RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS



Wednesday, 6 October 2010 1:00 p.m. Council Chambers



Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals Wednesday, October 6, 2010 2020 Hampton Street 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

Joshua McDuffie,

Chairman

II. RULES OF ORDER

Amelia Linder,

Attorney

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September, 2010

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Geonard Price, Zoning Administrator

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Willard R. Cox
511 Langford Rd.
Blythewood SC 29016
17800-01-65

10-16 V





REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-16 Variance

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting the Board of Appeals to grant a variance to exceed the maximum square footage for an accessory structure on property zoned RU (Rural).

GENERAL INFORMATION

ApplicantTax Map NumberWillard Cox17800-01-65

LocationParcel SizeExisting Land UseLangford Road2.03 acre tractResidential

Existing Status of the Property

The subject property has a 1,688 square foot dwelling, which was originally constructed 1940.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant is proposing the construction of an accessory structure (barn) which will exceed the maximum allowed square footage.

Character of the Area

The area is comprised of large tracts of land, both vacant and residentially developed.

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
- 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 proposing to replace an existing barn with "a new 40'x60' (2,400) workshop/storage building with a 20'x40' (800) roof extension (shed)." The 3,200 square foot structure would exceed the allowed square footage for an accessory structure by 2,000 square feet. According to section 26-185 (b) (1) (d) of the LDC, the maximum total area for an accessory structure is 1,200 square feet.

Staff believes that the subject parcel does not meet all of the criteria required for the granting of a variance. Staff recommends that the request be **denied**. According to the standard of review, a variance shall not be granted until the following findings are made:

a. Extraordinary and exceptional conditions

Staff was unable to establish that extraordinary and/or exceptional conditions exist.

- b. How were conditions created
- c. Conditions applicable to other properties
- d. Application of the ordinance restricting utilization of property
- e. Substantial detriment of granting variance

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.

- (b) Accessory uses and structures (customary).
 - (1) General standards and limitations.
 - d. Size restrictions. Accessory structures in residential districts shall not exceed a maximum total area of fifty percent (50%) of the gross floor area of the principal building or one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet, whichever is greater, and shall not cover more than thirty percent (30%) of the yard.

ATTACHMENTS

- Application
- Plat

CASE HISTORY

No record of previous special exception or variance request.

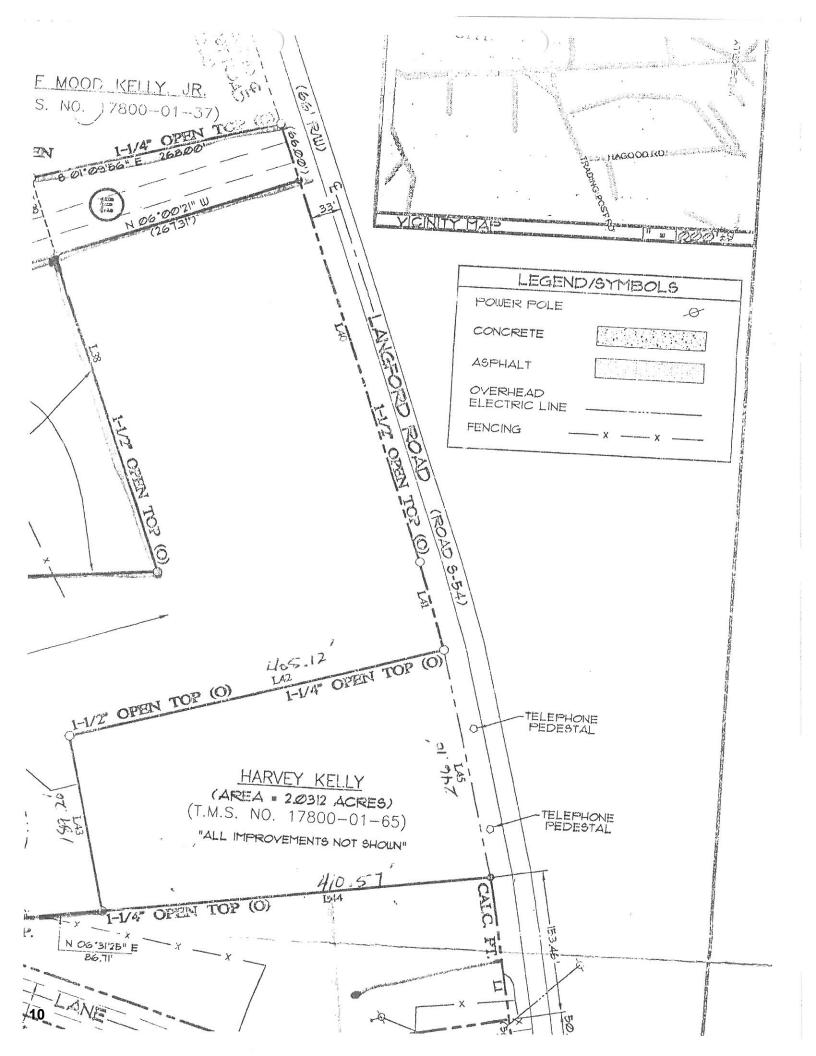


BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS VARIANCE APPEALS



Application #

1.	Loc	cation <u>5//</u>	Langford R	d. Blythe	wood SC		
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2.	Ap	plicant hereb	y appeals to the Zon	ing Board of App	eals for a variance fror of the R	n the strict application to the ichland County Zoning Ordinance.	
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1.		The application of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set by Sec. 26-602.3b(1) of the Richland County Zoning Code are met by the following facts.					
	a)	a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as following: The Existing described building will be Leucoved and a New Workshop / Storage building will be Elected which will blend with the people and williase both spreamile and value.					
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	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: ME TO STORE MY EARLYMENT (FROM BATY WORK FOOLS) SAFELY AND COLINE A FINANCIAL MANGENT ON ME THE HOWERS SPENT THE MONEY & PROPERTY.					
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	The	following do	cuments are submit	ted in support of t	his application [a site p	plan must be submitted]:	
	b)						
	c)						
		Attach	additional pages if	necessary)		*****	
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HARVEY KElly (AREA - 2, 0312 ACRES) (TMS. No. 17800-01-65)

