

LAWRENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA FOR **DECEMBER 7, 2017** 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR OF CITY HALL, 6 E. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM **6:30 PM** 

#### TAKE A ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A QUORUM OF MEMBERS PRESENT

#### ITEM NO. 1 COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Acknowledge communications to the come before the Board.
- B. Disclosure of ex-parte communications and/or abstentions for specific agenda items.
- C. Announce any agenda items that will be deferred.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018**

Accept nominations for and elect Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year.

### ITEM NO. 2 MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2017 and October 20, 2017 meetings of the Board.

### **BEGIN PUBLIC HEARING:**

# ITEM NO. 3 VARIANCE FROM THE REAR BUILDING SETBACK FOR A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; 2801 WINTERBROOK DRIVE

**B-17-00638**: A request for a variance as provided in Section 20-1309 of the Land Development Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 edition. The request is for a variance from the 30 foot rear setback standard required by Section 20-601(a) of the City Code for the RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. The applicant is seeking a variance from this code standard reducing the rear setback to a minimum of 21.5 feet to allow for the construction of an addition. The property is located at 2801 Winterbrook Drive. Submitted by Jyl and David Haynes, property owners of record.

# ITEM NO. 4 VARIANCE FROM THE FRONT BUILDING SETBACK FOR A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; 541 PERRY STREET

**B-17-00642**: A request for a variance as provided in Section 20-1309 of the Land Development Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 edition. The request is for a variance from the 25 foot front setback standard required by Section 20-601(a) of the City Code for the RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. The applicant is seeking a variance from this code standard reducing the front setback to a minimum of 14.85 feet to allow for the construction of a balcony. The property is located at 541 Perry Street. Submitted by Berniece Garber, for Robert M. Gibler, property owner of record.

#### ITEM NO. 5 **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A.
- Approval of the 2018 Meeting Calendar Consider any other business to come before the Board. B.



# LAWRENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING MINUTES FOR **SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

Members present: Clark, Gascon, Holley, Mahoney, Wisner

Staff present: Crick, Dolar

#### ITEM NO. 1 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) There were no communications to come before the Board.
- b) There were no ex parte contacts and/or abstentions to disclose.
- c) No agenda items were deferred.

#### ITEM NO. 2 MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes from the August 3, 2017 meeting of the Board.

### **ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Holley, seconded by Clark, to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2017 meeting of the Board.

Motion carried 3-0-2, Mahoney & Gascon abstained.

#### **BEGIN PUBLIC HEARING:**

# ITEM NO. 3 VARIANCE FROM THE REAR BUILDING SETBACKS FOR A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; 5120 CODY CT [JSC]

**B-17-00375**: A request for a variance as provided in Section 20-1309 of the Land Development Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 edition. The request is for a variance from the 30 foot rear setback standard required by Section 20-601(a) of the City Code for the RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. The applicant is seeking a variance from this code standard reducing the rear setback to a minimum of 17.5 feet to allow for the construction of a covered attached deck. The property is located at 5120 Cody Court. Submitted by Jim and Allison Nye, property owners of record.

### **STAFF PRESENTATION**

Mr. Jeff Crick presented the item.

Clark asked if the 1966 code allowed for a 20 ft setback.

Crick explained that it would have automatically had a 30 ft setback, but if the building was situated in a lot in a certain condition- effectively, 30% of the open space occurred behind the rear building line- the setback could be alleviated to 20 ft under the old RS2 zoning district.

The applicant was present but did not speak.

# There was no public comment.

#### **ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Gascon, seconded by Holley, to close public comment on the item.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mahoney thinks this is a slam dunk and it easily meets all five conditions.

Clark asked what happened with the request at the July meeting.

Crick said staff received a similar variance request, but based on the information provided at the time, staff could not make a recommendation to approve the variance. He said additional details were provided with this request and the 1966 zoning code exception was also identified.

#### **ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Wisner, seconded by Gascon, to approve the variance as provided in the staff report.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

# ITEM NO. 4 MISCELLANEOUS

a) Consider any other business to come before the Board.

Crick said there will be no October meeting, so Chair elections will be pushed to November.

Mahoney thanked Holley for his many years of service on the Board.

#### **ADJOURN 6:45 PM**



# LAWRENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2017 – 4:00 PM

Members present: Clark, Gardner, Mahoney, Wilbur

Staff present: Crick, Dolar, Larkin

### ITEM NO. 1 COMMUNICATIONS

a) Acknowledge communications to come before the Board.

