Board of Zoning Adjustment

Staff Report

March 5, 2018



Case No: 18VARIANCE1008

Project Name: 1119 Reutlinger Avenue Addition

Location: 1119 Reutlinger Avenue Owner(s): Tran & P Properties LLC

Applicant:Anthony TranJurisdiction:Louisville MetroCouncil District:10 - Pat Mulvihill

Case Manager: Dante St. Germain, Planner I

REQUEST

 <u>Variance</u> from Land Development Code table 5.2.2 to allow a second story addition to encroach into the required side yard setback

Location	Requirement	Request	Variance
Side Yard Setback	3 ft.	0 ft.	3 ft.

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The subject property is located in the Germantown neighborhood, and currently contains a one-story single-family residence. The applicant proposes to construct a new second-story camelback-style addition onto the rear of the existing structure. The existing structure is set back 3.01 feet on one side and 0 feet on the other side. The second story is proposed to follow the existing footprint, and therefore the applicant requests a variance for the 0-foot setback.

STAFF FINDING

Staff finds that the requested variance is adequately justified and meets the standard of review.

Based upon the information in the staff report, and the testimony and evidence provided at the public hearing, the Board of Zoning Adjustment must determine if the proposal meets the standards for granting a variance established in the Land Development Code from table 5.2.2 to allow a second story addition to encroach into the required side yard setback.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

No technical review was undertaken.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

No interested party comments were received.

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STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCE FROM TABLE 5.2.2

(a) The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

STAFF: The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare as all construction will have to be performed in compliance with building codes, including fire codes.

(b) The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

STAFF: The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity as camelback-style homes with reduced or no side yard setback are common in Germantown.

(c) The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.

STAFF: The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public as the existing structure has no setback on one side, which has caused no known hazard or nuisance.

(d) The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.

STAFF: The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations as this style of house is common in Germantown and the second story cannot be set back farther from the property line than the existing structure without creating a costly engineering challenge with respect to the load-bearing walls.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone.

STAFF: The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone because the existing structure has no setback on one side, and the second story addition is proposed to follow the existing footprint.

2. The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant by requiring the applicant to set back the second story more than the setback of the first story, which would create a costly engineering challenge by not lining up the addition with the load-bearing first-floor walls.

3. The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought.

STAFF: The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought as the applicant is requesting the variance and has not begun construction.

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NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
02/12/2018		1 st tier adjoining property owners
		Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 10
02/16/2018	Hearing before BOZA	Notice posted on property

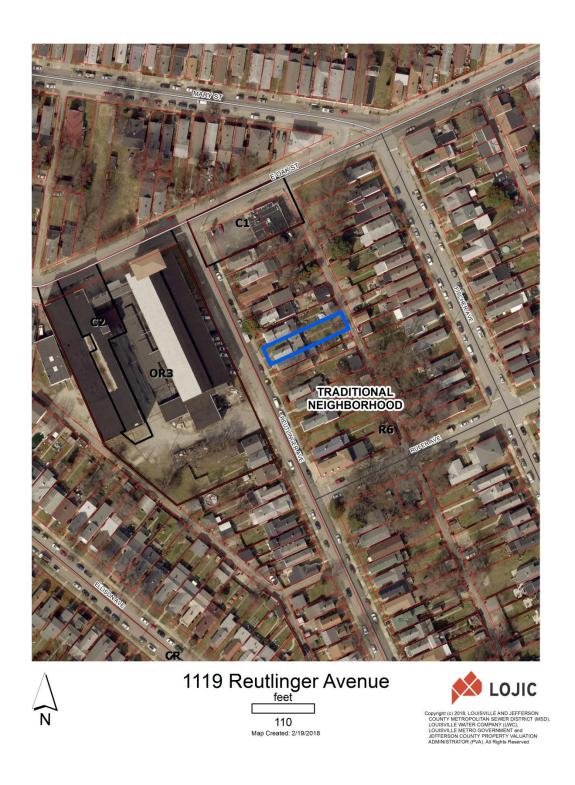
ATTACHMENTS

- 1.
- Zoning Map Aerial Photograph Site Plan 2.
- 3.
- Site Photos 4.

