# RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS



Wednesday, 3 March 2010 1:00 p.m. Council Chambers





Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals Wednesday, March 3, 2010 2020 Hampton Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Council Chambers

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF QUORUM
- **II.** RULES OF ORDER

Joshua McDuffie, Chairman

Amelia Linder, Attorney

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 2010
- **IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Geonard Price, Zoning Administrator

09-27 SE		
Rhema Word Restoration Mnst.	Requests a special exception for a Church on property	
Carl Parrot	zoned Residential, Single- Family, Low Density. (RS-LD)	
908 North Brickyard Rd.		
Columbia, SC 29223		
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City of Columbia	Requests a variance to encroach into the required setback	
Joseph Jaco	on property zoned Rural. (RU)	
S/S Heritage Hills Dr.		
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### REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

09-27 Special Exception

#### REQUEST

The applicant is requesting the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant a special exception to permit the establishment of a place of worship on property zoned RS-LD (Residential, Single-Family, Low Density).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Applicant

Rhema Word Restoration Ministries (Carl Parrot)

Location

908 North Brickyard Road

Parcel Size 3+acre tract Existing Land Use residential

Tax Map Number

20100-02-26

#### Existing Status of the Property

The subject parcel is large tract with a 1,564 square foot residential structure.

#### Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant proposes to construct a place of worship.

#### Character of the Area

The surrounding area is a mixture of single-family residential, institutional and commercial structures and uses.

#### ZONING ORDINANCE CITATION

Table 26-V-2 of the Land Development Code authorizes the Board of Zoning Appeals to authorize places of worship, subject to the provisions of section 26-152 (d) (20).

#### CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

In addition to definitive standards in this chapter, the Board shall consider the following:

- 1. Traffic impact.
- 2. Vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- 3. Potential impact of noise, lights, fumes or obstruction of airflow on adjoining property.
- 4. Adverse impact of the proposed use on the aesthetic character of the environs, to include possible need for screening from view.
- 5. Orientation and spacing of improvements or buildings.

Staff visited the site.

Rhema Word Restoration Ministries proposes to construct a 70 x 132 (9,240 square feet) place of worship. The structure is proposed to have a 4,000 sanctuary, with a number of classrooms, offices, a media room, and a café.

Staff did not observe any conditions or factors that would negatively impact the properties in the surrounding area by the establishment of this type of development.

The proposed development will encompass a three (3) acre tract, which is located approximately a one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) mile from Hardscrabble Road and 1.6+ miles from Two Notch Road. The abutting parcel, located west of the subject parcel, is a 39 acre tract which also borders the northern portion of the parcel.

If granted approval, the proposed project will be subject to site plan review, which will entail a review from the following Richland County Departments:

- Planning
- Public Works
- Fire Marshall
- Soil and Water

#### CONDITIONS

(20) Places of worship.

- a. Use districts: Residential, Single-Family, Estate; Residential, Single-Family, Low Density; Residential, Single-Family, Medium Density; Residential, Single-Family, High Density; Manufactured Home Park.
- b. Facilities for a place of worship located on a site of three (3) acres or more shall have primary access to the facility from a collector or thoroughfare road.
- c. No parking space or drive shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet to a residence not associated with the place of worship. No parking area may be located in the front setback.
- d. The front setback shall be the same as permitted in the respective district, but shall not be less than the lesser setback of any existing homes on adjacent lots. The side and rear setbacks shall be thirty (30) feet.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT SECTIONS**

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed church layout
- Aerial
- Application

#### CASE HISTORY

No record of previous special exception or variance request.



		BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS SPECIAL EXCEPTION		
1	. L T	ocation: <u>908 North Brickyard Rd. Columbia SC 29223</u> MS Page: <u>20100-02-26</u> Block: Lot: <u>3.5ac</u> res Zoning District: <u>RS-LD</u>		
2	ד . ב	The Board of Zoning Appeals is requested to consider the granting of a special exception permitting:		
3.	с 1 1	Describe the proposal in detail: We desire to build a building that is 9240st that has a room of 4000st plus and offices and class rooms that are 4000st plus. The rest of the space will be for hallways. Outlines of building + property are included.		
4.	A	rea attributed to the proposal (square feet): $92405f$		
5.	A fo	re other uses located upon the subject property? 🗹 No 🛛 🗌 Yes (if Yes, list each use and the square notage attributed to each use):		
	а	Usesquare footage		
	b	. Usesquare footage		
	C.	Usesquare footage		
6.	Тс	otal number of parking spaces on the subject property:80		
7.	Тс	otal number of employees on shift of greatest employment: O, but we have about 100 members. (with children)		
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	a. Traffic impact: This shouldn't bring a traffic issue. We presently rent property that			
		has about 60 parking spaces and we are sharing the complex with two other churches		
	and we are all accomadated space wise with parking.			
	b.	Vehicle and pedestrian safety: This should not be an issue either due to the fact we are		
	C.	not in a sub-division but have 3.5 acres of land, and on big services we have People directing cars.		
	a problem for any of these other than may be noise. The is due to if we have an outside			
	fellowship. No more than a family cookout. d. Adverse impact of the proposed use on the aesthetic character of the environs, to include possible			
	need for screening from view: The building should cause the community to have added beauty when it is erected and property is developed.			
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		requirements, we prepared ourselves to meet them. The diagram should show idea, with requirements met.		