189,2'

10-17 SE

Jeffery Godby
Nutcracker Properties, LLC
124 Bombay Dr.
Columbia, SC 29209
16100-04-13

10-17 SE





REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-17 Special Exception

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting the Board of Zoning Appeals to establish a manufactured home on property zoned M-1 (Light Industrial).

GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Applicant</u>

Jeffrey Godby

Tax Map Number

16100-04-13

Location

124 Bombay Drive

Parcel Size

1.67-acre tract

Existing Land Use

Vacant

Existing Status of the Property

The subject parcel is currently vacant.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant proposes to place a manufactured home on the subject parcel.

Character of the Area

The adjacent properties along Bombay Drive are primarily industrially developed.

ZONING ORDINANCE CITATION

Table 20-V-2 of the Land Development Code authorizes the Board of Zoning Appeals to authorize manufactured homes subject to the standards of section 26-152 (d) (11).

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.

DISCUSSION

Staff visited the site.

The applicant is requesting to establish a manufactured home to "...house single family..."

Bombay Drive, located off of Bluff Road, is a dead-end road that serves thirteen (13) parcels. Ten (10) of the parcels are industrially developed. The remaining parcels are undeveloped.

The granting of this request should create a minimum impact with regards to the Standards of Review for a special exception. However, staff is concerned that the proposed use is not compatible with the industrial development of the surrounding area.

Staff recommends that the request be denied.

CONDITIONS

Section 26-56 (f) (3)

(3) Conditions: In granting a special exception, the board of zoning appeals may prescribe conditions and safeguards in addition to those spelled out in this chapter. The board of zoning appeals may also prescribe a time limit within which the special exception shall be begun or completed, or both. All conditions placed on the project by the board of zoning appeals shall be incorporated into such project.

OTHER RELEVANT SECTIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Application
- Plat

CASE HISTORY

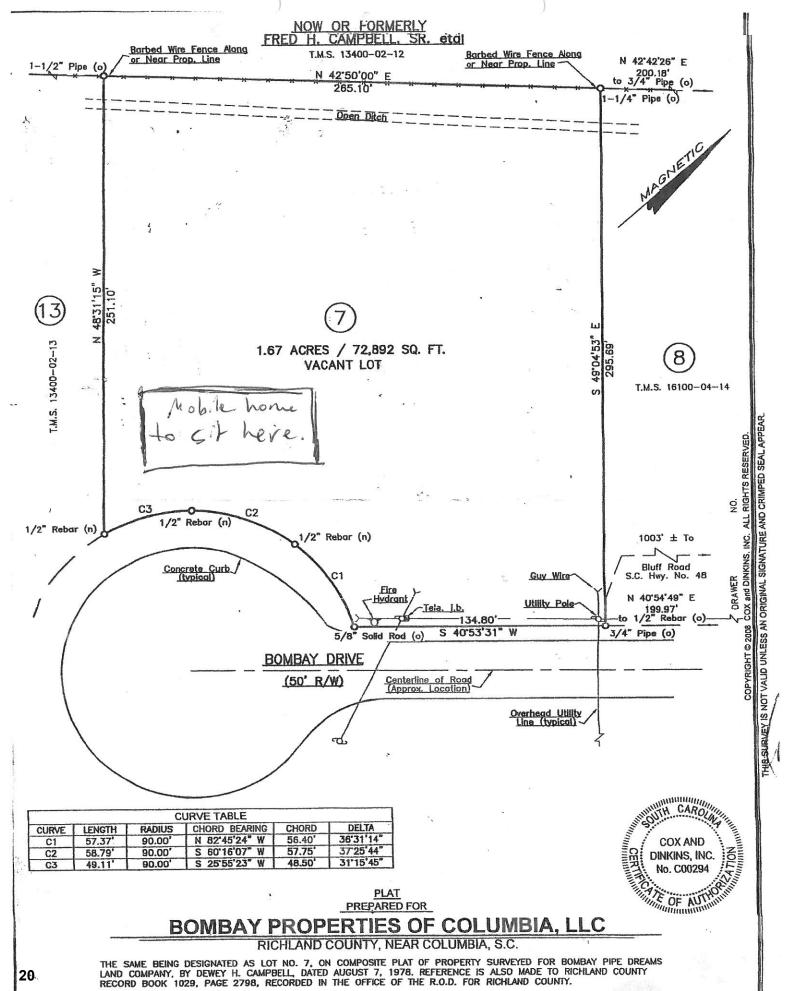
No record of previous special exception or variance request.



