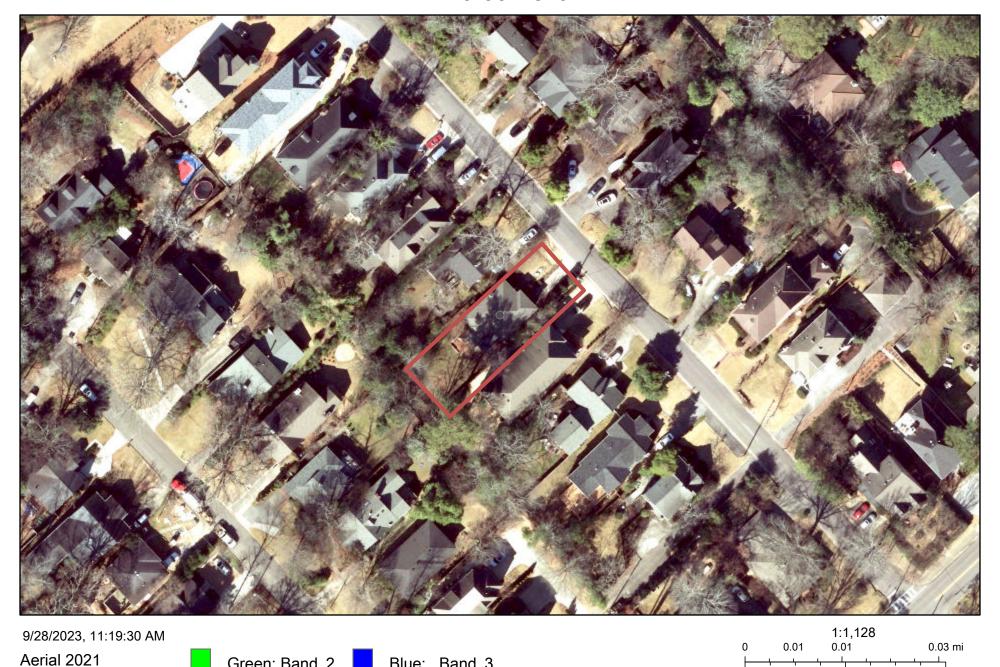
Please **fill in only applicable** project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

	Zoning Code	Existing	Proposed
	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)	7,500 sf	7,500 sf	7,500 sf
Lot Width (ft)	50'-0"	50'-0"	50'-0"
Front Setback (ft) primary	35'-0"	35'-0"	35'-0"
Front Setback (ft) secondary			
Right Side Setback	8'-0"	7'-8"	7'-8"
Left Side Setback	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
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)	35'-0"	35'-0"	35'-0"
Lot Coverage (%)	35% = 2,625 sf	1,390 sf	2,625 sf
Building Height (ft)	35'-0"	20'-0"	20'-0"
Other			
Other			

A-23-33 Zoning



A-23-33 Aerial



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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-33

Petition Summary

Request to allow additions and alterations the existing single family dwelling to be 7 feet 8 inches from the side property line (west) in lieu of the required 8 feet.

Scope of Work

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

Variance Request for Setback

Nexus: The hardships in this case are the existing design constraints and the narrow lot width. The existing home is non-conforming as it relates to the side property line.

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).

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 existing footprint along the non-conforming side will not encroach closer than it is currently and the home will remain one story).
 - 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 existing non-conforming setback will not be increased).

Impervious Area

The proposal exceeds the maximum impervious surface limit.

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

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

Affected Regulation

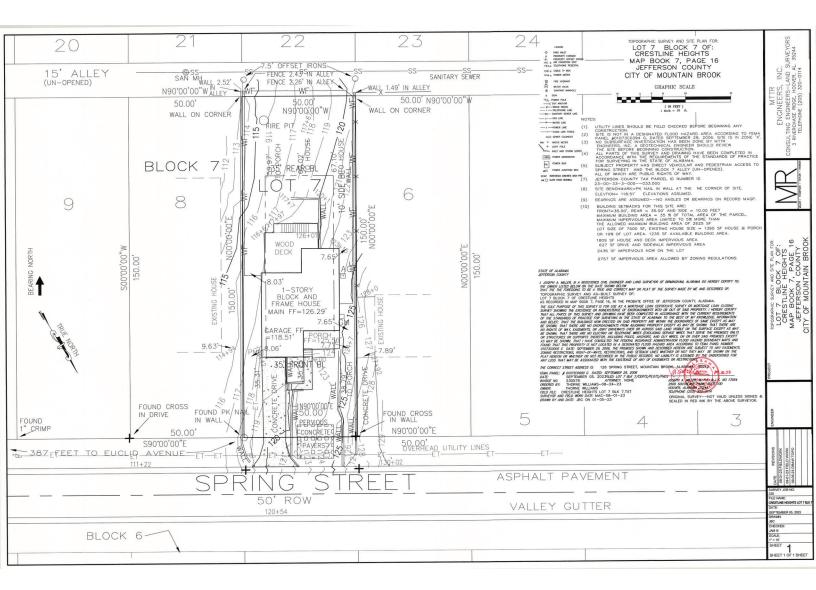
Article III, Section 129-63 Area and dimensional requirements

