

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 300 W. MAIN STREET MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 AT 5:30 PM

AGENDA

BRIEFING SESSION - 5:30 PM

The staff will brief the board and preview the cases on tonight's agenda. Board members will have the opportunity to ask questions that may facilitate the meeting and the presentation of the cases. No action will be taken during the briefing.

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Invocation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the April 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals is appointed by the City Council to consider variances, exceptions and appeals as prescribed by the City of Grand Prairie's Unified Development Code. In accordance with Section 211.009 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas and Article 1 of the Unified Development Code of the City of Grand Prairie, the concurring vote of seven members of the Board is necessary to decide in favor of an applicant on any matter on which the Board has jurisdiction. Members of the public may address the Board on items listed on the agenda under Public Hearing Items.

- 2. ZBA-22-04-0014 (Council District 6) Special Exception for a garage conversion, located at 4329 Matthew Road, legally described as Tract 3, W. H. Beeman Survey, Abstract 126, Page 12, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Agriculture District.
- 3. ZBA-22-04-0015 (Council District 4) Special Exception for a garage conversion, located at 2642 Berkshire Lane, legally described as Lot 27, Block K, Oak Hollow Addition Phase 1A, City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County, Texas, zoned "PD-50" Planned Development -50 District.
- 4. ZBA-22-04-0016 (Council District 2) Variance to reduce the minimum internal side yard setback requirement permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 3805 E. Verde Woods Street, legally described as Lot 9, Block 3, Coronado Woods Addition Phase 1, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Single Family-Two Residential District.
- 5. ZBA-22-04-0017 (Council District 2) Variance to reduce the minimum rear setback and internal side setback and to increase the maximum lot coverage permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 514 E Grand Prairie Road, legally described as a portion of Lot 4,

Block C, Bairds Dallas Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Two Family Residential District.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Hall is wheelchair accessible. If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please call 972-237-8255 at least 24 hours in advance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

MESSAGE OF RELIGIOUS WELCOME

As many of you are aware, we customarily begin our meetings with an invocation. This prayer is intended for the benefit of the board members and is directed to them and not the audience. Those who deliver the invocation may reference their own religious faith as you might refer to yours when offering a prayer. We wish to emphasize, however, that members of all religious faiths are welcome, not only in these meetings, but in our community as well. The participation of all our citizens in the process of self-government will help our fine city best serve the good people who live here. Employees and audience members are welcome to pray or not pray, and this choice will have no bearing on any vote made by the board.

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals agenda was prepared and posted May 13, 2022.

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Monica Espinoza, Planning Secretary



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 05/16/2022

REQUESTER: Monica Espinoza

PRESENTER: June Sin, Planner

TITLE: Approval of the April 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve



300 W. Main Street - Council Chambers

MEETING AGENDA

Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Date: April 18th, 2022

BRIEFING: 5:40 P.M.

The staff will brief the board and preview the cases on tonight's agenda. Board members will have the opportunity to ask questions that may facilitate the meeting and presentation of the cases. No action will be taking place during the briefing.

Board Members In Attendance:

⊠ Barry Sandacz	☐ Ralph Castro
⊠ Michelle Madden	□ Debbie Hubacek
☐ Clayton Hutchins	
☐ Timothy Ibidapo	⊠ Robert Mendoza
⊠ Anthony Langston Sr.	☐ Melinda Rodgers
⊠ Eric Smith	☐ David Baker

2. ZBA-22-03-0011 (Council District 3) — Variance to reduce the minimum front setback requirement for a porch, permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 525 Cranbrook Lane, legally described as Lot 7, Block 6, Sharpston Heights No. 2 Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Single Family-Three Residential District.

June Sin from Planning briefed the Board on the reason for the case and provided information on the lot.

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

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⊠ Eric Smith	☐ David Baker
☑ Tommy Land	

INVOCATION:

Eric Smith led the invocation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The motion to Approve the minutes made by <u>Michelle Madden</u>
The motion was seconded by <u>Debbie Hubacek</u>
Motion Carried 8-0

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. ZBA-22-03-0011 (Council District 3) – Variance to reduce the minimum front setback requirement for a porch, permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 525 Cranbrook Lane, legally described as Lot 7, Block 6, Sharpston Heights No. 2 Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Single Family-Three Residential District

June Sin presented the requested variance to the Board.

Applicant / Spokesperson: Jesus Garcia

Address: 525 Cranbrook Ln Grand Prairie, TX 75051

	Any comments from Spokesman:
	Any questions from Board:
	The following persons spoke in favor of the application:
	The following persons noted their support for the application:
	The following evidence was presented to the Board by those in favor of the case:
	The following persons noted their opposition to the application
	The following evidence was presented to the Board by those in opposition to the case:
The a	applicant did or did not speak in rebuttal.
	r consideration of the evidence, the Board discussed the evidence and the documentation on ecord.
The 1	Board makes the following findings, indicated by a check or x in the blank next to the finding:
\boxtimes	Proper notification was done in accordance with the statutes and ordinances.
	The decision of the City building or administrative official to deny the permit or construction was in error, and the permit should be granted.
	A variance, if granted, is not contrary to the public interest, and, due to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship, and the granting of the variance would be in the spirit of the ordinances and substantial justice would be done.
\boxtimes	The variance or exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.