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS SPECIAL EXCEPTION



1.	Location: 124 Bombay Drive, Columbia, SC 29209					
	ΤΝ	IS Page:16100 Block:04				
2.	The Board of Zoning Appeals is requested to consider the granting of a special exception permitting: placing mobile home on propery					
3.	Describe the proposal in detail: Place mobile home on property to house single family and					
possibly be used as temporary office in the future.						
4.	Are	ea attributed to the proposal (square feet): 1000-1500 sq.f-1. (Property is 72,892 sq.				
 Are other uses located upon the subject property? ☐ No ☐ Yes (if Yes, list each use and the footage attributed to each use): 						
	a.	Usestorage of trucks & trailers square footage3,000				
	b.	Usesquare footage				
	C.	Use square footage				
6.	Tot	al number of parking spaces on the subject property:0				
7.		al number of employees on shift of greatest employment:0				
8.	Address the following Standards of Review (Sec. 26-56 (f) (2) of the Richland County Development Code). Please note that the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals will use answers, among other things, as they evaluate your request. a. Traffic impact: <u>none</u>					
	b.	Vehicle and pedestrian safety:none				
	c. Potential impact of noise, lights, fumes or obstruction of airflow on adjoining property: <u>none</u>					
	d. Adverse impact of the proposed use on the aesthetic character of the environs, to include possible need for screening from view:none					
	e.	Orientation and spacing of improvements or buildings:n/a				



10-18 V

Dennis Hunniford
New Haven Circle
Chapin, SC 29036
01409-03-16



REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-18 Variance

REQUEST

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Tax Map Number
Dennis Hunniford 01409-03-16

LocationParcel SizeExisting Land UseHaven Circle.76 acre tractUndeveloped

Existing Status of the Property

The subject property is heavily wooded and undeveloped.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant is proposing to construct a residential structure which will encroach into the required side yard setback.

Character of the Area

The area is comprised of single-family residential dwellings, many of which abut Lake Murray.

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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 residential structure which will encroach into the required side yard setback by seven feet - four inches (7'4") feet. In the RU district, the required setbacks for a principle structure are:

- Front 40 feet
- Rear 50 feet
- Side 20 feet

The parcel is conforming according to the rural district requirements for lot area (33,000 square feet).

The configuration of the parcel confines the buildable area to roughly the front half of the property. The rear portion is narrow and restricts the buildable width to approximately ten (10); however, the front portion does meet the required width (120') for a RU zoned parcel.

According to the applicant, the encroachment would allow for maximization of the lake.

Staff believes that the subject parcel does not meet all of the criteria required for the granting of a variance. Staff recommends that the request be **denied**. According to the standard of review, a variance shall not be granted until the following findings are made:

a. Extraordinary and exceptional conditions

Staff was unable to determine that extraordinary and/or exceptional conditions apply to the subject parcel.

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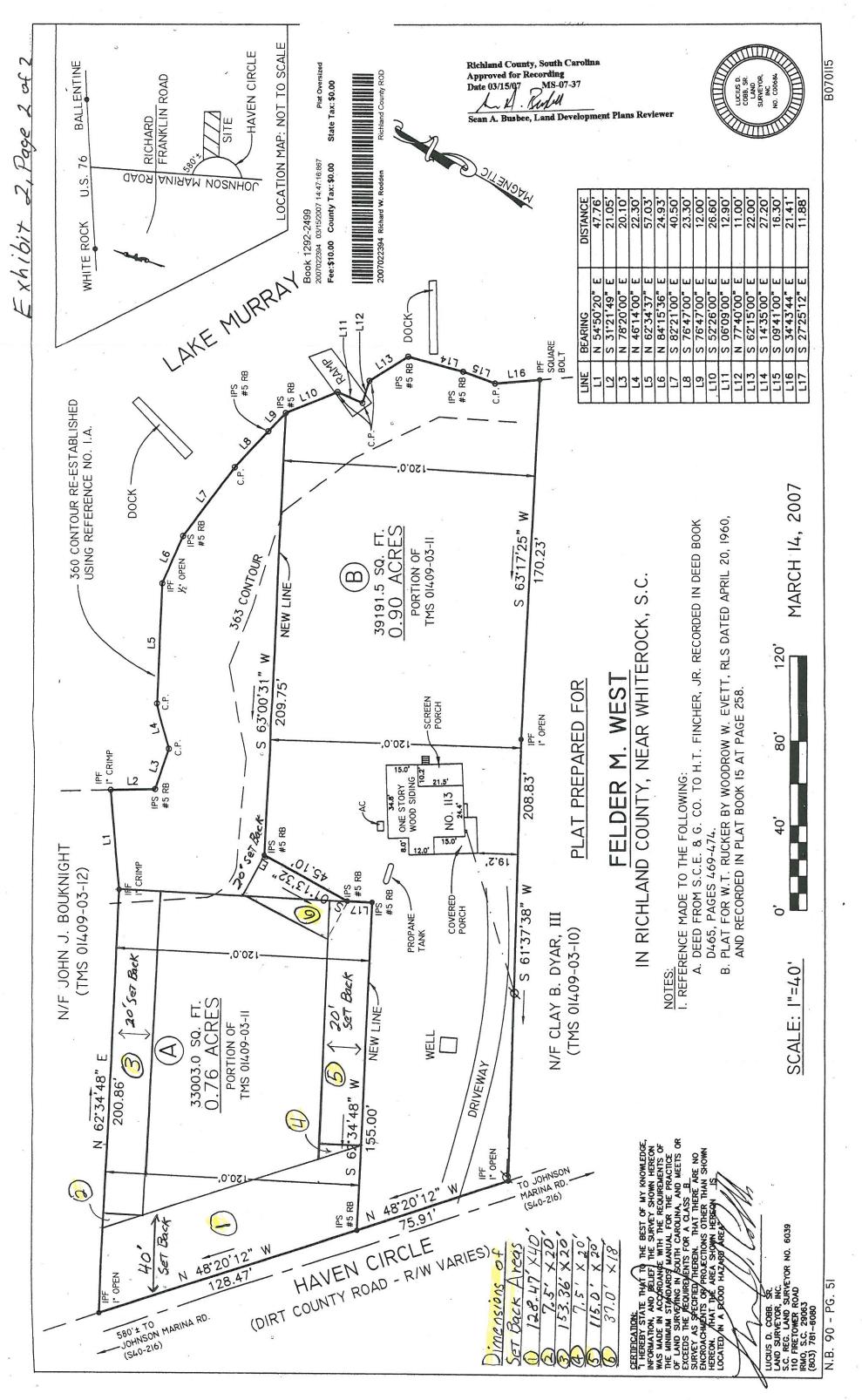
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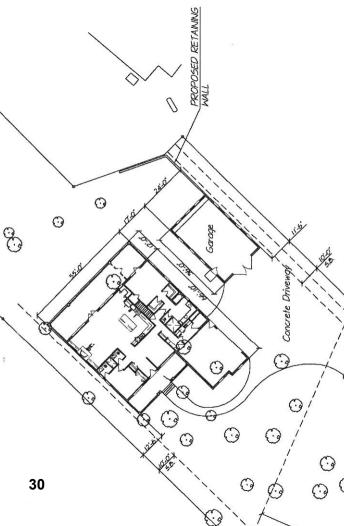
- Application
- Plats
- Support letters

