

Legislation Text

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Title:

127 Varsity Circle - Request for a rear yard setback variance from thirty (30) feet to twenty-three and one-half (23.5) feet for an addition in the R-1A (Single Family Dwelling) district; BV2023-040 (Joseph & Kristen Harmon, Applicants) District 3 - Constantine Herr (Hilary Padin, Project Manager)

Department/Division:

Development Services - Planning and Development

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Motion/Recommendation:

1. Deny the request for a rear yard setback variance from thirty (30) feet to twenty-three and one-half (23.5) feet for an addition in the R-1A (Single Family Dwelling) district; or
2. Approve the request for a rear yard setback variance from thirty (30) feet to twenty-three and one-half (23.5) feet for an addition in the R-1A (Single Family Dwelling) district; or
3. Continue the request to a time and date certain.

Background:

- The subject property is located in the Academy Cove subdivision.
- The request is to construct an eighteen (18) foot by eighteen (18) foot single story office/bedroom addition to the rear of the existing single-family home, encroaching six and one-half (6.5) feet into the rear yard setback.
- The Academy Cove Homeowners Association has approved the request.
- Two (2) letters of support have been received from the rear neighbors.
- The request is for a variance to Section 30.206(a)(3) of the Land Development Code of Seminole County, which states that the rear yard setback is thirty (30) feet.
- There have not been prior variances for the subject property.

Staff Findings:

The applicant has not satisfied all six (6) criteria under Section 30.43(b)(3) of the Seminole County Land Development Code for granting a variance as listed below:

- a. That special conditions or circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures or building in the same zoning district; and
- b. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant; and
- c. That the granting of the variance requested will not confer on the applicant special privileges that are denied by Chapter 30 to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district; and
- d. That the literal interpretation of the provisions of Chapter 30 will deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning classification; and
- e. That the variance requested is the minimum variance that will make possible reasonable use of the land, building or structure; and
- f. That the grant of the variance would be in harmony with the general intent of Chapter 30.

Staff finds that the following variance criteria has not been satisfied:

The general intent of the Land Development Code is to maintain consistent setbacks; therefore, the grant of the variance would not be in harmony with the general intent of Chapter 30. Section 30.43(b)(3)(f)

Staff Conclusion:

Based upon the foregoing findings, the requested variance is not in the public interest and failure to grant the variance would not result in an unnecessary and undue hardship.

Staff Recommendation:

Based on the stated findings, staff recommends denial of the request, but if the Board of Adjustment determines that the applicant has satisfied all six (6) criteria under Section 30.43(b)(3) of the Seminole County Land Development Code for granting a variance, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

1. Any variance granted will apply only to the addition (18' x 18') as depicted on the attached site plan; and
2. Any additional condition(s) deemed appropriate by the Board of Adjustment, based on information presented at the public hearing.