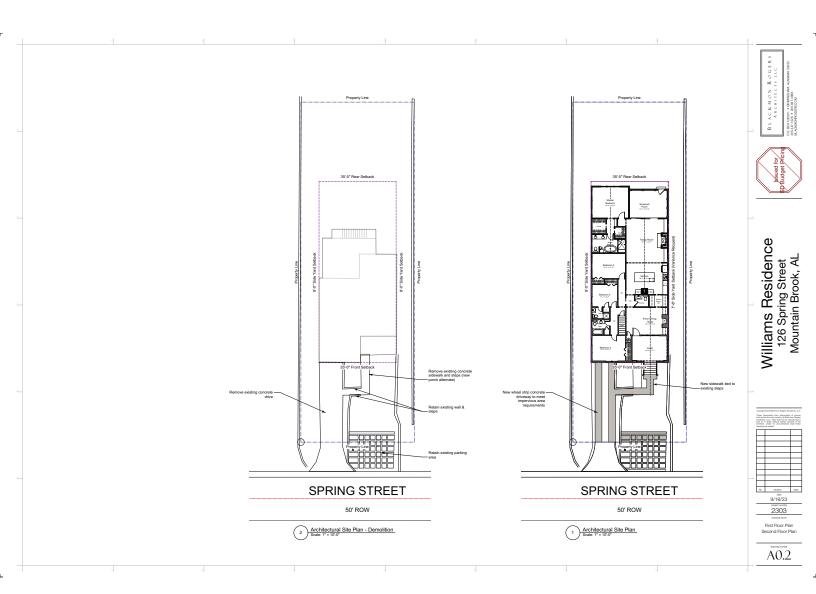
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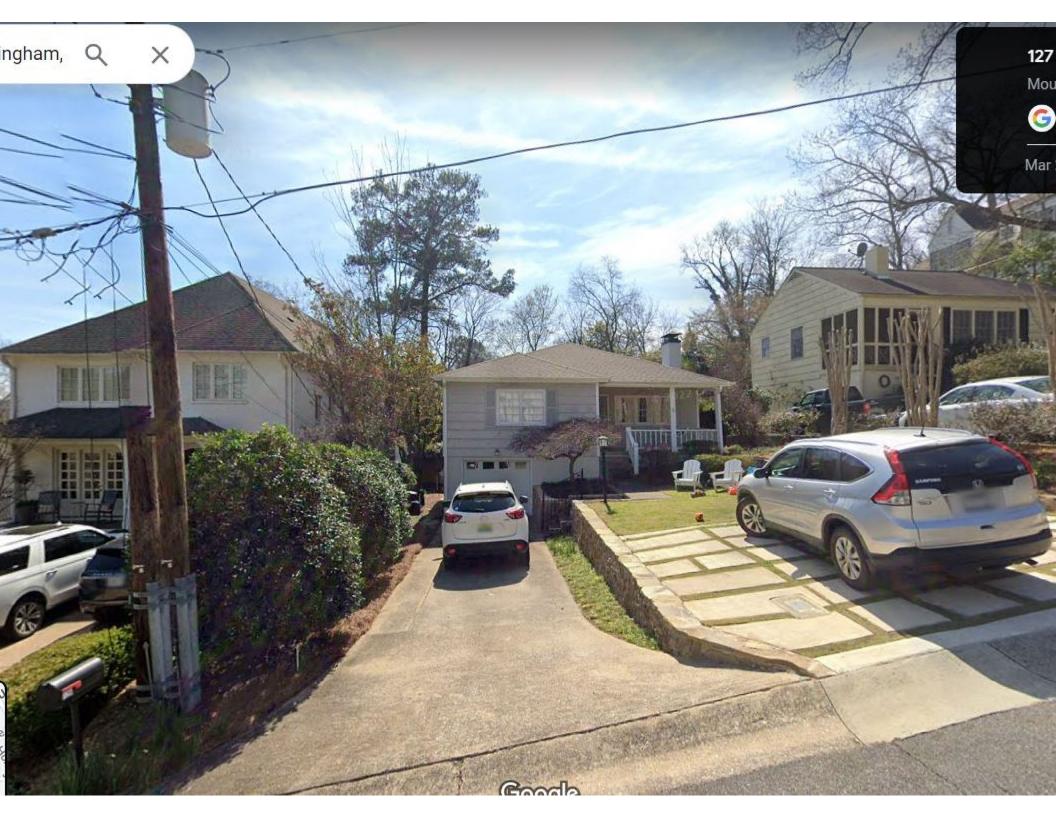
LOCATION: 126 Spring Street

