RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS



Wednesday, 1 September 2010 1:00 p.m. Council Chambers

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS September 1, 2010



CASE NO.	APPLICANT	TMS NO.	LOCATION	DISTRICT
1. 10-11 V	City of Columbia	07800-03-03	1244 Winterwood Rd., Columbia, SC	Dickerson
2. 10-12 V	James Marion Duncan	27800-01-03	10220 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia, SC	Malinowski
3. 10-13 V	Ernest Timmons	02403-01-43	1121 Old Rd., Chapin, SC	Malinowski



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Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

- **II.** RULES OF ORDER
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 2010
- **IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

Joshua McDuffie, Chairman

Amelia Linder, Attorney

Geonard Price, Zoning Administrator

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-11 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

Parcel Size .42± acre tract Existing Land Use Pump station

Tax Map Number

07800-03-03

1244 Winterwood Road

<u>Existing Status of the Property</u> The subject property has an existing water facility.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant is proposing to upgrade the existing pump station.

Character of the Area

The area is comprised of residentially developed parcels 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.

Staff visited the site.

The applicant is requesting a variance to upgrade the existing pump station, which will result in encroachments into the required front, rear and side yard setbacks. In the RU district, the required setbacks are:

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

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

According to the applicant, the upgrades are two-fold. First, upgrades are needed to meet the growing water demands in the northeast area of Richland County. Secondly, the pumping equipment of the current system is twenty years old and the upgrades will provide for more efficient operation.

The proposed upgrades will encroach into the required front yard setback by thirty-two (32) feet, the western side yard by eleven feet, one inches (11'1") and the rear yard by forty-two (42) feet.

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

- 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

Staff concurs with the findings of the applicant.

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.

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- 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.

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Application #

- Image
 1. Location
 1244 Winterwood Road, Columbia, SC
 29203 (Winterwood Road Pump Station

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 Lot
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 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>26-86</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: Please see 'Attachment A Descriptions for Application'
- 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: Please see 'Attachment A Descriptions for Application'.

 - 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: Please see 'Attachment A Descriptions for Application'.
- The following documents are submitted in support of this application [a site plan must be submitted]:
 a) Attachment A-Descriptions for App
 - b) Attachment B-Site Plan
 - c) _____

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

pplicant's Signature

OSEPH JACO Printed (typed) Name

Address Columbia, SC 29217 City, State, Zip Code

1136 Washington Street

803-545-3400 Telephone Number

Alternate Number

ATTACHMENT A – DESCRIPTIONS FOR APPLICATION

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

The City of Columbia owns and operates the Winterwood Booster Pump Station. This pump station has been in operation since 1990 and has served to transfer water supply to the northeast area of the City's water distribution system. The growing water demands in the northeast area of the water system has prompted the need to increase the pumping capacity of the Winterwood Station. The station is also currently operating with its original pumping equipment that is 20 years old. The proposed improvements in this project will result in the needed upgraded pumping capacity of the pump station.

This project consists of upgrading the pump station with two new pumps with new electrical gear, a flow metering vault, and a backup generator. The project includes new pumps equipped with variable frequency drives. The new drives will allow the pumps to adjust their output to match the hourly water demands it serves. This provides a means of operating the pumps more efficiently.

The proposed backup generator will provide emergency power in the event of commercial power loss to the station. The backup power will allow the pump station to operate to maintain water supply to the customers it serves.

The proposed meter vault is a below grade concrete utility vault that will house a flow meter to monitor the flow output of the station.

A variance is required to encroach into the County's minimum setbacks from the property boundaries. The expansion of the existing pump station includes the addition of an electrical room off the northwest side of the existing pump station building. The new electrical room will house new electrical gear, drives for the pumps, control panel, switchboard for the new generator, and various other components. The new generator will be located on the southeast side of the pump station building. The proposed project components are indicated on the Attachment B – Site Plan.

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. The exceptional condition pertaining to this property is that it is owned by the City of Columbia and is the current location of the Winterwood Road Pump Station. The pump station is a vital component to the City's water distribution system to serve water to the northeast area. The pump station is existing and its location is fixed on an existing 30inch water main.
- b. This location was previously acquired by the City in 1987, along the path of a 30-inch water main, to provide the northeast section of Columbia with drinking water. Water demands in the northeast section of the water system have grown significantly over the past 20 years requiring an upgrade to this pump station.
- c. The other property in the vicinity is rural residential with no other pump stations.
- d. The current utilization of the pump station property will not change as a result of the proposed upgrades. It will remain an operating water booster pump station.
- e. The expansion of the building and the installation of the generator will not adversely affect the adjacent properties. Both will require minimal grading and the natural screen of trees will be protected. The current utilization of the site will remain unchanged. The character of the district would be upheld by granting this variance to allow for vital improvements to the water distribution system.

10-12 V

James Marion Duncan New Media, LLC 10220 Garners Ferry Rd. Eastover, SC 29044 27800-01-03

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REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-12 Variance

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant a variance to exceed the allowable square footage for a pylon sign in a RU (Rural) district.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant

James Marion Duncan

Tax Map Number 27800-01-03

Location

10220 Garners Ferry Road

Parcel Size 6.78± acre tract Existing Land Use Institutional

Existing Status of the Property

The subject property is home to the Lebanon Methodist Church.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant proposes to exceed the allowable square footage for a sign located in the RU district by178 square feet.