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#### REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

#### 10-02 Variance

#### REQUEST

The applicant is requesting the Board of Appeals to grant a variance to encroach into the required setbacks on property zoned RU (Rural District).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Applicant

City of Columbia (Joseph Jaco)

#### Location S/S Heritage Hill Drive

Parcel Size .063± acre tract Existing Land Use Water facility

Tax Map Number

14705-01-08

#### Existing Status of the Property

The subject property has an existing water facility.

#### Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant is proposing to house a pressure reducing station within a 200 square foot building.

#### Character of the Area

The area is a comprised residential subdivisions and large, undeveloped tracts.

#### ZONING ORDINANCE CITATION

Section 26-33 (a) (2) of the Land Development Code empowers the Board of Zoning Appeals to authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of this chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this chapter would result in an unnecessary hardship. Such appeals shall be made in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in Sec. 26-57 of this chapter.

#### **CRITERIA FOR VARIANCE**

Standard of review. The board of zoning appeals shall not grant a variance unless and until it makes the following findings:

- a. That there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property; and
- b. That these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity; and
- c. That because of these conditions, the application of this chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and

d. That the authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the granting of the variance will not harm the character of the district.

#### DISCUSSION

Staff visited the site.

The applicant is requesting a variance to construct a pressure reducing station within a  $200\pm$  square foot building, which will encroach into the required front and side yard setbacks. In the RU district, a 40 foot front yard setback and a 20 foot side yard setback is required.

The applicant states that the parcel was created with the purpose of establishing a public utility. The parcel is nonconforming according to the rural district requirements for lot area (33,000 square feet) and width (120 feet). The proposed structure will encroach into the required front yard setback by twenty-three (23) feet, the southern side yard by ten (10) feet and the northern side yard by four and one-half (4½) feet. The purpose of the encroachment is to create an area for the location of a generator and propane tanks. The applicant proposes to construct the building with architectural considerations that will match the area.

Staff believes that the subject parcel meets the criteria required for the granting of a variance and should be approved.

According to the standard of review, a variance shall not be granted until the following findings are made:

#### a. Extraordinary and exceptional conditions

The parcel is a lot of record. A variance would be required to establish any proposed use on the property.

- b. <u>How were conditions created</u> Property was approved by the register of deeds for recordation.
- c. <u>Conditions applicable to other properties</u> Staff is unable to determine if these conditions apply to other parcels.
- d. <u>Application of the ordinance restricting utilization of property</u> Failure to obtain a variance would prohibit the use of this parcel.
- e. <u>Substantial detriment of granting variance</u> The granting of the variance will not be a detriment to the adjacent parcels.

#### CONDITIONS

26-57(f) (3)

*Conditions*. In granting a variance, the board of zoning appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure or use as the board of zoning appeals may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area, or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare. The board of zoning appeals may also prescribe a time limit within which the action for which the variance was sought shall be begun or completed, or both.

#### OTHER RELEVANT SECTIONS

#### 26-57 (f) (1) Formal review.

(1) Action by the board of zoning appeals. Upon receipt of the application for a variance request from the planning department, the board of zoning appeals shall hold a public meeting on the proposed variance request. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an authorized agent. In considering the application, the board of zoning appeals shall review the application materials, the staff comments and recommendations, the general purpose and standards set forth in this chapter, and all testimony and evidence received at the public hearing. After conducting the public hearing, the board of zoning appeals may:

- a. Approve the request;
- b. Continue the matter for additional consideration; or
- c. Deny the request.

Any approval or denial of the request must be by a concurring vote of a majority of those members of the board of zoning appeals both present and voting. The decision of the board of zoning appeals shall be accompanied by written findings that the variance meets or does not meet each of the standards set forth in subparagraph (2) below. The decision and the written findings shall be permanently filed in the planning department as a public record. The written decision of the board of zoning appeals must be delivered to the applicant.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Plat
- Application

#### CASE HISTORY

No record of previous special exception or variance request.









## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS VARIANCE APPEALS



Application #

1. Location <u>Heritage Hills Subdivision Minor PT Lot 94 (along Wilson Blvd. - US 21)</u>

TMS Page <u>R14705</u>Block <u>01</u>Lot <u>08</u>

Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_RU

- 2. Applicant hereby appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance from the strict application to the property as described in the provisions of Section <u>26-85.c.4</u> of the Richland County Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. Applicant requests a variance to allow use of the property in a manner shown on the attached site plan, described as follows: <u>The construction of new Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) housing.</u>
- 4. The application of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set by <u>Sec. 26-602.3b(1)</u> of the Richland County Zoning Code are met by the following facts.
  - a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as following: <u>The property is used by the City of Columbia for essential water distribution equipment</u>. <u>The</u> <u>variance will enable the City to install equipment to substantially improve the water supply to northeast</u> <u>Richland County</u>.
  - b) Describe how the conditions listed above were created: The property was obtained by the City of Columbia from Heritage Hills Development in 2001 for the sole purpose of supplying water to the community.
  - c) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by: <u>The adjacent properties are residential</u>. This property is for non-occupied space to house essential water supply equipment.
  - d) Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property as follows: <u>The proposed</u> improvements to better supply water to northeast Richland County would not be built.
  - e) The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to the adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance for the following reasons: <u>There currently exist water facilities on the property</u>. The improvements will include architectural considerations to match the area. The variance will help supply water to the communty.
- 5. The following documents are submitted in support of this application [a site plan must be submitted]:
  - a) Site Plan
  - b) Photos of surrounding area
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
    - (Attach additional pages if necessary)

- CAR-	P.O. Box 147	803-545-3400
Applicant's Signature	Address	Telephone Number
Joseph D. Jaco	Columbia, SC 29217	0
Printed (typed) Name	City, State, Zip Code	Alternate Number



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