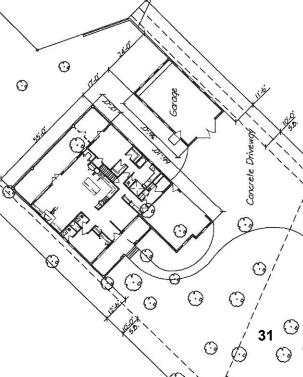
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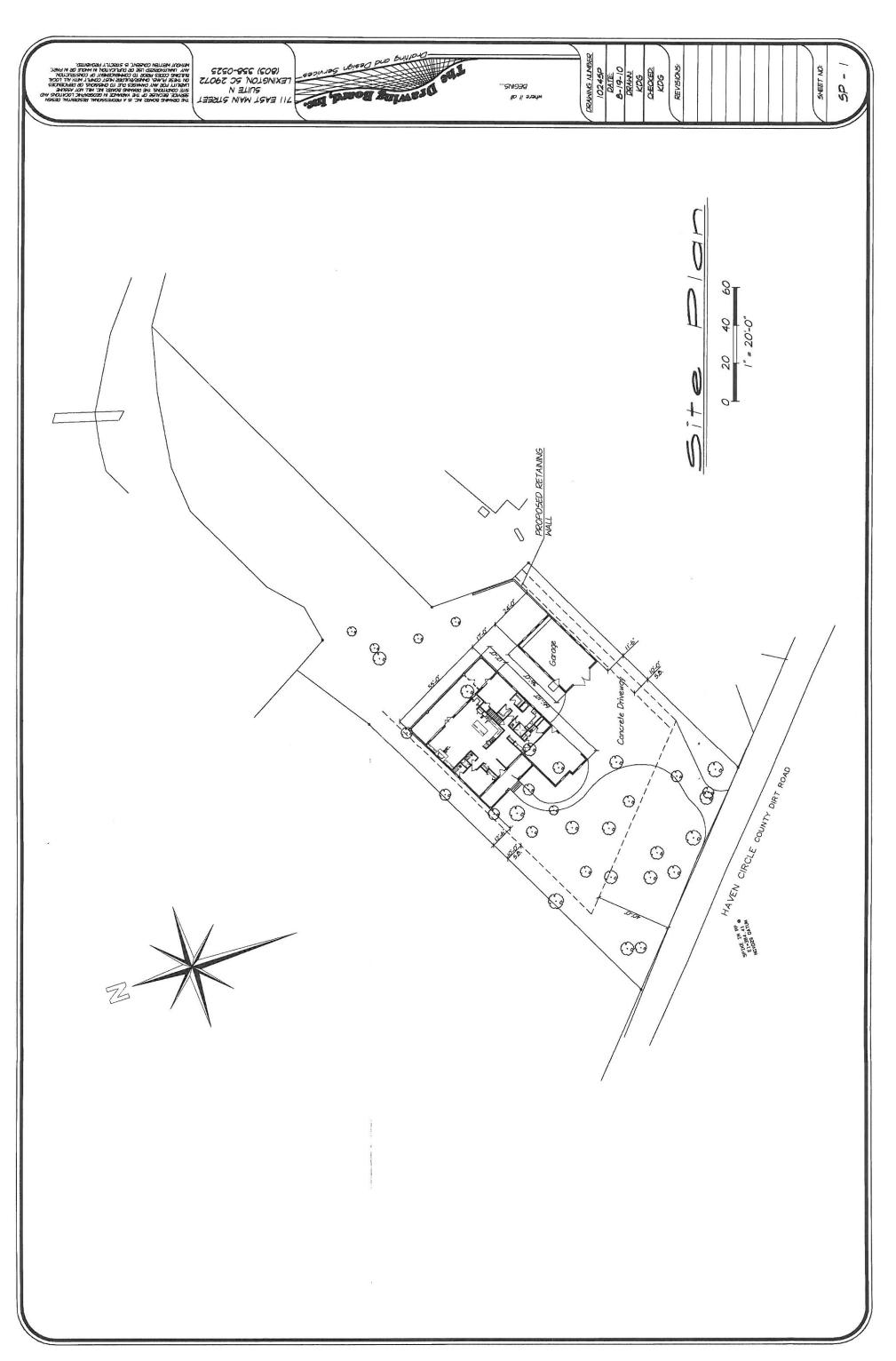
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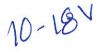
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No.	Description	Reference	Dimensions	Square Feet	
1	Total Square Feet of Lot	Exhibit 1		33,003.00	
2	Gross Area of Lot:*		(000 001 455 01) V (400 01 V 5)**	2.751.60	
3	Area X	Exhibit 1	(200.86' -155.0') X (120.0' X .5)**	2,751.60	
4	Area Y	Exhibit 1	120.0' X 155.0'	18,600.00	
5	Total Gross Buildable Area of Lot	Ln 3 + Ln 4		21,351.60	
6	Non-Buildable Area of the Lot - Area Z ***	Line 1 - Line 5	(See Exhibit 1)	11,651.40	
7	Area of the Front and Side Setbacks Under Section 26-85 of the Richland County Zoning Code:				
8	Area 1	Exhibit 2, Pg 2	128.47' X 40.0'	5,138.80	
9	Area 2	Exhibit 2, Pg 2	7.5' X (20.0' X .5)**	75.00	
10	Area 3	Exhibit 2, Pg 2	153.36' X 20.0'	3,067.20	
11	Area 4	Exhibit 2, Pg 2	7.5' X (20.0' X .5)**	75.00	
12	Area 5	Exhibit 2, Pg 2	115.0' X 20.0'	2,300.00	
13	Area 6	Exhibit 2, Pg 2	18.0' X (37.0' X .5)**	333.00	
14	Total Area of Front and Side Setbacks	Sum Ln 8 - Ln13	6	10,989.00	
15	Net Buildable Area of Lot	Line 5 - Line14		10,362.60	
16	Percent of Total Area of Setbacks to the Total Gross Buildable Area of Lot	Line 14 ÷ Line 5		51.47%	
	Notes: * = Gross area here means the area before setbacks on which it is possible to build a permanent structure.				
	** = The area of a triangle is equal to 1/2 the base times the height.				
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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS VARIANCE APPEALS