Staff requests the Board of Zoning Appeals to authorize the Chair to execute a Notice and Waiver of Conflict of Interest, permitting the City Attorney's Office to represent the Board of Zoning Appeals in La Prad v. Lawrence Board of Zoning Appeals, Case No. 2017-CV-000262, in which case Mr. La Prad appeals the decision of the Board.

This is in relation to B-17-00337 for 1415 E. 18th Street, and was submitted by Todd La Prad, property owner of record. The request was for a variance from the 25 foot front setback standard required by Section 20-601(a) of the City Code for the RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District, seeking a variance from this code standard reducing the front setback to a minimum of 1 foot to allow for the construction of a roofed 22 foot long attached car port. The Board heard this item at their August 3, 2017 meeting and denied the variance request.

Crick explained the reason for the special meeting.

Larkin explained the situation with the civil suit and staff's recommended action.

Mahoney asked if the action in question is whether to allow Mr. Larkin to represent the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) in the civil suit.

Larkin said yes, and to authorize the Chair to sign a Notice and Waiver of Conflict of Interest.

Gardner asked for clarification.

Larkin said that, if approved, he would be representing the BZA in the aforementioned court action.

No other Board members had questions or concerns.

### **ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Wilbur, seconded by Clark, to authorize the Chair to execute a Notice and Waiver of Conflict of Interest permitting the City Attorney's Office to represent the Board of Zoning Appeals in La Prad v. Lawrence Board of Zoning Appeals, Case No. 2017-CV-000262.

Unanimously approved 4-0.

There were no other items to come before the Board.

**ADJOURN 4:06 PM** 

# ITEM NO. 3 VARIANCE FROM THE REAR BUILDING SETBACK FOR A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; 2801 WINTERBROOK DRIVE [JSC]

**B-17-00638**: A request for a variance as provided in Section 20-1309 of the Land Development Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 edition. The request is for a variance from the 30 foot rear setback standard required by Section 20-601(a) of the City Code for the RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. The applicant is seeking a variance from this code standard reducing the rear setback to a minimum of 21.5 feet to allow for the construction of an addition. The property is located at 2801 Winterbrook Drive. Submitted by Jyl and David Haynes, property owners of record.

### B. REASON FOR REQUEST

Applicant's Request: "We are applying for a variance to the required thirty foot distance between the rear boundary of the lot and the perimeter of a permanent structure. The current distance from rear property line to house foundation is thirty-eight feet. We desire an addition to the rear of our house to accommodate a bedroom, bathroom, and family room. Green Meadows Park space borders this property to the rear, thus negating any concern for encroachment an adjacent properties to the rear."

### C. ZONING AND LAND USE

Current Zoning & Land Use: RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District; residential

dwelling

Surrounding Zoning and Land Use: RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District; residential

dwellings.

OS (Open Space) District to the southwest; Green Meadows

Park

#### D. ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 20-601(a), "Density and Dimensional Standards; Occupancy Limits – Residential Districts," has standards defining the minimum building setbacks for residential dwellings based upon each residential zoning district. In the RS7 District, the minimum rear building setback is listed to be 30 feet.

#### E. SPECIFIC ANALYSIS

Section 20-1309(g)(1) in the Development Code lists the five requisite conditions that have to be met for a variance to be approved.

# 1. The variance request arises from such conditions which are unique to the property in question and not ordinarily found in the same zone or district; and are not created by an action or actions of the property owner or applicant.

Applicant response: "This property lot is more shallow from the rear of the existing dwelling to the rear property line than neighboring lots. This is likely due to the curve of Winterbrook Drive at the junction of 28th Street, creating a more shallow lot overall. The rear boundaries of neighboring properties are aligned, bordered in the rear by the Green Meadows Park area. This is illustrated in Google Earth printing."



**Figure 1: Subject Property** 

The lot was created with the approval and recording of a Final Plat of Green Meadows Subdivision in November 1991. In studying the parcels along the western side of Winterbrook Drive, 2801 Winterbrook Drive (Lot 12, Block 3) is one of the shallower lots created within this subdivision. Throughout this portion of the subdivision, none of the side lot lines are of equal length. And specific to this lot, it contains the second and third shortest side lot lines of the western lots along Winterbrook Drive at 119.5 and 120.9 feet respectively. This is approximately 27 feet less than average side lot line length of 148 feet.