Item 1.

 \boxtimes The variance or exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of

the public.

 \boxtimes The variance or exception will not be contrary to public interest.

 \boxtimes The variance or exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those uses

specifically authorized for the district in which the property for which the variance is

sought is located.

XThe variance or exception will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of the Unified

Development Code and all other ordinances of the City.

XThe variance or exception will not alter the essential character of the district in which is

located the property for which the variance is sought.

 \boxtimes The variance or exception will not substantially weaken the general purposes of the zoning

regulations established for the district in which the property is located;

 \times The plight of the owner of the property for which the variance or exception is sought is due

to unique circumstances existing on the property, including, but not limited to, area, shape or slope, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property, and

are not merely financial, and are not due to or the result of general conditions in the district

in which the property is located.

XThe variance or exception is not a self-created hardship.

Any additional findings: None

The motion to close the public hearing and Approve with a condition the Case

Michelle Madden

The motion was seconded by **Debbie Hubacek**

Motion was approved/denied: 8 yays to 0 Nays

Members that objected:

NEW BUSINESS:

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM

	Signed on this	the	day of	April 2022
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THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

by:	
Printed Name:	
Title:	



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 05/16/2022

REQUESTER: Monica Espinoza

PRESENTER: June Sin, Planner

TITLE: ZBA-22-04-0014 (Council District 6) – Special Exception for a garage

conversion, located at 4329 Matthew Road, legally described as Tract 3, W. H. Beeman Survey, Abstract 126, Page 12, City of Grand Prairie,

Dallas County, Texas, zoned Agriculture District.

APPLICANT: Ronald & Miriam Plowman

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff does not object to the request

SUMMARY:

Special Exception for a garage conversion, located at 4329 Matthew Road, legally described as Tract 3, W. H. Beeman Survey, Abstract 126, Page 12, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Agriculture District.

a. Special Exception: Conversion of garage into living space.

Required: Two garage parking spaces Requested: No garage parking spaces

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The applicant requests a garage conversion to add extra living space to the current single-family dwelling. This requires a Special Exception to the minimum garage parking spaces required per Section 10.7.2.A of the Unified Development Code (UDC). The UDC requires that applicants maintain a minimum of two off-street parking spaces if the garage is enclosed. The applicant meets this requirement. Staff reviewed the surrounding area and were unable to discover any existing permitted garage conversions within 300 feet.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Legal notice of this item was published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on May 6 and May 15.

Notices to property owners were placed in the City of Grand Prairie out-going-mail on May 6.

10 notices were sent, 0 were returned in favor, 0 returned opposed and there is not a homeowner's association.

FINDINGS:

As authorized in Section 1.11.7.4 of the UDC, the ZBA may grant variances and exceptions provided the following findings are met:

- A. Such variance or exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that approving such an exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
- B. Such variance or exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that the exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public. The property owner currently has a driveway to park a minimum of two vehicles. The property is accessed by a private driveway that exceeds 100 feet. Granting this exception will not increase any overflow parking on the public street.
- C. Such variance or exception will not be contrary to the public interest, and such variance or exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those uses specifically authorized for the district in which the property for which the variance is sought is located.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes the exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those already allowed in Agricultural District.
- D. Such variance or exception will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that the exception will not harm the spirit and purpose of this ordinance. The granting of this exception will allow the homeowner to expand the amount of useable living space.
- E. Such variance or exception will not alter the essential character of the district in which is located the property for which the variance is sought.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that such an exception will not alter the essential character of the district.
- F. Such variance or exception will not substantially weaken the general purposes of the zoning regulations established for the district in which the property is located.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that such an exception for a garage conversion will not substantially weaken the general purpose of the underlying zoning district.
- G. The plight of the owner of the property for which the variance or exception is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, including but not limited to the area, shape or slope, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial, and

are not due to or the result of general conditions in the district in which the property is located.

Staff Evaluation: Staff cannot find that the property owner has a hardship that is a unique circumstance of the property.

H. The variance or exception is a self-created hardship.

Staff Evaluation: Staff finds that the hardship is self-created.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not object to ZBA-22-04-0014 as requested.

If the Board chooses to grant the request, the applicant must abide by the following:

1. Any construction or building allowed by this variance must conform to the requirements set forth by the Unified Development Code, the 2021 International Building Code, the Grand Prairie Municipal Code of Ordinances, the city adopted fire codes, and with other applicable regulatory requirements administered and/or enforced by the state and federal government. If a building permit has not been applied for or issued within a ninety (90) day period or as the Board may specifically grant, the variance shall be deemed waived; and all rights thereunder terminated.