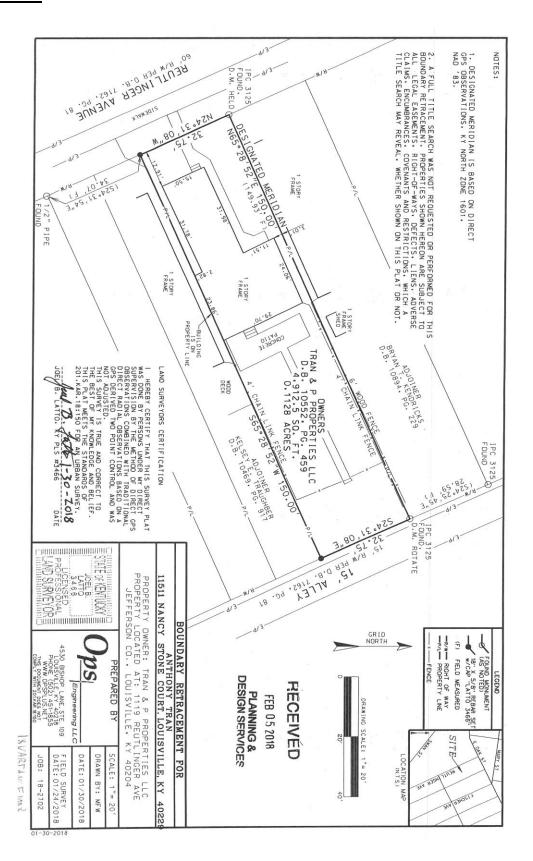
1. Zoning Map



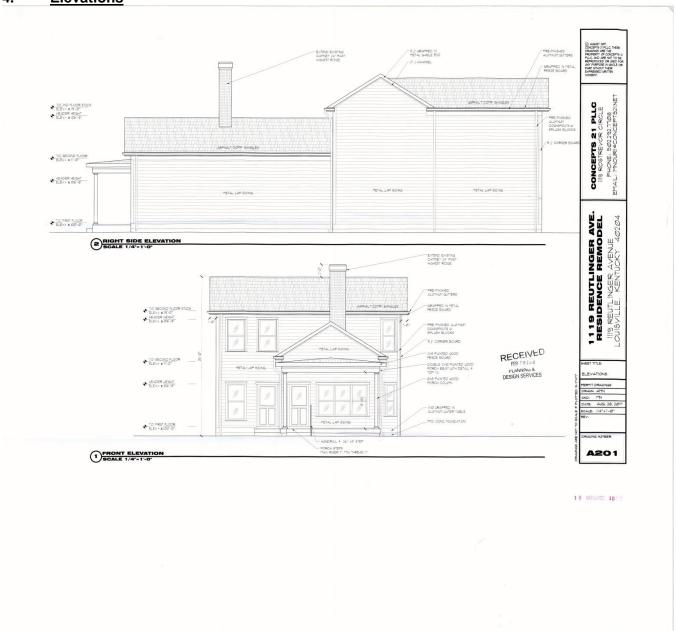
2. <u>Aerial Photograph</u>

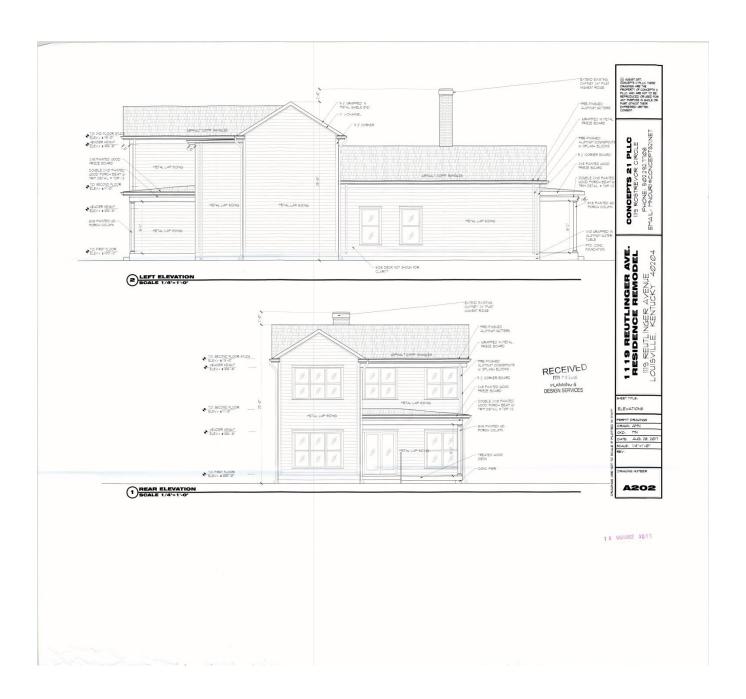


3. Site Plan



4. Elevations





5. <u>Site Photos</u>



The front of the subject property and the property to the right.



The property to the left of the subject property.



Bradford Mill Lofts is across Reutlinger Avenue.



The location of the requested variance.