The residence is offset to the south, which creates a wider side yard to the north to accommodate the platted drainage easement that runs between 2801 Winterbrook Drive and 2725 Winterbrook Drive. While this space does offer some limited expansion potential for the owners, the amount of space would be limited by the requirements and restrictions associated with that drainage easement.



Figure 2: Subject Parcel with Corresponding Side Lot Line Measurements



Figure 3: Platted Drainage & Utility Easements

# 2. That the granting of the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents.

Applicant response: "The requested variance would create additional indoor living space, continuing and enhancing the current use of the property. This would in no way adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents."

In staff's opinion, the requested variance would not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents. Notice was provided to property owners within 400 feet of the subject property informing them of the application filed by the property owner. As of the time this report was written, staff has not been contacted by any property owner expressing concerns or objections to the applicant's request.

# 3. That the strict application of the provisions of this chapter for which variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application.

Applicant response: "Strict application of the provisions of this chapter would prevent an addition desired to increase living space. The specified 30 foot distance to rear property line from a permanent structure does not allow this addition. The slab, single level construction of current dwelling is a great advantage to use as current owners, due to mobility issues. Few homes in Lawrence offer a 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom and family room all on one level. We like our current setting and do not want to move homes."

Given the geometry of the existing subject parcel and the location of a drainage easement along the northern property line, the ability to construct an addition is primarily limited to the rear of the property. In staff's opinion, strict adherence to the code required building setbacks in this instance may constitute an unnecessary hardship.

# 4. That the variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare.

Applicant response: "The variance requested would in no way adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare of this community. It would be an enhancement to family residential life."

In staff's opinion, granting the requested variance will not create an adverse effect upon the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or general welfare. The request in question is contained within the parcel owned by the applicant. This structure would not create any spill-over noxious effects to the surrounding area.

# 5. That granting the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of this chapter.

Applicant response: "The requested variance would allow addition of sound, safe, effective housing. It would increase the value and usability of our home and so enhance the value of surrounding properties. This would seem to support the general spirit and intent of the Development Code."

In staff's opinion, granting the setback variance would be consistent to the general spirit and intent of the Land Development Code. Granting the requested variance is consistent with the previous findings of the Board, and also consistent with the spirit of Land Development Code. Granting this requested variance would permit the continued use and renovation of the existing residence, while also ensuring the needs and protections of the public interest are maintained.

### **Conclusions:**

Staff's analysis of this variance application finds the request meets all five conditions set forth in Section 20-1309(g)(1) of the Land Development Code that the Board must find existing to grant a variance.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the rear yard building setback variance based upon the findings in the staff report concluding that the request meets the five conditions outlined in Section 20-1309(g)(1).



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# APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM UNNECESSARY HARDSHIPECEIVED

OWNER INFORMATION  Name(s) David M. and Jyl J. Haynes  Contact  Address 2801 Winterbrook Drive  City Laurence  Phone (785) 166-4288 785-166-4631  E-mail dj.dave.828 @gmail.com  iyl.haynes @gmail.com	State Kansas ZIP 66047  Fax ()
APPLICANT/AGENT INFORMATION	
Contact	
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Pre-Application Meeting Date	
Proposed Land Use <u>residential</u> , <u>primary residential</u>	dence
Legal Description (may be attached) GREEN MEAL	DOWS SUB BLK3 LT 12 WHE
Address of Property 2801 Winter brook Drive, Lau	prence, kansas, 66041
Total Site Area  Number and Description of Existing Improvements or Struct	tures

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**Hardship Variance Packet** 

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# **Description of variance requested:**

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# **UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP CRITERIA**

The Board of Zoning Appeals may approve a zoning variance if it finds that all of the following criteria have been met. The Development Code places the burden on the applicant to show that an application complies with such criteria. Please respond to each criterion to the best of your knowledge. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

1. That the variance request arises from such conditions which are unique to the property in

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Jack J. Haynes	Date 8/3/17 11/1/1
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### **OWNER AUTHORIZATION**

I/WE	, hereby referred
I/WE day of to as the "Undersigned", being of lawful age, do hereby on this day of the following statements to wit:	, 20, make
<ol> <li>I/We the Undersigned, on the date first above written, am/are the lawful of absolute of the following described real property:</li> </ol>	owner(s) in fee simple
See "Exhibit A, Legal Description" attached hereto and incorporated herein by re	ference.
2. I/We the undersigned, have previously authorized and	(Herein referred
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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, the Undersigned, have set my hand and seal below.	
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## PROPERTY OWNERSHIP LIST CERTIFICATION

As required by Article 13, Section 20-1301(q) of the Development Code, the applicant is responsible for providing certified Ownership information (including names and mailing addresses) of all real property owners within a defined radius from the subject property. The Planning Department is required by the Development Code to use the submitted Ownership list to mail notice of the public hearing to surrounding property owners regarding this Application.