CASE LOCATION MAP

ZBA-22-04-0014

4329 MATTHEW ROAD



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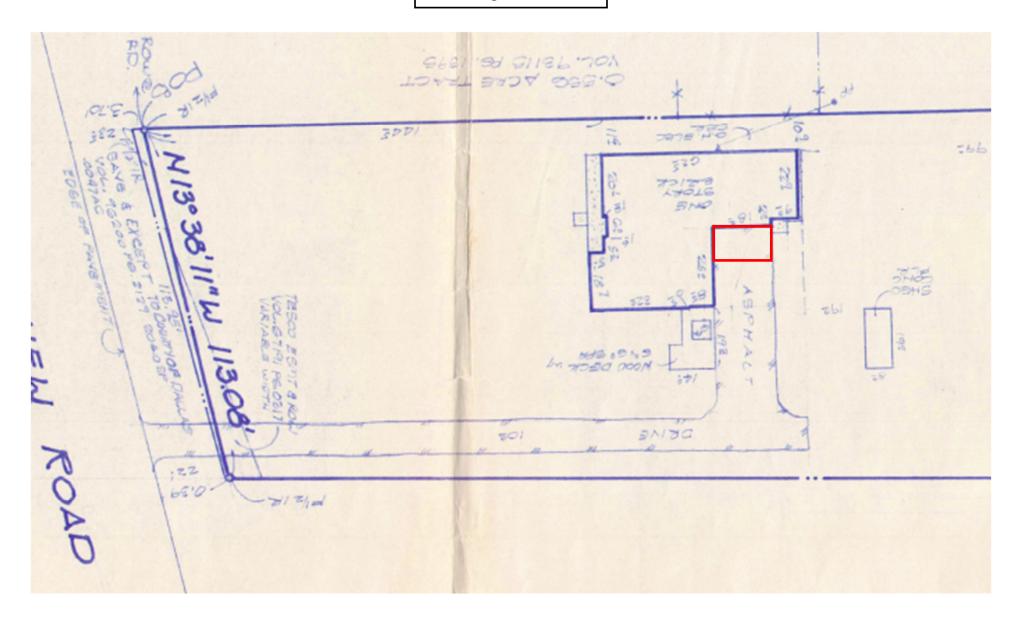
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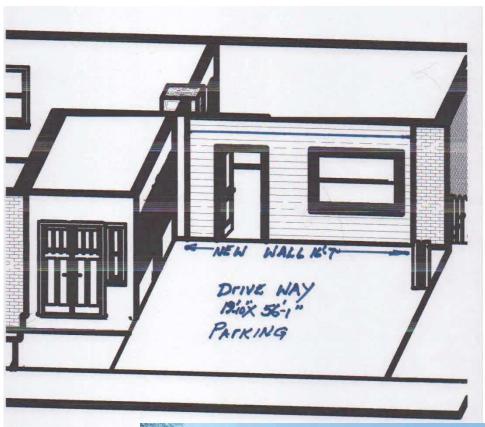
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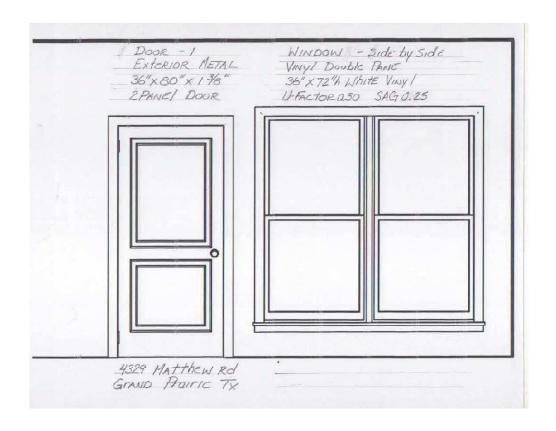
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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 05/16/2022

REQUESTER: Monica Espinoza

PRESENTER: June Sin, Planner

TITLE: ZBA-22-04-0015 (Council District 4) – Special Exception for a garage

conversion, located at 2642 Berkshire Lane, legally described as Lot 27, Block K, Oak Hollow Addition Phase 1A, City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County, Texas, zoned "PD-50" Planned Development -50 District.

APPLICANT: Roberto Gaytan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff does not object to the request

SUMMARY:

Special Exception for a garage conversion, located at 2642 Berkshire Lane, legally described as Lot 27, Block K, Oak Hollow Addition Phase 1A, City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County, Texas, zoned "PD-50" Planned Development -50 District.

a. Special Exception: Conversion of garage into living space.

Required: Two garage parking spaces Requested: No garage parking spaces

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The applicant requests a garage conversion to add extra living space to the current single-family dwelling. This requires a Special Exception to the minimum garage parking spaces required per Section 10.7.2.A of the Unified Development Code (UDC). The UDC requires that applicants maintain a minimum of two off-street parking spaces if the garage is enclosed. The applicant meets this requirement. Staff reviewed the surrounding area and were unable to discover any existing permitted garage conversions within 300 feet.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Legal notice of this item was published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on May 6 and May 15.

Notices to property owners were placed in the City of Grand Prairie out-going-mail on May 6.

61 notices were sent, 0 were returned in favor, 0 returned opposed and there is not a homeowner's association.