Application #

1.	LocationNW/S HAVEN CIRCLE									
	TM	S Page <u>01409</u> Block <u>03</u>	Lot 16	2	Zoning District	RU				
2.		licant hereby appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance from the strict application to the perty as described in the provisions of Sectionof 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, lescribed as follows:(SEE PAGE 2 ATTACHED)								
4.		e application of the ordinance will result c. 26-602.3b(1) of the Richland County				ance set by				
	There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as following:(SEE PAGE 2 ATTACHED)									
	b)	Describe how the conditions listed abo	ove were crea	ted: (SEE PAGE 2	ATTACHED)	1111 1111 111 111 111 111 111 111 111				
	c) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:(SEE PAGE 3 ATTACHED)									
	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: (SEE PAGES 3 ATTACHED)									
	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: (SEE PAGE 3 ATTACHED)									
5.	The	e following documents are submitted in SITE PLAN	support of thi	s application [a site pla	n must be submitte	ed]:				
	b)	EXHIBITS 1 THROUGH 5								
	c)	1								
(Attach additional pages if necessary)										
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-		Printed (typed) Name		R, ILLINOIS 62526 y, State, Zip Code	(217) 433 Alternate N	The state of the s				

3. Applicant requests a variance to allow use of the property in a manner shown on the attached site plan, described as follows:

Residential home construction: Encroachment of ten (10) feet into the twenty (20) feet side setbacks as set forth in Richland County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 26-85 (c)(4)(b) attached herein as Exhibit 4.

This residence will be used as our new home.

4. a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as following:

The area of out lot is 33,003.0 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 1) The shape of our lot is referred to as a "flag" lot. The rear of the lot, the narrow portion abutting Lake Murray, contains approximately 11,651 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 2, Line 6) Substantially all of the rear portion of the lot falls below the 363 elevation level. As such, we are prevented from building a permanent structure in this area.

The front portion of the lot abuts Haven Circle. The gross area of this front portion contains approximately 21,352 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 2, Line 5) And the area, of this front portion, that is contained within the front and side setbacks under Sec. 26-85(c)(4) contains approximately 10,989 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 2, Line 14) This leaves only 10,363 Sq. Ft. of net buildable area (21,352 Sq Ft. less 10,989 Sq. Ft.). (See Exhibit 2, Line 15)

Thus, we are currently prevented from building on approximately 51% of the gross area of the front portion of the lot because of the setback requirements under Sec. 26-85(c)(4). (See Exhibit 2, Line 16) As such, the setback requirements clearly restrict and prevent the maximization of the use of the property.

Under Sec. 26-85(c)(4)b. the side setbacks for a residence are twenty (20) feet. These setbacks reduce the 120 foot width of the property to a buildable area only 80 feet wide. This 80 foot width is not wide enough for us to maximize the use of our beautiful lake property.

4. b) Describe how the conditions listed above were created:

We purchase the lot from Felder M. West in March of 2007. The lots were laid out as shown on Exhibit 1 in order to meet the square footage and lot width requirements as set forth under Sec 26-85.