## **Ownership Information**

The applicant is responsible for providing certified Ownership information. Current Ownership information shall be obtained from the Douglas County Clerk. Ownership information will be considered current if it is **no more than 30 days old** at the time an application is submitted to the Planning Department.

#### **Radius of Notification**

The Ownership list shall include the record Owner of the subject property and all Owners of property located within 400 feet of the subject property. If the subject property is adjacent to the City limits the area of notification shall be extended to at least 1,000 feet into the unincorporated area.

A map of the "Radius of Notification" can be obtained at the Applicant's request at the Planning Office. The map indicates ownership of each property and can be used to check the accuracy and completeness of the Ownership List. The map will be supplied at the Applicant's expense. Allow 10 business days to receive the map.

# THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT.

I certify that I have read and understood the above information and that the submitted Ownership list:

- 1. was a) obtained from and b) certified by the Douglas County Clerk,
- 2. is current (no more than 30 days old), and
- 3. includes all property owners within the required notification radius of the subject property.

Printed Name

# 2801 WINTERBROOK DRIVE

Legal Description:

GREEN MEADOWS SUB BLK 3 LT 12 73.5 X 100.9(I)

I have no objections to this proposed addition.	
Signed Amy Saena	_ Date
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Lawrence, KS 66044

Marni Penrod-Chief Deputy Clerk
Heather Dill-Deputy Clerk Elections

November 1, 2017

A CERTIFIED PROPERTY OWNERSHIP LIST WITHIN 400 FT OF 2801 WINTERBROOK DR (U17005-36). 11/01/2017. REQUESTED BY JYL HAYNES.

JOHN R. NICHOLS DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE 1100 MASSACHUSETTS ST LAWRENCE, KS 66044

785-832-5147

jnichols@douglas-county.com

Douglas County Real Estate Division County Clerk's Office. I do hereby certify the Property Ownership listed hereto, to be true and accurate. From: jnichols@douglascountyks.org

Subject: POL

Date: Today at 12:23 PM
To: jyl.haynes@gmail.com

# Dear Jyl,

Here you are. Hope it helps.

John Nichols Douglas County Clerk's Office 1100 Massachusetts St Lawrence, KS 66044

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# VARIANCE **Unnecessary Hardship or Flood Protection Regulations**

# **DETERMINATION OF COMPLETENESS, ACCURACY, AND SUFFICIENCY** (Completed by Staff)

The following items apply to variance applications. Submission of less information than necessary to adequately review and process your application may delay the review process. The following submittal requirements will be deemed: (P)provided or (NP)not provided. (Circled items have not been reviewed due to time constraints.)

Pre	-App	licatio	n Meeting
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		3.	Payment of review fee.
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		5.	Legal description of the property in print and electronic (Microsoft Word) formats.
		6.	A list certified by the County Clerk of all property owners within the notification area of the subject property.
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		8.	Plot plan illustrating the requested variances and proposed development.  a. Submit 2 copies (in print form) and an electronic copy of the entire application.
			b. If larger than 8.5 " x 11", fold all plans with the image side out.
			c. Additional plans and an 11" x 17" reduction (if larger than 8.5 " x 11") may be requested prior to completion.

