Board of Zoning Adjustment Staff Report

September 11, 2017



Case No: Project Name: Location: Owner(s): Applicant: Jurisdiction: Council District: Case Manager: 17VARIANCE1050 2172 Emerson Avenue Garage 2172 Emerson Avenue Karen Guilkey Anne Del Prince – Del Prince Designs LLC Louisville Metro 8 – Brandon Coan Dante St. Germain, Planner I

<u>REQUEST</u>

 <u>Variances</u> from Land Development Code section 5.4.2.C.3.a to allow an accessory structure to encroach into the required rear setback and to allow an accessory structure to encroach into the required side setback.

| Location | Requirement | Request | Variance |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Rear Setback | 5 ft. | 4.458 ft. | 0.542 ft. |
| Side Setback | 2 ft. | 1.25 ft. | 0.75 ft. |

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The subject property currently contains an existing 1 ½ story single-family residence and an existing one-story, two-car garage. The applicant proposes to remodel the garage into a game room with storage. The garage currently encroaches into the rear setback by 6 inches. After the remodel, the garage is proposed to encroach into the rear setback by 6.5 inches. The garage also currently encroaches 9 inches into the side setback. The applicant requests variances from Land Development Code section 5.4.2.C.3.a to allow the encroachments.

STAFF FINDING

Staff finds that the requested variances are adequately justified and meet 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 section 5.4.2.C.3.a to allow an accessory structure to encroach into the required rear setback and to encroach into the required side setback.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

• No technical review was undertaken.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

No interested party comments were received by staff.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCES FROM SECTION 5.5.2.C.3.a

(a) <u>The requested variances will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.</u>

STAFF: The requested variances will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare as the garage already encroaches into the setbacks, which has caused no known adverse effects.

(b) <u>The requested variances will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.</u>

STAFF: The requested variances will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity as the encroachments will not be visible from the right-of-way.

(c) <u>The requested variances will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.</u>

STAFF: The requested variances will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public as the existing rear encroachment is almost as great as the proposed encroachment, and the side encroachment is not proposed to change, which has caused no known hazard or nuisance.

(d) <u>The requested variances will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.</u>

STAFF: The requested variances will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations as the side encroachment is not proposed to change, and the rear encroachment is changing by a small degree.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. <u>The requested variances arise from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land</u> in the general vicinity or the same zone.

STAFF: The requested variances arise from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone as the garage is existing and it is being remodeled.

2. <u>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.</u>

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant by preventing the applicant from adding space into the new game room being created from the existing garage.

3. <u>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.</u>

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 variances and has not begun construction.

NOTIFICATION

| Date | Purpose of Notice | Recipients | |
|------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 08/24/2017 | | 1 st tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 9 | |
| 08/25/2017 | | Notice posted on property | |

ATTACHMENTS

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

1. Zoning Map



2. <u>Aerial Photograph</u>





4. <u>Elevations</u>



5. <u>Site Photos</u>



The front of the subject property.



The residence to the right.



The residence to the left of the subject property.



The property across Emerson Avenue.



The garage which is to be remodeled.