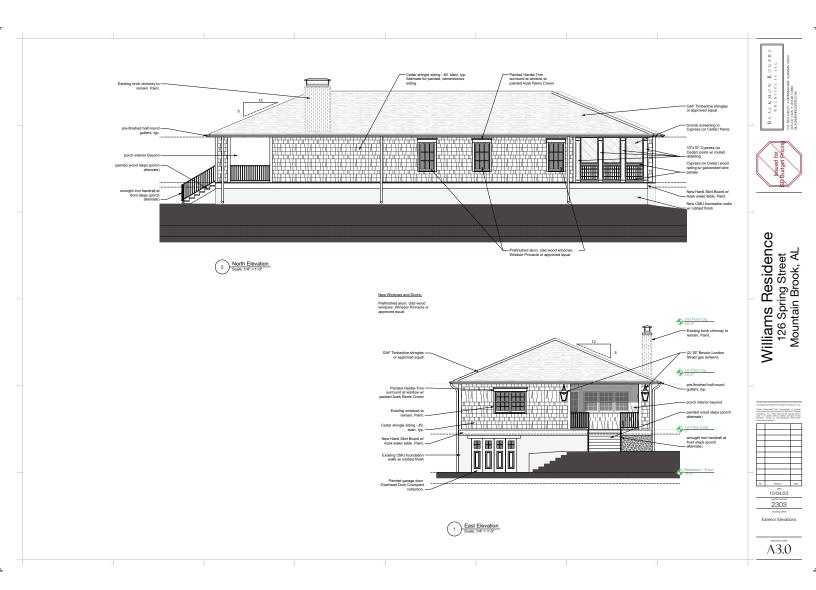
ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C District