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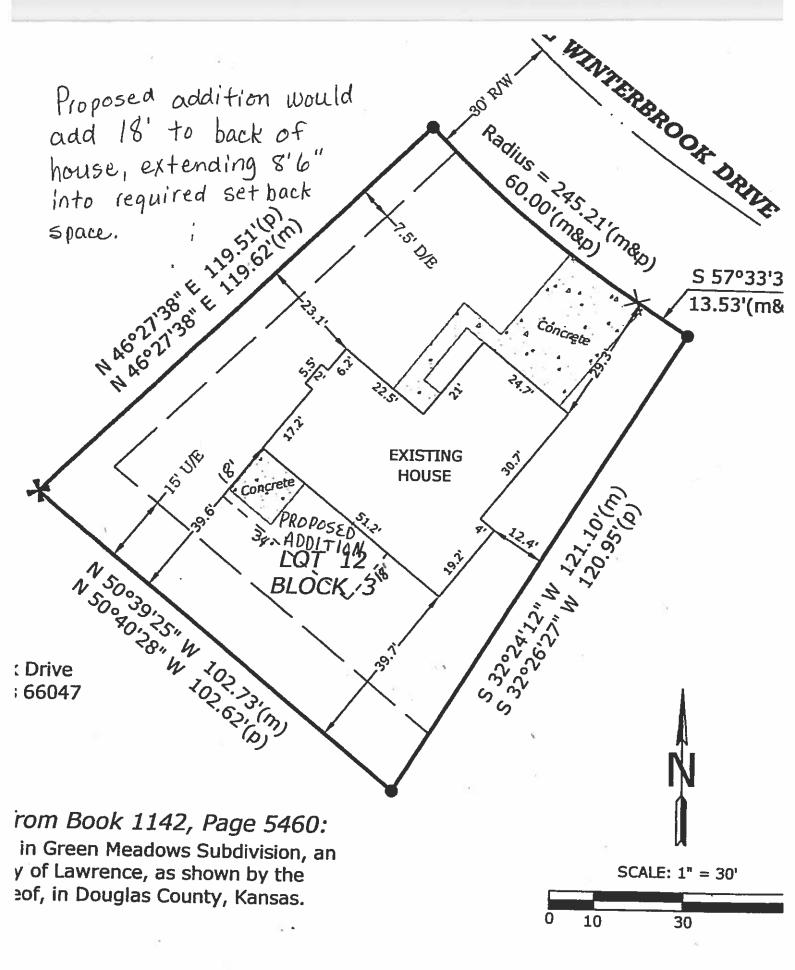
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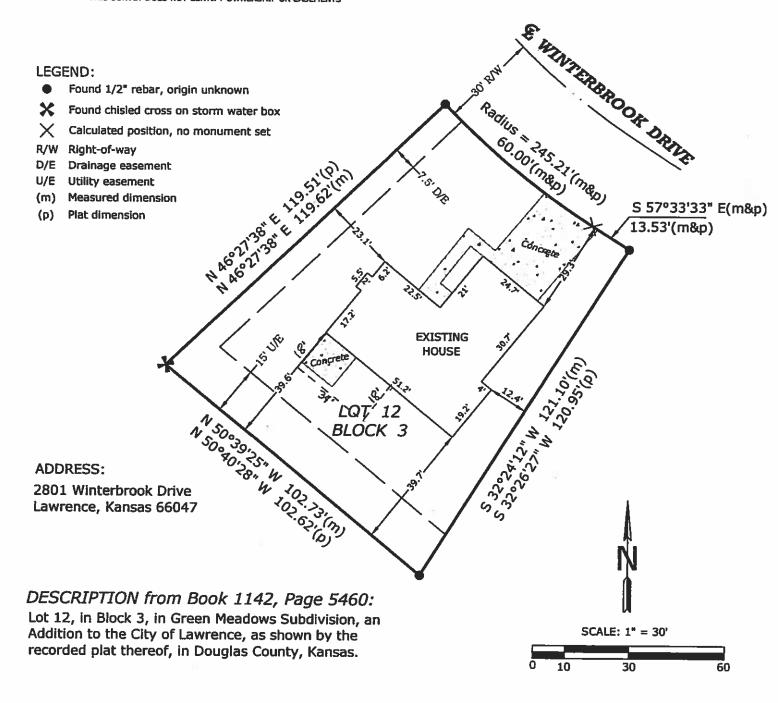


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# PLAT OF SURVEY

THIS SURVEY DOES NOT CERTIFY OWNERSHIP OR EASEMENTS





# Danny L. Stebbins PS No. 1356

I certify this to be a true and correct copy of a survey made by me or under my direct supervision on October 30, 2017.

If the signature on the face of this drawing is not in BLUE INK it is not an original and may be subject to ALTERATION.

### NOTES:

- 1) Except as shown, no easements, restrictions or other encumbrances are a part of this survey.
- 2) All bearings are assumed.

Survey ordered by: Dave Haynes

STEBBINS SURVEYING LLC 4778 Decatur Road Meriden, Kansas 66512 785-246-3513

### ITEM NO. 4 FRONT SETBACK VARIANCE; 541 PERRY STREET [JSC]

**B-17-00642**: A request for a variance as provided in Section 20-1309 of the Land Development Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 edition. The request is for a variance from the 25 foot front setback standard required by Section 20-601(a) of the City Code for the RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. The applicant is seeking a variance from this code standard reducing the front setback to a minimum of 14.85 feet to allow for the construction of a balcony. The property is located at 541 Perry Street. Submitted by Bernice Garber, for Robert M. Gibler and Jeffrey W. Gibler, property owners of record.