FINDINGS:

As authorized in Section 1.11.7.4 of the UDC, the ZBA may grant variances and exceptions provided the following findings are met:

- A. Such variance or exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that approving such an exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
- B. Such variance or exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that the exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public. The property owner currently has a paved driveway that can park a minimum of two vehicles.
- C. Such variance or exception will not be contrary to the public interest, and such variance or exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those uses specifically authorized for the district in which the property for which the variance is sought is located.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes the exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those already allowed in Planned Development -50 (PD-50) District.
- D. Such variance or exception will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that the exception will not harm the spirit and purpose of this ordinance. The granting of this exception will allow the homeowner to expand the amount of useable living space.
- E. Such variance or exception will not alter the essential character of the district in which is located the property for which the variance is sought.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that such an exception will not alter the essential character of the district.
- F. Such variance or exception will not substantially weaken the general purposes of the zoning regulations established for the district in which the property is located.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that such an exception for a garage conversion will not substantially weaken the general purpose of the underlying zoning district.
- G. The plight of the owner of the property for which the variance or exception is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, including but not limited to the area, shape or slope, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial, and are not due to or the result of general conditions in the district in which the property is located.

Staff Evaluation: Staff cannot find that the property owner may have a hardship that is a unique circumstance of the property.

H. The variance or exception is a self-created hardship.

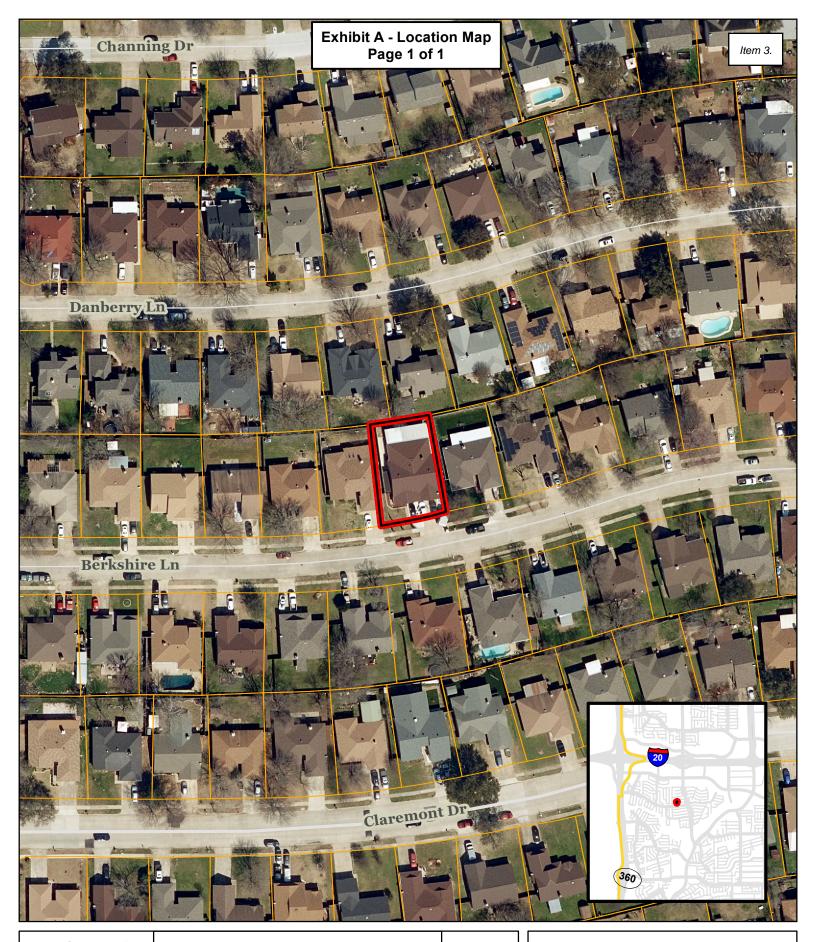
Staff Evaluation: Staff finds that the hardship is self-created.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not object to ZBA-22-04-0015 as requested.

If the Board chooses to grant the request, the applicant must abide by the following:

1. Any construction or building allowed by this variance must conform to the requirements set forth by the Unified Development Code, the 2021 International Building Code, the Grand Prairie Municipal Code of Ordinances, the city adopted fire codes, and with other applicable regulatory requirements administered and/or enforced by the state and federal government. If a building permit has not been applied for or issued within a ninety (90) day period or as the Board may specifically grant, the variance shall be deemed waived; and all rights thereunder terminated.