4. c) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:

The adjoining lot to the South, owned by Mr. West, is also a flag lot. Its shape is just the opposite of ours. The narrow portion abuts Haven Circle and the buildable area abuts Lake Murray. The remaining lots in the vicinity are not flag lots as can be seen in Exhibit 3, which also shows the placement of various structures in the vicinity of our lot.

The lots directly across the street from us, upon which new houses have recently been built, are zoned RS-LD and under Sec. 26-88(c)(4), attached herein as Exhibit 5, have setbacks of: Front: 25 feet, Sides: 16 feet total width, with 5 feet minimum on any one side, and Rear: 20 feet.

4. 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:

Because of the setback requirements under the RU Zoning, 40 feet in front and 20 feet on the sides we lose approximately 10, 989 Sq. Ft. out of only 21, 352 gross buildable Sq. Ft. or about 51% of the gross buildable area of our lot. These setbacks, in effect, prohibit the siting of our future home so as to maximize the best use of the property. Specifically, the 20 foot side setbacks, of which we are seeking the variance, restrict and prohibit the placement of the home on the site in a manner that best utilizes the site, and provides the best display of the architecture of the home.

4. e) The authorization of a 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 granting of the variance for the following reasons:

The home will be brick and will be a very nice addition to the neighborhood. The home will fit in with the new homes across the street and other new homes in the Johnson Marina Road area. The granting of the variance will allow us to properly place the home and thereby maximize the use of our lake property. The granting of the variance will result in the enhancement of the neighborhood and is not contrary to the public interest. Attached as pages 4 and 5 are letters from the adjacent property owners stating that they have no objections to the ten (10) foot encroachment as being requested.

August 21, 2010

Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Hunniford Request for Zoning Variance

I have reviewed the Variance Request and discussed it with Mr. and Mrs. Hunniford and have no objections to the ten (10) foot encroachment that they are requesting.

My property adjoins the Hunniford's on the North. Tax Map No. R01409-03-12.

Sincerely,

John J. Bouknight

August 20, 2010

Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Hunniford Request for Zoning Variance

I have reviewed the Variance Request and discussed it with Mr. and Mrs. Hunniford and have no objections to the ten (10) foot encroachment that they are requesting.

My property adjoins the Hunniford's on the South. Tax Map No. R01409-03-11.

Sincerely,

Felder M. West

August 23, 2010

Mr. K. Brian Cook Assistant Zoning Administrator Richland County Planning & Development Services 2020 Hampton Street P.O. Box 192 Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Zoning Variance Request - Hunniford Future Residence

Dear Mr. Cook:

Attached for filing with the Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals is our request for a variance from the set back provisions of Section 26-85 of the Richland County Zoning Ordinance.

I have also attached my check numbered 2592 in the amount of \$100.00 for the filing fee.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to call. (217) 877-4987 or cell (217) 433-4772

Sincerely,

Dennis Hunniford

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Dennis Hunniford
New Haven Circle
Chapin, SC 29036
01409-03-16

10-19 V





REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-19 Variance

REQUEST

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

ApplicantTax Map NumberDennis Hunniford01409-03-16

LocationParcel SizeExisting Land UseHaven Circle.76 acre tractUndeveloped

Existing Status of the Property

The subject property is heavily wooded and undeveloped.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant is proposing to construct an accessory structure which will encroach into the required side yard setback.

Character of the Area

The area is comprised of single-family residential dwellings, many of which abut Lake Murray.

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
- 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 an accessory structure which will encroach into the required side yard setback by eight feet - four inches (8'4"). In the RU district, the required setbacks for accessory structures are:

- Front 40 feet (cannot be built in front of the building line of the principle structure)
- Rear 20 feet
- Side 20 feet

The parcel is conforming according to the rural district requirements for lot area (33,000 square feet).

The configuration of the parcel confines the buildable area to roughly the front half of the property. The rear portion is narrow and restricts the buildable width to approximately ten (10); however, the front portion does meet the required width (120') for a RU zoned parcel.

According to the applicant, the encroachment would allow for maximization of the lake.

Staff believes that the subject parcel does not meet all of the criteria required for the granting of a variance. Staff recommends that the request be **denied**. According to the standard of review, a variance shall not be granted until the following findings are made:

a. Extraordinary and exceptional conditions

Staff was unable to determine that extraordinary and/or exceptional conditions apply to the subject parcel.

- b. How were conditions created
- c. Conditions applicable to other properties
- d. Application of the ordinance restricting utilization of property
- e. Substantial detriment of granting variance

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

- Application
- Plats
- Support letters

CASE HISTORY

No record of previous special exception or variance request.



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS VARIANCE APPEALS



Application #

1.	Lo	cationNW/S HAVEN CIRCLE							
		IS Page <u>01409</u> Block <u>03</u>		16	Zon	ing 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 Sectionof 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: (SEE PAGE 2 ATTACHED)							
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4.		The application of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set by Sec. 26-602.3b(1) 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: (SEE PAGE 2 ATTACHED)							
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	b)	Describe how the conditions listed a	bove we	ere created:	(SEE PAGE 3 AT	TACHED)			
	c) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:								
(SEE PAGE 3 ATTACHED)									
	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:								
(SEE PAGES 3 & 4 ATTACHED)							- to		
	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: (SEE PAGE 4 ATTACHED)								
5.	The	The following documents are submitted in support of this application [a site plan must be submitted]: a) SITE PLAN							
	b)	EXHIBITS 1 THROUGH 6							
	c)		***************************************						
(Attach additional pages if necessary)									
1	9	Applicant's Signature			AREN CT.	(217) 877-			
-		DENNIS HUNNIFORD Printed (typed) Name	DE	CATUR, II	LINOIS 62526	(217) 433- Alternate N	-4772		

3. Applicant requests a variance to allow use of the property in a manner shown on the attached site plan, described as follows:

Accessory building (detached garage): Encroachment of ten (10) feet into the minimum side setbacks of twenty (20) feet as set forth under Richland County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 26-85 (c)(4)b. attached herein as Exhibit 4.