### B. REASON FOR REQUEST

Applicant's Request – "Wanting to use the patio that is existing show on survey 6' x 9.5, using that to improve the rest of the property."

Staff Commentary: In a follow-up email, staff asked the applicant to expand on the reason for the request. The applicant informed staff it is to construct a balcony, which is different than the patio use listed initially on the application as the reason for this request. Therefore, staff has reviewed the request in relation to a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony to be constructed. Neither a plot plan nor building elevations were submitted as part of this application.

### C. ZONING AND LAND USE

Current Zoning & Land Use: RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District; residential

dwelling

Surrounding Zoning and Land Use: RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District; residential

dwelling to the north, south, and west.

IG (General Industrial) to the east; Lawrence Landscape

#### D. ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 20-601(a), "Density and Dimensional Standards; Occupancy Limits – Residential Districts," has standards defining the minimum building setbacks for residential dwellings based upon each residential zoning district. In the RS7 District, the minimum front building setback is listed to be 25 feet.

#### E. SPECIFIC ANALYSIS

Section 20-1309(g)(1) in the Development Code lists the five requisite conditions that have to be met for a variance to be approved.

# 1. The variance request arises from such conditions which are unique to the property in question and not ordinarily found in the same zone or district; and are not created by an action or actions of the property owner or applicant.

Applicant response: "Saves money to use what is already there. Several feet of existing property is also in setback. Home has been there a long time."



Figure 1: Subject Property

The subject lot was platted in 1866 as Lot 48, Block 6 of North Lawrence & Additions. The current residence on the parcel was constructed in 1951 according to the Douglas County Appraiser's Office. At the time of the residence's construction, the City of Lawrence had adopted zoning via the 1949 Zoning Code. At that time, the property was zoned B (Second Dwelling) District. The setback requirement was, "Any building hereafter constructed shall provide for a front yard the minimum depth of which shall be at least twenty-five (25) per cent of the depth of the lot but the depth of such front yard need not be more than twenty-five (25) feet." The depth of the platted lot is 125 feet, and 25% of the depth equates to 31.25 feet; therefore the front setback would have been 25 feet per the section's requirement. The 1949 Zoning Code contained a front setback averaging provision similar to the one currently in the Land Development Code, which at the time permitted," where lots comprising forty percent (40%) or more of the frontage, on the same side of a street between two street that intersect such street, (excluding reverse corner lots) are developed with buildings having front yards with a variation of not more than ten (10) feet in depth, the average of such front yards shall be establish the minimum front yard depth for the entire frontage."

With the adoption of the 1966 Zoning Ordinance (Planning and Zoning) in April 1966, the property was rezoned to M-2 (General Industrial) District until it was rezoned in 1968 to RS-2 (Ordinance 3855). With the adoption of the Land Development Code in 2006, the property's zoning was converted to RS7, maintain the 25 foot required front setback. The survey provided by the applicant shows an approximate setback of 21 feet, which was potentially the average setback at the time of construction. (1949 Zoning Code)

Based on the information available for the site and structure, staff believes that the residence was constructed in accordance with the applicable development standards at the time. Therefore, the existing residence would be nonconforming with the currently adopted Land Development Code, but would have been compliant with the applicable density and dimensional standards when constructed in 1951.

The request to construct a balcony the same dimensions as the existing patio would permit for the renovation and expanded use of the existing residence. The proposed balcony being dimensionally consistent with the existing concrete pad would not expand the size of the encroachment footprint into the front setback. Given these findings, staff would recommend granting a variance to allow for the construction of the requested balcony, while also granting a reduction to memorialize the existing building footprint is compliant with the Land Development Code.

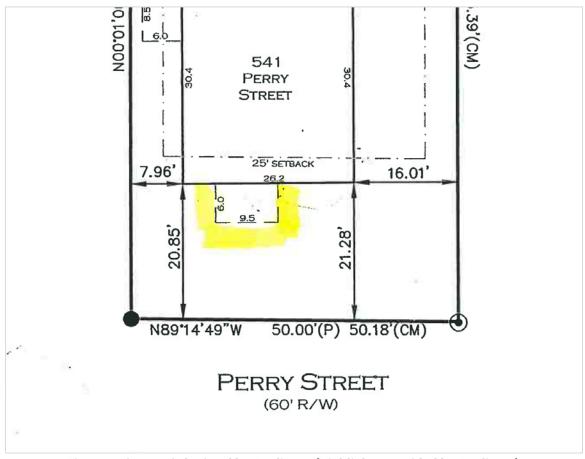


Figure 2: Survey Submitted by Applicant (Highlights provided by Applicant)

# 2. That the granting of the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents.

Applicant response: "No at all since it has always been there for years."