CASE LOCATION MAP

ZBA-22-04-0015

2642 BERKSHIRE LANE



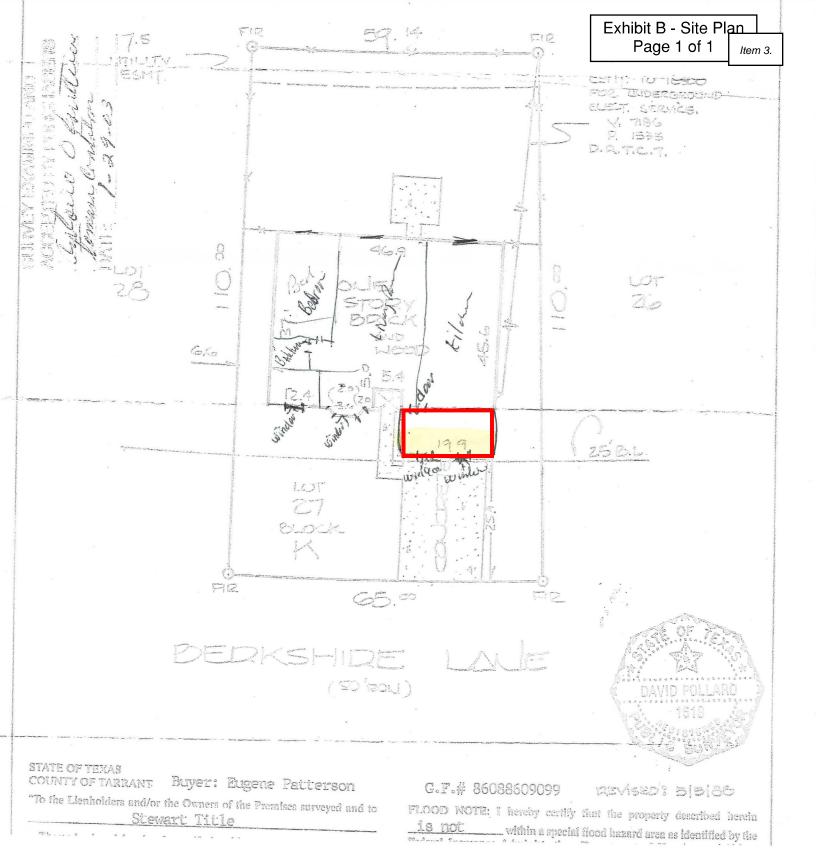
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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 05/16/2022

REQUESTER: Monica Espinoza

PRESENTER: June Sin, Planner

TITLE: ZBA-22-04-0016 (Council District 2) – Variance to reduce the minimum

internal side yard setback requirement permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 3805 E. Verde Woods Street, legally described as Lot 9, Block 3, Coronado Woods Addition Phase 1, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Single Family-Two Residential

District.

APPLICANT: David Russell

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff cannot support the request

SUMMARY:

Variance to reduce the minimum internal side yard setback requirement permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 3805 E. Verde Woods Street, legally described as Lot 9, Block 3, Coronado Woods Addition Phase 1, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Single Family-Two Residential District.

A. Variance: Reduction of the internal side setback required by SF-2 zoning district.

Required Setback: 6 feet (72 inches) Requested Setback: 3 feet (36 inches)

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a variance to the internal side setback requirement for an attached garage located within Single Family-Two zoning district. The Unified Development Code (UDC) states that the minimum internal side setback requirement shall be 72 inches. The applicant is requesting a setback of 37 inches.

The house has a side-entry garage. The proposed garage will be located over the existing pavement in front of the old garage doors. The new garage will be a front-entry garage with doors facing the street. The garage addition is 22 feet by 39 feet with a total area of 836 square feet.

Subject to the approval of this application, an approved building permit will be required prior to the final

inspection of the structure. As part of the building permit review process, Building Inspections will ensure that the structure complies with all regulations.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Legal notice of this item was published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on May 6 and May 15.

Notices to property owners were placed in the City of Grand Prairie out-going-mail on May 6.

46 notices were sent, 0 were returned in favor, 0 returned opposed and there is not a homeowner's association.

FINDINGS:

As authorized in Section 1.11.7.4 of the UDC, the ZBA may grant variances and exceptions provided the following findings are met:

- A. Such variance or exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that such variance may substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district. The proposed structure does not meet the required side setback. Staff found that a similar variance was granted in 2017, for the house located at 3810 E Verde Woods, across from the applicant's house. ZBA approved their request to reduce the side yard from six feet to 3 feet 6 inches.
- B. Such variance or exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that the variance will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
- C. Such variance or exception will not be contrary to the public interest, and such variance or exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those uses specifically authorized for the district in which the property for which the variance is sought is located.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** The variance will not authorize the operation of a use other than those already allowed in Single Family-Two Residential District.
- D. Such variance or exception will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that the variance may not harm the spirit and purpose of this ordinance.
- E. Such variance or exception will not alter the essential character of the district in which is located the property for which the variance is sought.
 - Staff Evaluation: Staff believes that the variance may alter the essential character of the district. The area generally has side entry garages. However, there are a few houses that do have a garage addition with garage doors facing the street such as the ones at 3802, 3810,3814, and 3818 E Verde

Woods Street.

F. Such variance or exception will not substantially weaken the general purposes of the zoning regulations established for the district in which the property is located.

Staff Evaluation: Staff believes that the variance will not substantially weaken the general purpose of the underlying zoning district.

G. The plight of the owner of the property for which the variance or exception is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, including but not limited to the area, shape or slope, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial, and are not due to or the result of general conditions in the district in which the property is located.

Staff Evaluation: Staff finds that the property owner does not have a hardship that is a unique circumstance of the property.

H. The variance or exception is a self-created hardship.

Staff Evaluation: Staff finds that the hardship is self-created.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff cannot support ZBA-22-04-0016 as requested, but notes the following findings of fact:

1. On June 26, 2017, the Zoning Board of Adjustment granted a similar variance to the property at 3810 E. Verde Woods. The variance was the reduction of the internal side yard setback from the required 6 feet to 3.5 feet to construct a two-car garage attached to the home. The variance was granted on the basis that there are other accessory structures and garages in the rear yard of neighboring properties.