The accessory building will be used for a work shop and boat and lawn mower storage.

4. a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as following:

The area of our lot is 33,003.0 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 1) The shape of our lot is referred to as a "flag" lot. The rear of the lot, the narrow portion abutting Lake Murray, contains approximately 11,651 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 2, Line 6) Substantially all of the rear portion of the lot falls below the 363 elevation level. As such, we are prevented from building a permanent structure in this area.

The front portion of the lot abuts Haven Circle. The gross area of this front portion contains approximately 21,352 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 2, Line 5) And the area, of this front portion, that is contained within the front and side setbacks under Sec. 26-85(c)(4) contains approximately 10,989 Sq. Ft. (See Exhibit 2, Line 14) This leaves only 10,363 Sq. Ft. of net buildable area (21,352 Sq Ft. less 10,862 Sq. Ft.). (See Exhibit 2, Line 15)

Thus, we are currently prevented from building on approximately 51% of the gross area of the front portion of the lot because of the setback requirements under Sec. 26-85(c)(4). (See Exhibit 2, Line 16) As such, the setback requirements clearly restrict and prevent the maximization of the use of the property.

Sec. 26-185(b)(1)b.1. provides that an accessory structure shall not be located in front of the building line of the principal structure. (See Exhibit 6)

Sec. 26-185(b)(1)b.2. provides that accessory uses and structures may be permitted in side yards, provided that their placement shall not exceed the minimum side yard requirements of that district. Under Sec. 26-85(c)(4) the side minimum setbacks for accessory buildings are twenty (20) feet.

These 20 foot setbacks reduce the 120 foot width of the property to a buildable area of only 80 feet wide. This 80 foot width is not wide enough for us to properly place our residence and an accessory structure side by side. A side by side placement provides the best means of taking the boat in and out and requires only a minimal amount of additional driveway. We do not want the house and accessory building placed too close together as this would take away from the architectural qualities of each, would spoil the looks of the

4. a) continued

property, and would reduce the value of the property.

Sec. 26-185(b)(1)b.3. provides that accessory uses and structures may be permitted in rear yards, provided that they are located not less than ten (10) feet from any property line.

The accessory structure could be placed behind the home but this would require us to move the house forward on the lot and cut down several mature hardwoods. The end result would be that the accessory structure would obstruct our view of the lake and thereby reduce the value of the property. In addition, it would require an extensive driveway to access the structure.

4. b) Describe how the conditions listed above were created:

We purchase the lot from Felder M. West in March of 2007. The lots were laid out as shown on Exhibit 1 in order to meet the square footage and lot width requirements as set forth under Sec 26-85.

4. c) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:

The adjoining lot to the South, owned by Mr. West, is also a flag lot. Its shape is just the opposite of ours. The narrow portion abuts Haven Circle and the buildable area abuts Lake Murray. The remaining lots in the vicinity are not flag lots as can be seen in Exhibit 3, which also shows the placement of various structures in the vicinity of our lot.

The lots directly across the street from us, upon which new houses have recently been built, are zoned RS-LD (See Exhibit 3) and under Sec. 26-88(c)(4), attached herein as Exhibit 5, the minimum side and rear setback requirement of accessory buildings/structures is only five (5) feet.

4. 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:

Because of the setback requirements under the RU Zoning, 40 feet in front and 20 feet on the sides we lose approximately 10, 989 Sq. Ft. out of only 21, 352 gross buildable Sq. Ft. or approximately 51% of the gross buildable area of our lot.

4. d) continued

These setbacks prohibit and restrict the placement of our future home and accessory building in a side by side position on the lot. We feel that a side by side placement is the best positioning given our lot configuration.

Section 26-185(b)(1)b.1. prevents the placement of an accessory structure in front of the building line of the residential structure.

The placement of the accessory building behind the residence would block the view of the lake and substantially reduce the value of the lake property. We purchased the lot so as to have the view of the lake.

4. e) The authorization of a 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 granting of the variance for the following reasons:

The accessory building (detached garage) is in compliance with the height and size restrictions as set forth under Sec. 26-185(b)(1)(c) and (d). The accessory building is designed so that it fits architecturally with the home. (See page 2 of the Site Plan) The granting of the variance will allow us allow us to place the home and accessory building side by side in an efficient and architectural pleasing manner. The side by side placement will permit easy access to the accessory building and provide for easy storage and retrieval of the boat. The granting of the variance will allow us to maximize the use of the site. The granting of the variance will result in the enhancement of the neighborhood and is not contrary to the public interest. Attached as pages 5 and 6 are letters from the adjacent property owners stating that they have no objections to the ten (10) foot encroachment as being requested.

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August 21, 2010

Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Hunniford Request for Zoning Variance

I have reviewed the Variance Request and discussed it with Mr. and Mrs. Hunniford and have no objections to the ten (10) foot encroachment that they are requesting.

My property adjoins the Hunniford's on the North. Tax Map No. R01409-03-12.