In staff's opinion, the requested variance would not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents. Notice was provided to property owners within 400 feet of the subject property informing them of the application filed by the property owner. As of the time this report was written, staff has not been contacted by any property owner expressing concerns or objections to the applicant's request. Granting this variance would allow the residence to maintain its historic front setback line along Perry Street, and permit the ability to renovate the existing structure allowing for its continued updating and use. The requested front addition does not extraordinarily encroach into a sight triangle or into the required front setback, and is consistent with the existing front porch on the residence today.

Given that this project was not submitted with full drawings regarding the proposed balcony, staff would recommend that if the variance is approved, it should include a condition for Board of Zoning Appeals staff to confirm the design and size of the balcony is consistent with the approved variance when the project is submitted for building permits.



Figure 3: Residence in April 1996 (Source: Lawrence - North Lawrence Survey Kansas Historic Resources Inventory)

# 3. That the strict application of the provisions of this chapter for which variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application.

Applicant response: "It would help with less expense by not having to pay for that 6' x 91/2 feet of concrete and footing again."

In staff's opinion, strict adherence to the code required building setbacks in this instance may constitute an unnecessary hardship. Due to the continued adoption of new zoning and development codes since the residence's construction in 1951, the structure was likely conforming to the 1949 Zoning Code when it was initially constructed. The various rezonings and newly adopted codes were undertaken not at the request of the property owner, but as an action by the City of Lawrence.

It should also be noted that as defined for the intent and purpose of the Land Development Code, unnecessary hardship is defined noting that, "mere financial loss or the loss of a potential financial advantage does not constitute unnecessary hardship." (§ 20-1701) Under this definition, financial considerations are not singularly adequate grounds to constitute an unnecessary hardship.

# 4. That the variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare.

Applicant response: "Only trying to improve property."

In staff's opinion, granting the requested variance will not create an adverse effect upon the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or general welfare. The request in question is contained within the parcel owned by the applicant. This structure would not create any spill-over noxious effects to the surrounding area.

# 5. That granting the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of this chapter.

Applicant response: "I believe it would be only an improvement."

In staff's opinion, approval of this variance is consistent with the general spirit and intent of the Land Development Code. Granting the requested variance is consistent with the previous findings of the Board, and also consistent with the spirit of Land Development Code. Granting of this requested variance would permit the continued use and renovation of the existing residence, while also ensuring that the needs and protections of the public interest are maintained.

#### Conclusions

Staff's analysis of this variance application finds the request meets all five conditions set forth in Section 20-1309(g)(1) of the Land Development Code that the Board must find existing to grant a variance.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the front yard building setback variance of 20.85 feet for the primary structure and 14.85 feet for the proposed balcony, based upon the findings in the staff report concluding that the request does meet the five conditions outlined in Section 20-1309(g)(1), subject to the following condition:

1. Board of Zoning Appeals staff reviews the associated building permits for compliance with this variance as approved prior to the issuance of the permits.



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# APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP RECEIVED applicant NOV 0 3 2017 OWNER INFORMATION Name(s) A. Berniece Garber City County Planning Office Lawrence, Kansas Sulte State ber (a) cynull Mobile/Pager (\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_ Owner APPLICANT/AGENT INFORMATION Contact Robert Company Phone (783) Fax ( ) Mobile/Pager (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ E-mail Planner \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Application Meeting Date \_ PROPERTY INFORMATION Present Zoning District <u>R57</u> Present Land Use residental Proposed Land Use vesidental Legal Description (may be attached) Lot 48 Worth however. Total Site Area 125 x 50 Number and Description of Existing Improvements or Structures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Hardship Variance Packet** 

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# **UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP CRITERIA**

The Board of Zoning Appeals may approve a zoning variance if it finds that all of the following criteria have been met. The Development Code places the burden on the applicant to show that an application complies with such criteria. Please respond to each criterion to the best of your knowledge. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