If the Board chooses to grant the request, the applicant must abide by the following:

1. Any construction or building allowed by this variance must conform to the requirements set forth by the Unified Development Code, the 2021 International Building Code, the Grand Prairie Municipal Code of Ordinances, the city adopted fire codes, and with other applicable regulatory requirements administered and/or enforced by the state and federal government. If a building permit has not been applied for or issued within a ninety (90) day period or as the Board may specifically grant, the variance shall be deemed waived; and all rights thereunder terminated.





CASE LOCATION MAP

ZBA-22-04-0016 - Residential Variance

3805 E Verde Woods



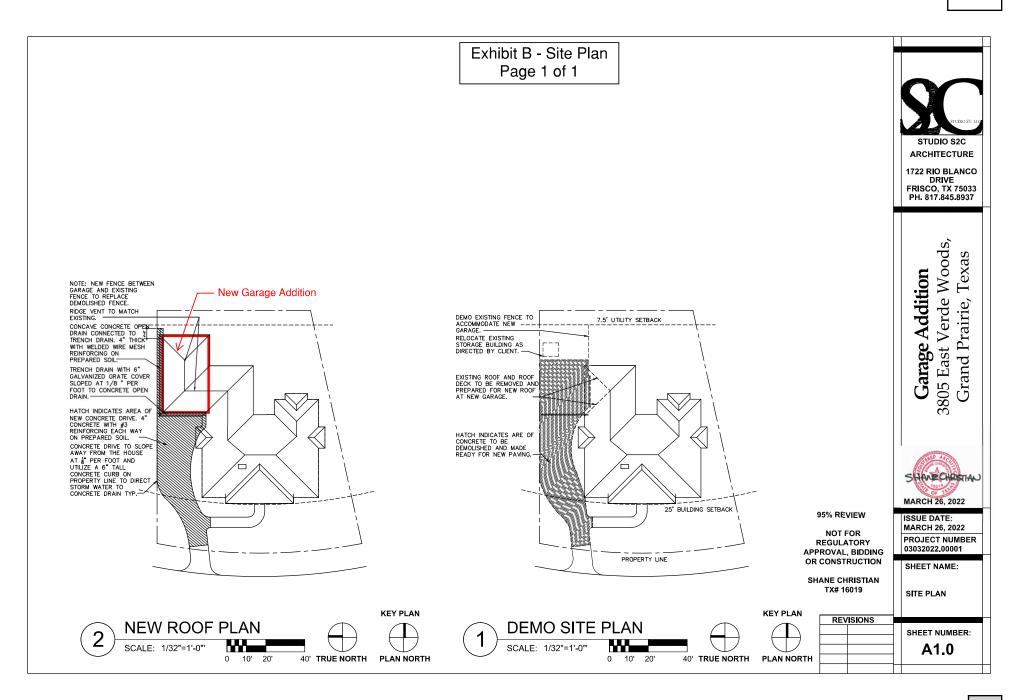
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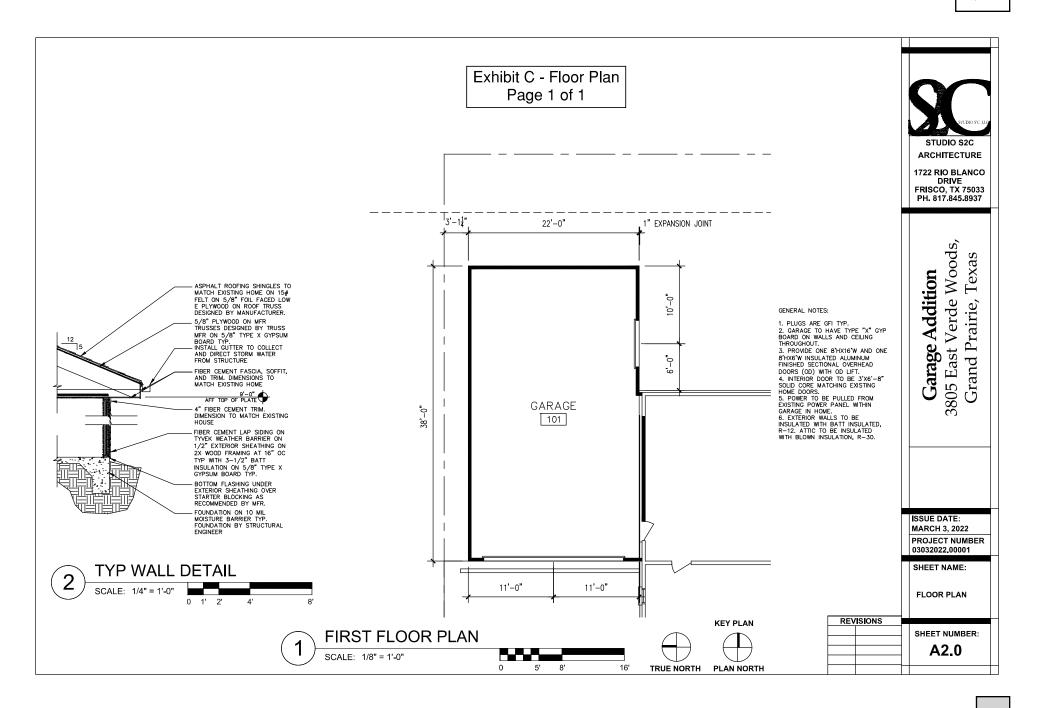
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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 05/16/2022

REQUESTER: Monica Espinoza

PRESENTER: June Sin, Planner

TITLE: ZBA-22-04-0017 (Council District 2) – Variance to reduce the minimum

rear setback and internal side setback and to increase the maximum lot eoverage permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 514 E Grand Prairie Road, legally described as a portion of Lot 4, Block C, Bairds Dallas Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Two

Family Residential District.