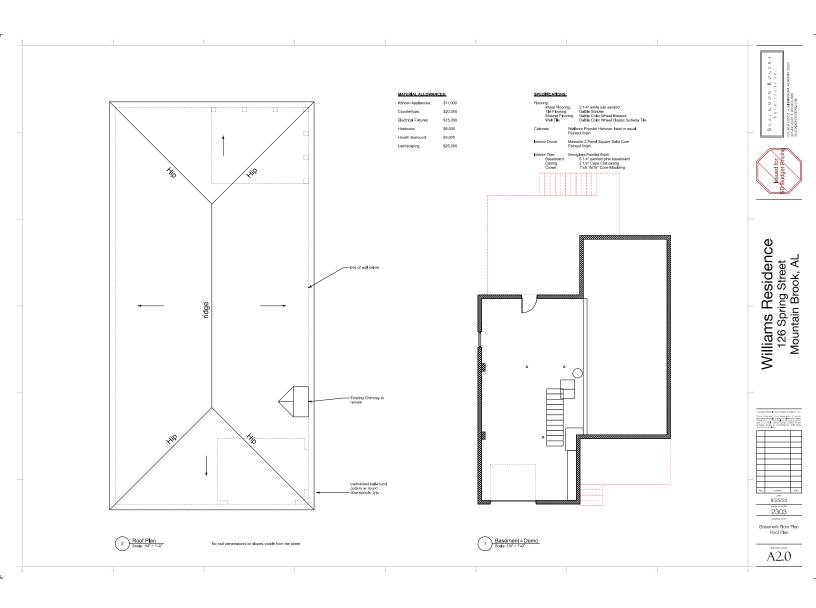
OWNERS: Melissa and Thorne Williams

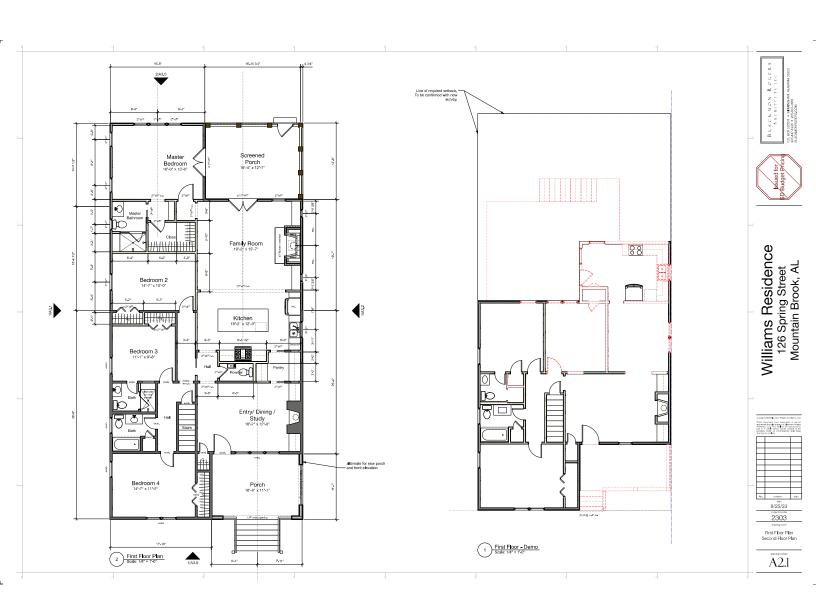


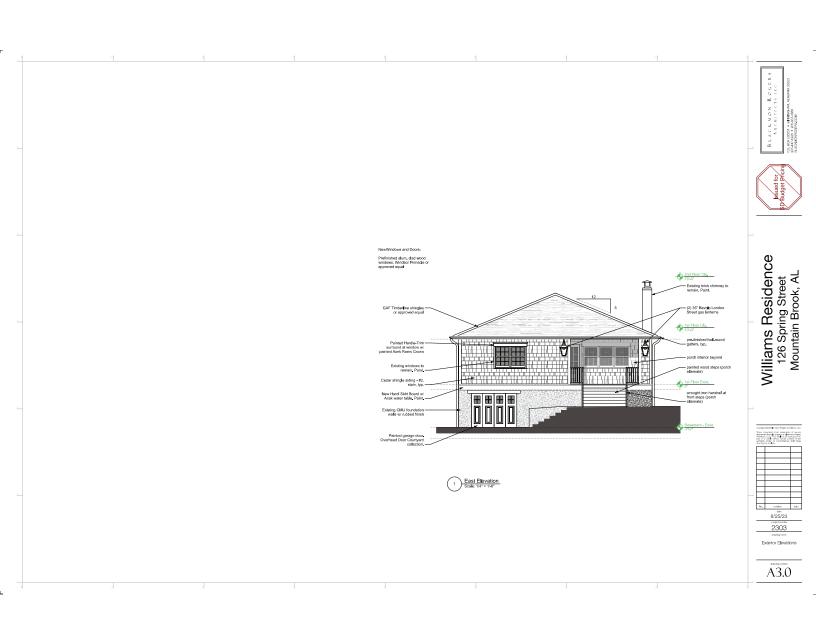












BLACKMON ROGERS ARCHITECTS LLC

September 15, 2023

Mrs. Dana Hazen Director of Planning, Building, & Sustainability 56 Church Street Mountain Brook, Alabama

Re: Request for variance of side yard setback

Dear Dana:

On behalf of our clients, Melissa and Thorne Williams, we are requesting a variance for the right (East) side yard setback per the attached application.

The clients wish to add to and renovate their existing home. The attached site plan illustrates the proposed addition which honors the front, rear and left (West) side yard setbacks. The survey revealed that the existing home was constructed slightly over the right (East) side setback. We are requesting a variance to bring this into compliance and allow the addition to align with the existing exterior wall.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like any additional information.

Yours truly,

David Blackmon, AIA

Blackmon Rogers Architects, LLC

Christian: 205 447 1226



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)?

This home is an existing non-conforming structure built prior to the adoption of our
current zoning restrictions. We are requesting variances for the right (East) side yard
setback to bring the home into compliance. The homeowner plans an addition to the
rear that would match the existing house width. No front or rear yard variance is
requested.
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")
NI.
<u>No</u>

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

We believe this is a relatively minor encroachment into the side yard setback in order to bring the existing home into compliance and to allow for an architecturally sympathetic addition that maintains and enhances the character of the neighborhood. We are working with the Civil Engineer & Glen Merchant to address stormwater management concerns.