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OWNER AUTHORIZATION
I/WE
to as the "Undersigned", being of lawful age, do hereby on this day of <u>Octoball</u> , 20 <u>1 1</u> , make the following statements to wit:
1. I/We the Undersigned, on the date first above written, am/are the lawful owner(s) in fee simple absolute of the following described real property:
See "Exhibit A, Legal Description" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
2. I/We the undersigned, have previously authorized and hereby authorize to as "Applicant"), to act on my/our behalf for the purpose of making application with the Planning
Office of Lawrence/Douglas County, Kansas, regarding GUI PELLY SE LAWRENCE ICS GUYY (common address), the subject property, or portion thereof. Such authorization includes, but is not limited to, all acts or things whatsoever necessarily required of Applicant in the application process.
3. It is understood that in the event the Undersigned is a corporation or partnership then the individual whose signature appears below for and on behalf of the corporation of partnership has in fact the authority to so bind the corporation or partnership to the terms and statements contained within this instrument.
Owner Owner Owner
STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this <u>loth</u> day of <u>October</u> , 20.17  by <u>Robert M. Gibler</u>
My Commission Expires:  Notary Public
Marcus Lopez  NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF KANSAS  MY APPT EXP



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### PROPERTY OWNERSHIP LIST CERTIFICATION

As required by Article 13, Section 20-1301(q) of the Development Code, the applicant is responsible for providing certified Ownership information (including names and mailing addresses) of all real property owners within a defined radius from the subject property. The Planning Department is required by the Development Code to use the submitted Ownership list to mail notice of the public hearing to surrounding property owners regarding this Application.

### **Ownership Information**

The applicant is responsible for providing certified Ownership information. Current Ownership information shall be obtained from the Douglas County Clerk. Ownership information will be considered current if it is **no more than 30 days old** at the time an application is submitted to the Planning Department.

#### **Radius of Notification**

The Ownership list shall include the record Owner of the subject property and all Owners of property located within 400 feet of the subject property. If the subject property is adjacent to the City limits the area of notification shall be extended to at least 1,000 feet into the unincorporated area.

A map of the "Radius of Notification" can be obtained at the Applicant's request at the Planning Office. The map indicates ownership of each property and can be used to check the accuracy and completeness of the Ownership List. The map will be supplied at the Applicant's expense. Allow 10 business days to receive the map.

### THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT.

I certify that I have read and understood the above information and that the submitted Ownership list:

- 1. was a) obtained from and b) certified by the Douglas County Clerk,
- 2. is current (no more than 30 days old), and
- 3. includes all property owners within the required notification radius of the subject property.

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# BOUNDARY / IMPROVEMENT LOCATION

# 541 PERRY STREET

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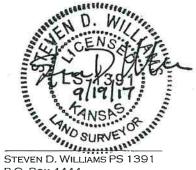
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# **CERTIFICATION:**

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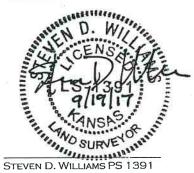


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To: Jeff Crick

Subject: Re: Board of Zoning Appeals Application for 541 Perry Street

**Date:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 10:42:29 AM

A balcony going over the existing patio.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2017, at 4:54 PM, Jeff Crick < <u>jcrick@lawrenceks.org</u>> wrote:

Good afternoon Berniece,

I received your application to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 541 Perry Street, and I wanted to confirm your variance request. Are you seeking a variance to construct a covered porch on the front of the house?

Thanks, Jeff

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**Jeff Crick, AICP,** *Planner II* – <u>jcrick@lawrenceks.org</u>
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### 2018 SCHEDULE

## LAWRENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

### AGENDA ITEMS DEADLINE BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2017 January 4, 2018

January 5 February 1

February 2 March 1

March 2 April 5

April 6 May 3

May 4 June 7

June 8 July 5

July 6 August 2

August 3 September 6

September 7 October 4

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## NOTE:

Time for submittal of applications on a deadline day is 3:00 p.m. Please adhere to the deadline dates and time. Any item not received in full by the Planning Office on or before a particular deadline will not be placed on that particular meeting agenda, rather, it will be scheduled for the next regular meeting of the Board.

If an application is located in a historic district or within the environs of a historic property or district, the BZA will delay hearing the application until after the application is considered by the Historic Resources Commission or approved by the Historic Resources Administrator.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meetings will usually be held at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the Month in the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall,  $6^{th}$  and Massachusetts Streets, Lawrence.

Special meetings of the Board will be called in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lawrence Board of Zoning Appeals.