APPLICANT: Jorge Juarez

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff cannot support the request

SUMMARY:

Variance to reduce the minimum rear setback and internal side setback and to increase the maximum lot eoverage permitted under the Unified Development Code, located at 514 E Grand Prairie Road, legally described as a portion of Lot 4, Block C, Bairds Dallas Addition, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned Two Family Residential District.

A. Variance: Reduction of the rear setback required by 2F zoning district.

Required Setback: 10 feet (120 inches)

Requested Setback: 6 feet 3 inches (75 inches)

B. <u>Variance</u>: Reduction of the internal side setback required by 2F zoning district.

Required Setback: 5 feet (60 inches)

Requested Setback: 2 feet 2 inches (26 inches)

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a variance to the rear setback and internal side setback requirement for an accessory structure located within a Two-Family (2F) zoning district. The Unified Development Code (UDC) states that the minimum rear setback shall be 120 inches. The applicant is requesting a rear setback of 75 inches. The UDC states that the internal side setback requirement shall be 60 inches. The applicant is requesting an internal setback of 26 inches.

The applicant constructed a secondary dwelling unit in his backyard without obtaining a permit. January 11, 2022, Code Enforcement issued a notice for the property owner to apply for a building permit. During the permit review, staff discovered that the structure does not meet the required setbacks.

Section 4.2.3 of the UDC states that an accessory structure is prohibited from being used as a separate dwelling unit on a lot that has a dwelling unit situated on it. If ZBA grants this variance, the new structure will need to be attached to the main house.

Subject to the approval of this application, an approved building permit will be required prior to the final inspection of the structure. As part of the building permit review process, Building Inspections will ensure that the structure complies with all regulations.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Legal notice of this item was published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on May 6 and May 15.

Notices to property owners were placed in the City of Grand Prairie out-going-mail on May 6.

34 notices were sent, 0 were returned in favor, 0 returned opposed and there is not a homeowner's association.

FINDINGS:

As authorized in Section 1.11.7.4 of the UDC, the ZBA may grant variances and exceptions provided the following findings are met:

- A. Such variance or exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff believes that such variances may substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district. The new addition does not meet the required setback.
- B. Such variance or exception will not adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** Staff suggests that variances may adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public. Code enforcement also received citizen complaints about water draining unto adjacent properties. If variances are granted, staff recommends that proper drainage is provided onsite, and not increase any run-off to neighboring properties.
- C. Such variance or exception will not be contrary to the public interest, and such variance or exception will not authorize the operation of a use other than those uses specifically authorized for the district in which the property for which the variance is sought is located.
 - **Staff Evaluation:** The variances may authorize the operation of a use other than those already allowed in Two Family Residential District. In Section 4.2.3 of the UDC, an accessory structure is prohibited from being used as a separate dwelling unit on a lot that has a dwelling unit situated on it. If ZBA grants this variance, the new structure will need to be attached to the main house.

D. Such variance or exception will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance.

Staff Evaluation: Staff suggests that variances may harm the spirit and purpose of this ordinance. An accessory dwelling unit is prohibited in the UDC.

E. Such variance or exception will not alter the essential character of the district in which is located the property for which the variance is sought.

Staff Evaluation: Staff believes that variances may not alter the essential character of the district. The structure is situated behind the existing house.

F. Such variance or exception will not substantially weaken the general purposes of the zoning regulations established for the district in which the property is located.

Staff Evaluation: Staff believes that variances may substantially weaken the general purpose of the underlying zoning district.

G. The plight of the owner of the property for which the variance or exception is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, including but not limited to the area, shape or slope, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial, and are not due to or the result of general conditions in the district in which the property is located.

Staff Evaluation: Staff finds that the property owner does not have a hardship that is a unique circumstance of the property.

H. The variance or exception is a self-created hardship.

Staff Evaluation: Staff finds that the hardship is self-created.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff cannot support ZBA-22-04-0017 as requested based on the following findings of fact:

- 1. The exception is a self-created hardship.
- 2. Staff believes that such variances may substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent property in the same district.
- 3. Staff suggests that variances may adversely affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

If the Board chooses to grant the request, the applicant must abide by the following:

- 1. The accessory dwelling needs to be attached to the main house.
- 2. The applicant needs to apply for a building permit with Building Inspections and be approved before continuing construction. During this review. Stormwater shall review the permit to verify that the drainage issue is resolved.
- 3. Any construction or building allowed by this variance must conform to the requirements set forth by the Unified Development Code, the 2021 International Building Code, the Grand Prairie Municipal Code of Ordinances, the city adopted fire codes, and with other applicable regulatory requirements administered and/or enforced by the state and federal government. If a building permit has not been applied for or issued within a ninety (90) day period or as the

Board may specifically grant, the variance shall be deemed waived; and all rights thereunder terminated.