Character of the Area

The area is comprised of residentially developed parcels and large, undeveloped tracts.

ZONING ORDINANCE CITATION

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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 states that the increase in allowed signage is necessary in order to convey to the community the ministries of the church. The total signage is proposed to be 227.76 square feet. The RU district limits monument/pylon signs to fifty (50) square feet and four (4) feet in height if located in the front yard setback (40 feet).

The granting of the variance will not only allow for larger signage, but will also legally establish the sign within the required setback. If the variance is denied, the existing sign will be allowed to remain as a nonconforming structure.

While staff feels that the granting of the variance will not negatively impact the adjacent properties or the character of the surrounding area, staff believes that the subject parcel does not meet all of the criteria necessary for the granting of a 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

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Application
- Proposed signage plan

CASE HISTORY

N/A

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	BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS							
	VARIANCE APPEALS							
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1.	Location 10720 GARNER FERRY Rd Columbia, SC							
2.	Page 2780 Block 61 Lot 33 Zoning District RM							
3.	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 of the Richland County Zoning Ordinance.							
4.	Applicant requests a variance to allow use of the property in a manner shown on the attached site plan, described as follows: <u>To modiFy Existing Sign USING</u> BRICK base, INSTAIL New Signage Pole Covers Roof. See ATTAched							
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b) Describe how the conditions listed above were created: <u>Church has New</u> <u>I greater Vision To minister To Community</u> .							
С) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:							
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	ATTACKED EXPLANATIONS							

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Attachment to Richland County Variance Appeals Lebanon United Methodist Church

5a) The Church has been given (2) two additional pieces of property with the stipulation that they be used to benefit the church and the community. They plat has been redone to combine the (3) three pieces into one. The church is very progressive in the community with many ministries. They have a new pastor with a great vision of growth.

5b) The property is zoned RU. The sign criteria restrict the height to 4 feet. The zoning unfairly restricts the ability for a church to do the ministry that they are called to do.





10-13 V

Ernest Timmons 1121 Old Rd. Chapin, SC 29036 02403-01-42

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REQUEST, ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

10-13 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

<u>Applicant</u>

Ernest Timmons

Tax Map Number 02403-01-42

Location

1121 Old Road

Parcel Size .83 acre tract Existing Land Use Residential

Existing Status of the Property

The subject property has a 6,378 square foot dwelling, which was originally constructed 2008.

Proposed Status of the Property

The applicant is proposing an addition to the existing 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 proposing a 480 (24x20) square foot addition which will encroach into the required twenty (20) foot side yard setback by 8.7 feet. The existing structure is approximately twenty (20) feet from both side yard setbacks. Any addition to the sides of the structure, except in the area of the garage, would result in an encroachment.

The applicant states that the proposed location is the only viable site on the property for the addition. The applicant indicates that the rear and eastern side of the home cannot accommodate the addition due to the pool and sewer, respectively.

Staff believes that the subject parcel meets all of the criteria required for the granting of a variance. Staff recommends that the request be <u>approved</u>. According to the standard of review, a variance shall not be granted until the following findings are made:

a. Extraordinary and exceptional conditions

Staff concurs that the current location of the house, pool in the rear, presents challenges for the proposed addition.

b. How were conditions created

The structure and improvements were constructed by the previous owner.

c. <u>Conditions applicable to other properties</u>

Staff is unable to determine if the conditions are applicable to the adjacent parcels.

d. Application of the ordinance restricting utilization of property

While applying the setback requirements for the RU district to this lot would not prevent the utilization of this parcel, it could effectively prohibit further additions.

e. Substantial detriment of granting variance

The granting of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to the adjacent properties or harm the character of the district.

Records indicate that a nine (9) foot side yard encroachment variance was granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals for the abutting parcel (Case 07-08 V).

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ATTACHMENTS

- Application
- Plat

CASE HISTORY

No record of previous special exception or variance request.

10-13 V Ernest Timmons 1121 Old Rd. Chapin, SC 29036 02403-01-42



Area of addition



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1.	Loc	ation 1121 Old Re	oad	r					
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2.	App	plicant hereby appeals to the Zon perty as described in the provisio	ing Board of Appeals for a variar	ice from the strict applica f the Richland County Zo	tion to the ning Ordinance.				
3.	Applicant requests a variance to allow use of the property in a manner shown on the attached site plan, described as follows: $20' \times 24'$ Addition to residence								
4.									
	a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as following: There is only I side of the house to make the addition. <u>Cannot do it to the front. Cannot put it on the back because of a pool</u> . <u>The other side has the sewer and would put the new structure I foot from</u> the line								
	b)	b) Describe how the conditions listed above were created: We purchased the home and the present conditions were existing, we would like to add on to the residence for more room.							
	c)	c) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by: There are other homes in the area that are closer than 20 feet to the property line.							
	d)	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: We would not be able to increase the size of the home for our use and enjoyment							
	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: we would not be closer to the property line than the house on that same side. The addition complements the existing architecture. The addition as proposed meets with our neighbors approval.								
5.	The	e following documents are submit	ted in support of this application	[a site plan must be subr	nitted]:				
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