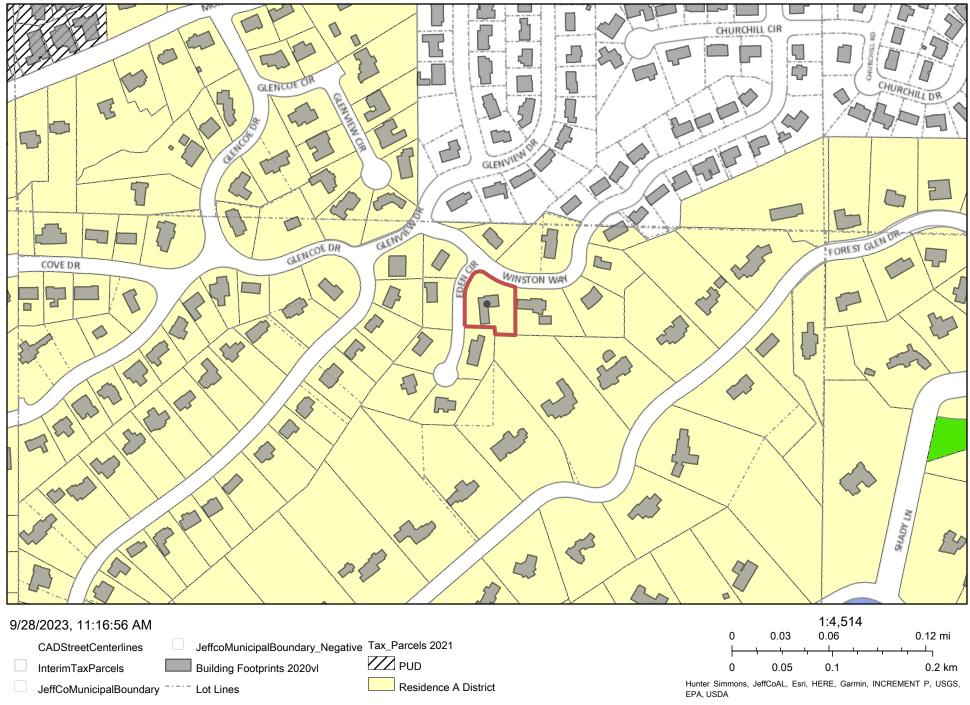


Variance Application - Part I

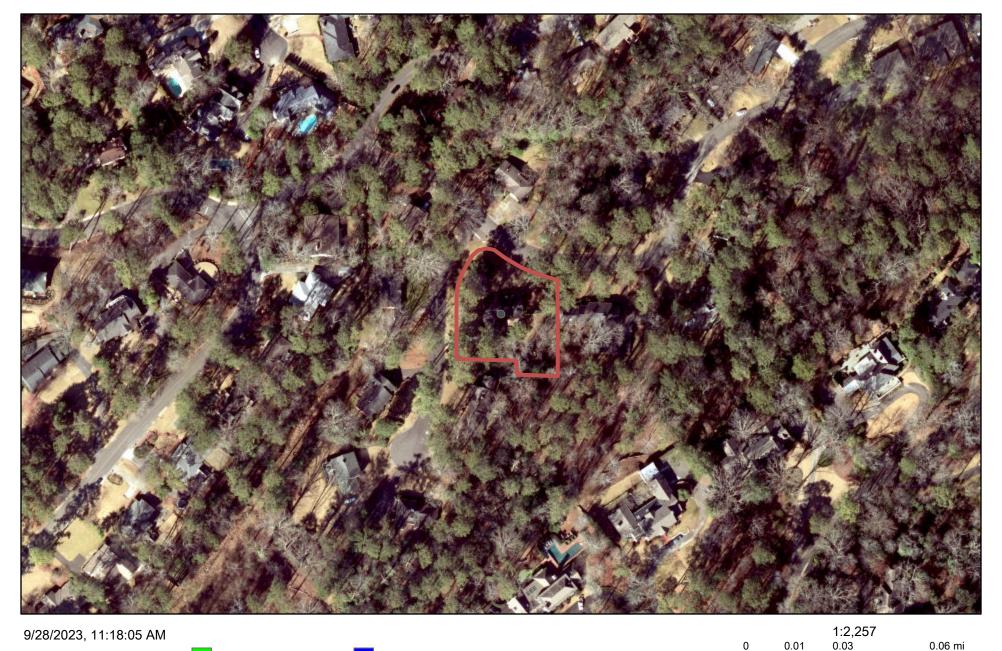
Project Data

Address of Subject Property	4009 Winston Way, 35213		
Zoning Classification Reside			
Name of Property Owner(s)	Lucy and Whitt Isra	ael	
Phone Number			m; lucymargaret@g
Name of Surveyor _ Weygan			
Phone Number 205-942-008		office@wevgandsu	rvervor.com
Name of Architect (if applicab	Je) Mary Coleman	Clark Architect LLC	
Phone Number			
Property owner or representat:			
Please fill in only applicable	,		
	Zoning Code	Existing	Proposed
I at A was (af)	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf) Lot Width (ft)			
Front Setback (ft) <i>primary</i>			
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 →			
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 →	401.011	221 4411 /22 2 2 2 2 2	201 44!!
Rear Setback (ft)	40'-0"	33'-11" (main resid	
Lot Coverage (%)		9'-1" (attached car	טונ)
Building Height (ft)			
Other			
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A-23-34 Zoning



A-23-34 Aerial



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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-34

Petition Summary

Request to allow additions and alterations to the existing single family dwelling to be 30 feet 11 inches from the rear property line (south) in lieu of the required 40 feet.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes additions and alterations to an existing single family dwelling.