CASE LOCATION MAP

ZBA-22-04-0017 - Residential Variance

514 E Grand Prairie Rd



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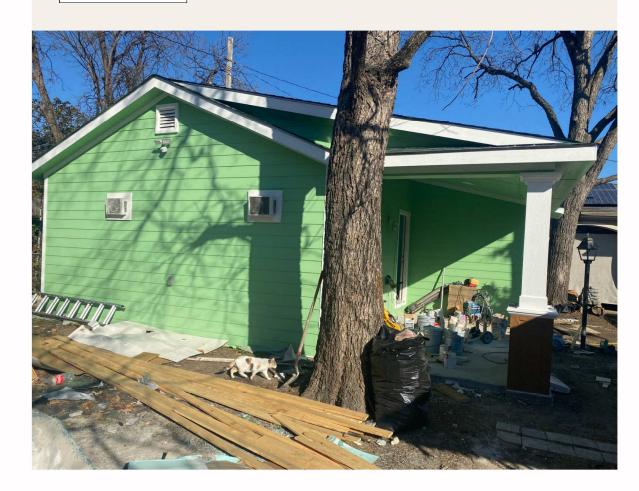
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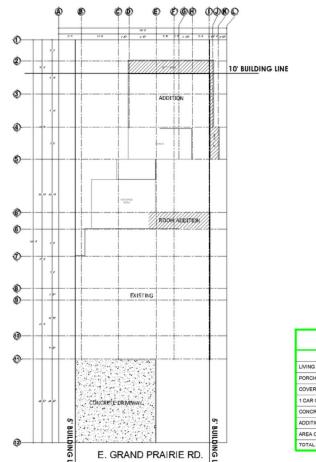
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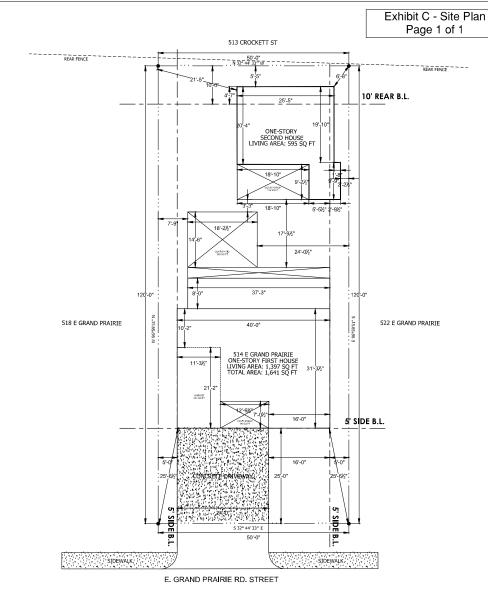
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SITE PLAN

AREA TABULATION		
LIVING AREA	1,397 SQ.FT.	
PORCH	244 SQ. FT	
COVERD PATIO	266 SQ. FT.	
1 CAR GARAGE	244 SQ.FT.	
CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	587 SQ.FT.	
ADDITION	595 SQ.FT.	
AREA OF ADDITION OFF THE BUILDING LINE	146 SQ.FT.	
TOTAL AREA	3,333 SQ.FT.	



PROYECT DATA

ADRESS: 514 E GRAND PRAIRIE RD, GRAND PRAIRI TX 75051

INER/CUSTOMER: JORGE JUAREZ

AREA CALCULATION TABLE ST. FLOOR (FIRST HOUSE) 1,397 SQ.FT. 1ST, FLOOR (SECOND HOUSE) 594 SO FT TOTAL LIVING AREA 1,991 SQ. FT. 244 SQ.FT. 1 CAR GARAGE COVERED PORCH (FIRST HOUSE) 99 SQ. FT OVERED PORCH (SECOND HOUSE) 174 SQ. FT. OVERED PATIO 369 SQ. FT. 2,778 SQ.FT. OTAL COVERED AREA 2 778 SO FT TOTAL COVERED SLAB 6,000 SQ.FT. TOTAL LOT AREA OT COVERAGE PERCENTAGE 46% OTAL ACRES AREA

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RESIDENTIAL HOME

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JORGE JUAREZ

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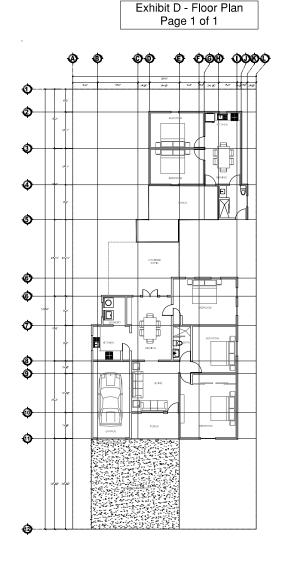
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FLOOR PLAN

RESIDENTIAL HOME

CLENT-OWNER: Larry / Guadalupe Mc Ghee Victor Sánchez

LOCATION:

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