Sincerely,

John J. Bouknight

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August 20, 2010

Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals

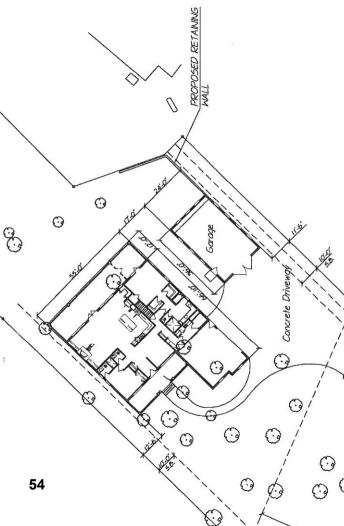
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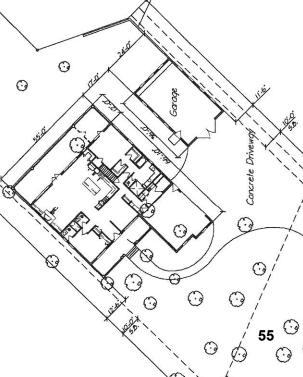
I have reviewed the Variance Request and discussed it with Mr. and Mrs. Hunniford and have no objections to the ten (10) foot encroachment that they are requesting.

My property adjoins the Hunniford's on the South. Tax Map No. R01409-03-11.

Sincerely,

Felder M. West





Reconsideration Case 10-12 V

Rev. Mark Williams

10220 Garners Ferry Rd.

Eastover, SC 29044

27800-01-03



RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PLANNI' & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEP TMENT

Zoning & Land Development Division

Office: (803) 576-2180 Fax: (803) 576-2182

September 17, 2010

Rev. Mark Williams 1205 Princeton St. Columbia, SC 29205

RE:

10-12 V

Requests a variance permitting a sign to exceed the maximum allowable

hight on property zoned RU. (Rural)-

TMS# 27800-01-03

Dear Rev. Williams:

The Richland County Board of Zoning Appeals, at the September 1, 2010 hearing, denied the above referenced request. The Board of Zoning Appeals at it October 6, 2010, will vote on whether to reconsider hearing your case.

3.7a Requests for Reconsideration.

There is no right of reconsideration of any decision by the Board. However, a person who may have a substantial interest in any decision of the Board may request reconsideration at any time prior to the approval of the minutes reflecting the action taken. Requests for reconsideration shall be delivered to the Zoning Administrator in writing, setting forth plainly, fully, and distinctly why the decision of the Board is in error based on the following reasons:

- a) mistake of law;
- b) mistake of fact;
- c) inadvertence;
- d) excusable neglect;
- e) newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time for the hearing;
- f) fraud;
- g) misrepresentation;
- h) other misconduct of a party in interest; or
- i) evidence of a material clerical or other error.

Unmeritorious requests for reconsideration or requests based on an aggrieved party's desire simply for another hearing shall be denied.

A request for reconsideration shall be based and acted upon entirely the written request submitted pursuant to this subsection; provided, however, that testimony may be allowed only by leave of the Board. The Board may call witnesses for limited testimony if needed to develop an understanding of the nature of the request.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information at 576-2176.

Sincerely,

Boards & Committees Coordinator

9/15/10

Mr. Geonard Price CC: Carol Williams and Suzie Haynes 2020 Hampton St. Columbia SC 29202

Dear Mr. Price,

Under rule 3.7a, I would like to make a written request for reconsideration by the Board in regards to their decision on our case (#10-12 V) on September 1st 2010. I would like to "set forth plainly, fully, and distinctly why the decision of the board is in error" based on the following three reasons:

a) mistake of the law

At my hearing on September 1st 2010, I was not informed that I had the legal right as a citizen of Richland County to wait and present my case before the presence of a full board. Because of this neglect that occurred, I believe that under the law, I should be granted a second hearing in the presence of a full board.

b) mistake of fact

At my hearing on September 1st 2010, Mr. Marion Duncan, my sign agent, made a *major* mistake when talking about the proposed height of my sign. Throughout the meeting, Mr. Duncan referred to a drawing of a sign that was 15.5. feet tall. The actual proposed height of my sign is 13.5 feet tall. The proposed blueprint for my sign that Mr. Duncan distributed to the board reflected incorrect dimensions. I feel that if the board had considered my case with the correct dimensions of my proposed sign, the outcome of the hearing would have been different.

g) misrepresentation

At my hearing on September 1st 2010, Mr. Marion Duncan, my sign agent, misrepresented my interests by filling out improper paperwork. Specifically, under question 5a of the Richland County Board of Variance Appeals form, Mr. Duncan failed to list the "extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to my property" that were absolutely crucial to my case. The exceptional condition to our property is a valley/dip in our land's elevation. This valley/dip was originally created when the highway in front of my church was widened and the roadbed was raised to properly bank the curve when approaching the church from the south. Given the rural requirements for signage (a four-foot limit on sign height), the law presents a hardship for my church in that the sign would not be visible from the road from all directions. I need additional height for my sign in order to overcome this hardship. This crucial issue relating to an exceptional condition was largely ignored by Mr. Duncan, whose written response to question 5a revealed a disregard of the matter at hand. Mr. Duncan's written response to question 5a focused exclusively on zoning issues and had nothing to do with an argument for a height variance.

In sum, I believe that because of these three reasons, I should be granted another hearing. I will be present at the hearing on October 6th 2010, should the board need to "call witnesses for limited testimony in order to understand the nature of my request."

Sincerely,

Rev. Mark Williams (803) 239-7074 (cell)

1205 Princeton St. Columbia, SC 29205