Variance Request for Setback

Nexus: The hardships in this case are the corner lot configuration and existing design constraints. The corner lot has an irregularly shaped rear lot line. The existing home is non-conforming along the rear at 33 feet 1 inch from the property line currently. The request for the rear setback would allow a new addition that would create a small encroachment of 132 square feet. The angle of the existing home in relation to the rear property is the hardship for this encroachment.

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 (due to the minor nature of the one story addition being only 132 square feet, and the house to the rear presenting as side yard setback in relation to the subject location);
- 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 currently exceeds the required rear setback and 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

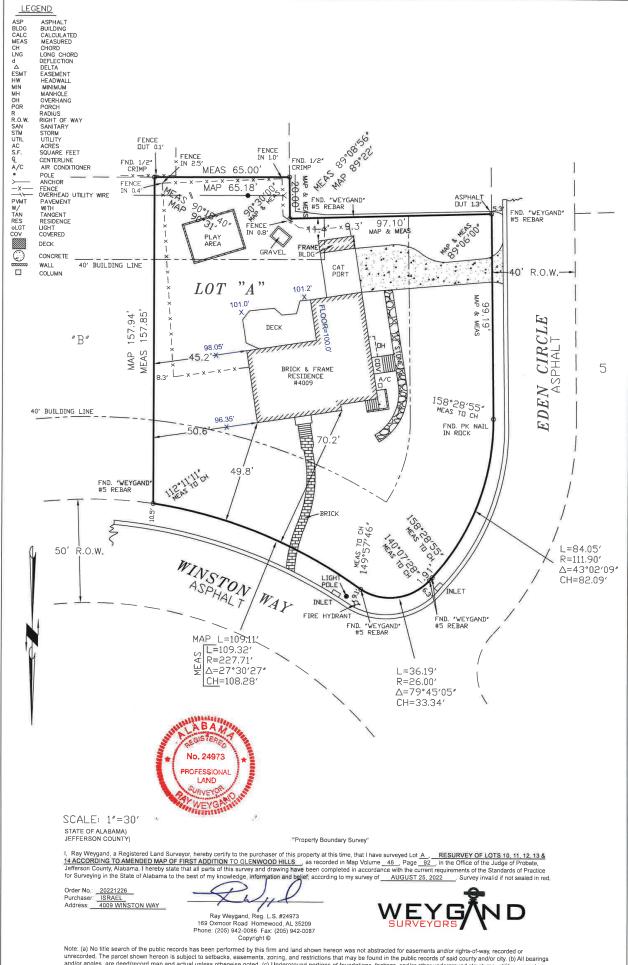
Article III, Section 129-34 Area and dimensional requirements

Appends

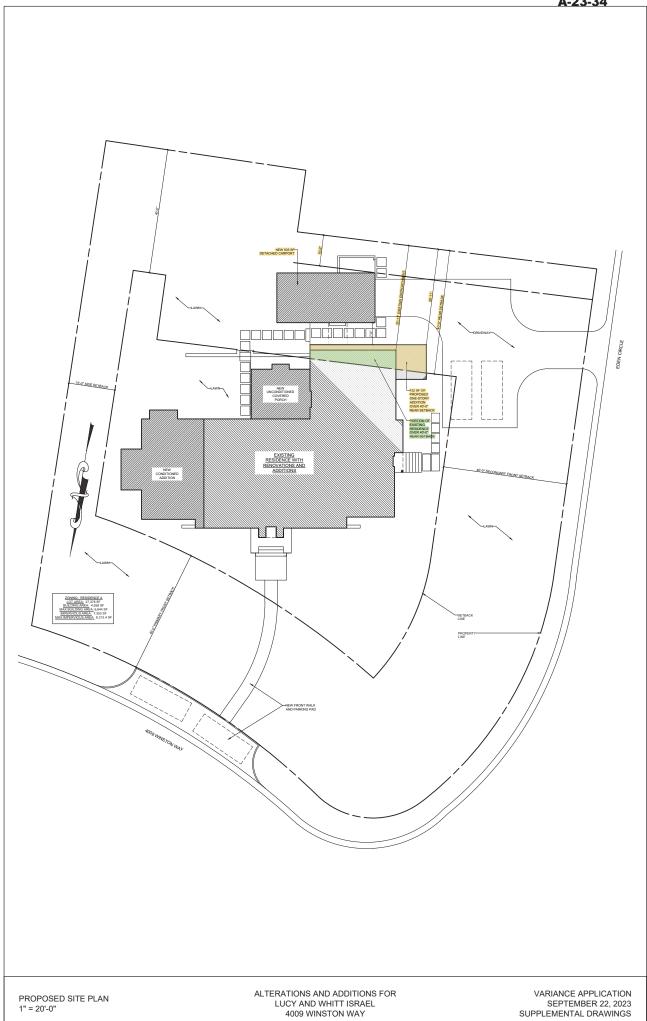
LOCATION: 4009 Winston Way

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District

OWNERS: Lucy and Whitt Israel



Note: (a) 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. (b) All bearings and/or angles, are deed/record map and actual unless otherwise noted. (c) Underground portions of foundations, footings, and/or other underground structures, utilities, cemeteries or burial sites were not located unless otherwise noted. (d) The shown north arrow is based on deed/record map. (e) This survey is not transferable. (f) Easements not shown on recorded map are not shown above.

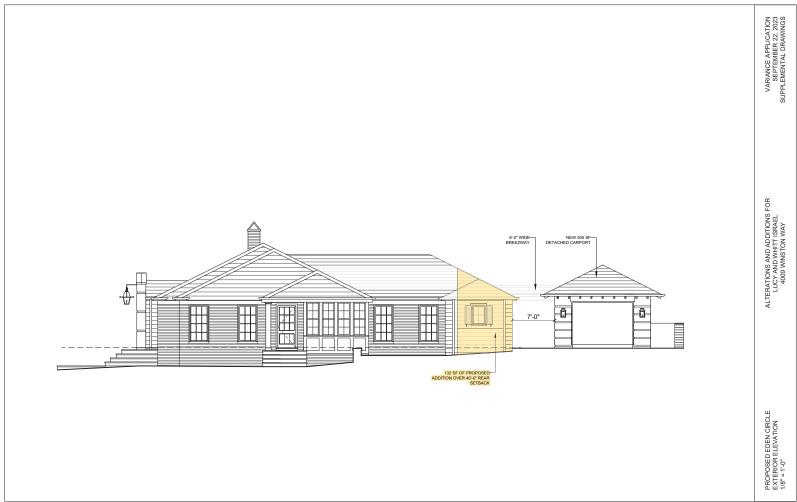




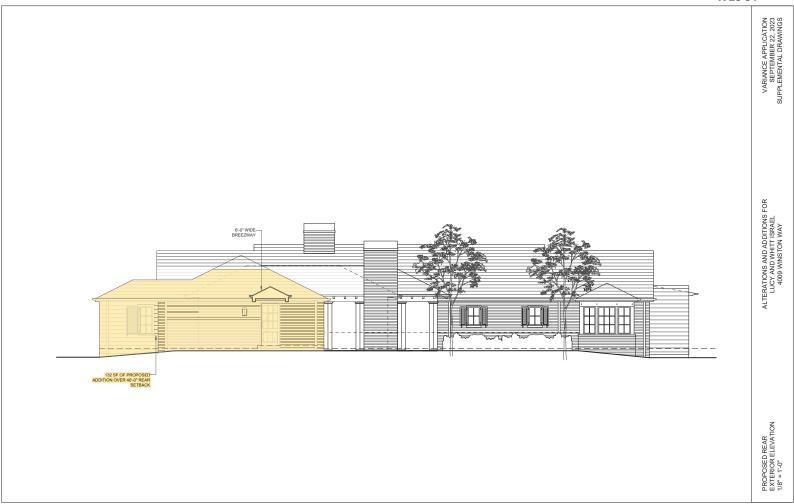








A-23-34





September 22, 2023

Tyler Slaten City Planner City of Mountain Brook 56 Church Street Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Variance Application

On behalf of the Owners, Lucy and Whitt Israel, enclosed is a variance application for 4009 Winston Way, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. The scope of the project includes alterations and additions to an existing residence, as shown in the provided supplemental drawings.

Sincerely,

Mary Coleman Clark

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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)? 4009 Winston Way is a corner lot with a primary front setback requirement of 40'-0" and a secondary front setback requirement of 40'-0". The jog in rear property line results in an irregular lot shape with the 40'-0" rear setback.
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") The Owners would like to make alterations and additions to the existing residence, and a portion of the existing residence and attached carport is built over the rear setback line posing an existing design constraint that is non-conforming to the zoning code. The existing residence is 33'-11" from the rear property line; the existing attached carport is 9'-3" from the rear property line.
How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations? In the proposed alterations and additions, the Owners would like to demolish the existing attached carport and rebuild it as a detached carport conforming to the

setback and area requirements of an accessory structure. The proposed addition to the

access to light and air as the proposed addition is limited to a one-story structure,

main residence at the rear property line would not restrict the neighbors'

132 SF of which is proposed to be in the 40'-0" rear setback.



Variance Application - Part I

Project Data

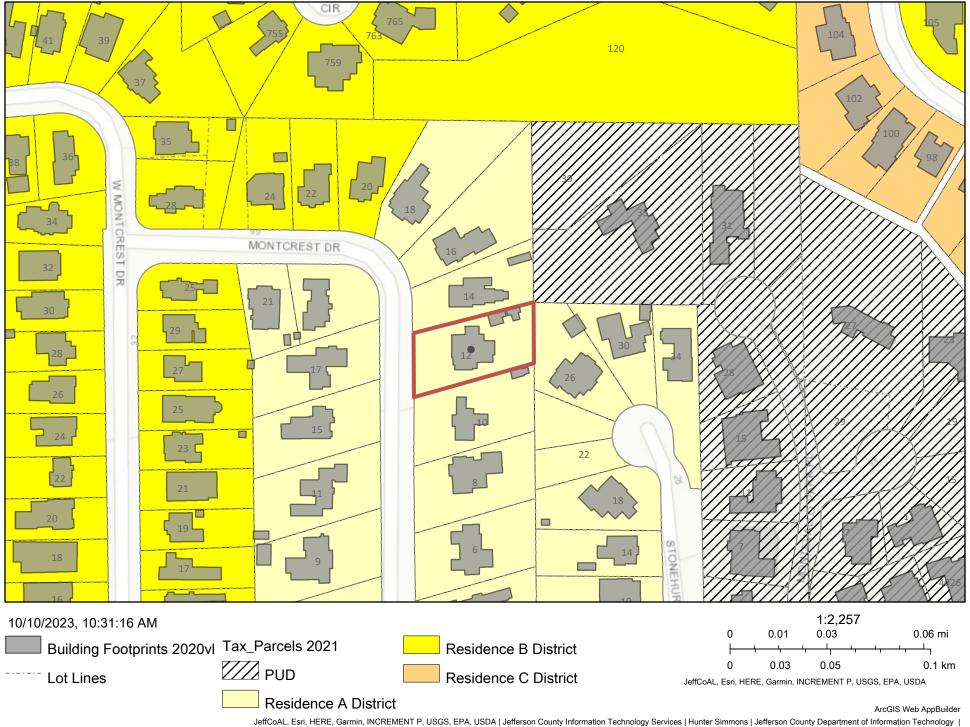
Address of Subject Property 12 Montcest Birmingham, HC 35213
Zoning Classification Zone A
Name of Property Owner(s) Fate and KINK FORRESTET
Phone Number 205-542-8503 Email Trorrester @ oneal steel com
Name of Surveyor AU SUV
Phone Number 205-663-4251 Email
Name of Architect (if applicable) LOUNG BOY HELT
Phone Number 404-512-9530 Email
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	Existing	Proposed
	Requirement	Development	Development
Lot Area (sf)	30,000	21,000	21,000
Lot Width (ft)	100,	96.7-100	96.7-100
Front Setback (ft) primary	40'	NA	Samo
Front Setback (ft) secondary	NIA	NA	Same
Right Side Setback	15	NIX	Same
Left Side Setback	15	3'10"	3,10,,
Right Side Setback (ft):			
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →	~/ \ A		NIA
22' high or greater →	NA	NA	NA
Left Side Setback (ft):	1	•	•
For non-conforming narrow			
lots in Res-B or Res-C:			
Less than 22' high →	11/A	111	NIA
22' high or greater →	NIC	NA	NA
Rear Setback (ft)	<u> 40'</u>	1911	S0000 1911
Lot Coverage (%)	25010		Same
Building Height (ft)	351		
Other			
Other			

A-23-35 Zoning



A-23-35 Aerial

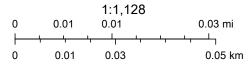


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Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-23-35

Petition Summary

Request to allow a detached accessory structure to be 3 feet 10 inches from the side property line (north) in lieu of the required 10 feet.

Background

A permit was issued on June 2, 2023 for work that included a foundation repair to an existing non-conforming detached accessory structure. The structure was lifted off of the foundation for repairs, but the structure itself required more repairs than anticipated which amounted to essentially rebuilding it, structurally, necessitating the need for a variance.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes the construction of a new detached accessory structure.

Variance Request for Setback

Nexus: The hardship in this case is the existing design constraint of the non-conforming location of the previous accessory structure and foundation.

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 that the accessory structure is replacing one that existed in the same location);

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: 12 Montcrest Drive

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District

OWNERS: Tat and Kirk Forrester











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)? MOSTY ING SCOUNTY EXISTING BUILDING AND AND LOCATION OF WOLK INCLUDED TO FORTING LOCATION.
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. It is all to unforsely conclitions. We want to affect expense to very integrated of existing structure. We litted whose building off old foundation and placed on new toundations framing work resulted in more upon than inspected.
How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations? Owner has mainfained footgrint of Gol Structure, and repaired building, mey have spent additional monies to stay within intent of code and keep as repair.