

CITY OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

TO: Chairman Burdette, and Planning and Zoning Members

FROM: Becky Holmes, Building and Zoning Supervisor

DATE: May 22, 2017

SUBJECT: 1 ½ foot Side Yard Variance Request

PETITIONER: Jim Fondren

LOCATION: 202 McGinley

ZBA REQUEST: To allow the petitioner to replace a detached garage in the same location as the original garage. The original structure was 3 1/2 feet from the property line. That measurement does include the overhang. The required side yard setback is 5 feet from overhang.

BACKGROUND: The property is zoned R-1, has a lot width of 80 feet and a lot depth of 150 feet. The petitioner has already demolished the dilapidated garage and is requesting to rebuild a slightly larger structure while maintaining the same north side setback.

STAFF'S OBSERVATIONS:

- It appears that the petitioner would not be able to receive reasonable return on his property without replacement of the dilapidated garage.
- There does appear to be unique circumstance as the existing driveway is close to the lot line. The petitioner plans on reusing the same drive way.
- It does not appear that there would be any change to the character of the neighborhood as many of the detached garages in the neighborhood are close to their side lot lines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the side yard variance request.



MC GINLEY ST.

VOHLAND ST.

Meeting 6-7-17
@ 6:30 pm

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APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

To have a complete application for a variance, you must submit the following:

- Signed and completed application
- Plat showing subject property and proposed site improvements
- Ownership documentation (lease, deed, mortgage, etc.)
- Application fee of \$100 payable to the City of Washington

Name(s) of Applicant(s): JIM FONDREN / RAY TRAPP

Phone Number of Applicant: 922.9281 / 303.2249

Address of Applicant: 202 MCGINLEY

Owner of Property: JIM FONDREN

Address of Owner: 202 MCGINLEY

I would like to receive correspondence by: Mail X Email Email Address: RAY-TRAPP@HOTMAIL.COM

Property Tax ID (PIN) number: 02 - 02 - 20 - 403 - 015

Current zoning classification of the property: R1 Current use of the property: RESIDENTIAL

Describe how your property cannot yield a reasonable return, if it is required to be used only under the general conditions of your zoning classification:

PROPERTY HAD 2 STALL GARAGE IN BAD, DISREPAIR SHAPE &
HAD TO COME DOWN. NEED TO REPLACE GARAGE

To the best of your knowledge, can you affirm that the hardship described above was not created by an action of anyone having property interests in the land after the Zoning Ordinance became law? Yes X No

If "no," explain why the hardship should not be regarded as self-imposed. (Self-imposed hardships are NOT entitled to variations.)

Describe how your situation is unique or different from any other property: EXISTING GARAGE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN NEAR PROPERTY LINE & WILL BE REPLACED ON EXISTING
FOUNDATION

Describe the alteration or change, if any, in the basic character of the neighborhood the variation, if granted, would make:

GARAGE WILL BE SLIGHTLY LARGER BUT ON THE SAME
NORTH PROPERTY LINE

Describe the nature of the variation you are requesting (attach dimensioned site plan): SIDE YARD VARIANCE
TO REBUILD GARAGE

PUBLIC HEARING: Your case will be referred with staff's recommendation to the next regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting for a public hearing. The PZC meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington District Library meeting room at 380 N. Wilmor Road. At the PZC meeting, you will present your request. A variance cannot be granted by the PZC unless the PZC finds, based upon the application and evidence presented at the public hearing, that a strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance imposes practical difficulties or particular hardship. The following are examples of variances that can be granted:

1. To permit the extension of a district where the boundary line of a district divides a lot in single ownership as shown of record.
2. To permit the reconstruction of a nonconforming building which has been destroyed or damaged to an extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its value, by fire or act of God, or the public enemy, where the PZC shall find some compelling public necessity requiring a continuance of the nonconforming use, but in no case shall such a permit be issued if its primary function is to continue a monopoly.
3. To make a variance, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property of record, or by reason of exceptional topographical conditions the strict application of any provision of this chapter would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or particular hardship upon the owner of such property, and amount to a practical confiscation of property, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience to such owner, provided such relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the general purpose and intent of the comprehensive plan as established by the regulations and provisions contained in the Zoning Ordinance.
4. To interpret the provisions of this chapter where the street layout actually on the ground varies from the street layout as shown on the district map fixing the several districts.
5. To waive the parking requirements in the business or industrial districts whenever the character or use of the building is such as to make unnecessary the full provision of parking facilities or where such regulations would impose an unreasonable hardship upon the use of the lot, as contrasted with merely granting an advantage or convenience.
6. To permit a building to be erected, reconstructed, altered, or enlarged so that the building lines would extend beyond the distance specific in this chapter into side yards or into front yards; provided that such variance may not be granted:
 - a. Unless there is a building in the block that extends beyond the distance from the front street line specified in this chapter, in which case the building line may be permitted to extend as near to the front street line as such nonconforming building;
 - b. Unless the lot is irregular in shape, topography, or size; or
 - c. Unless the street line of the lot is directly opposite the street line of a lot which is irregular in shape, topography, or size.
7. To permit in any district such modifications of the requirements of the regulations of this chapter as the Board may deem necessary to secure all appropriate development of a lot where adjacent to such lot on two or more sides there are buildings that do not conform to the regulations of the district.

Certification: *To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein, and on the attachments, is true, accurate, and correct, and substantially represents the existing features and proposed features. Any error, misstatement, or misrepresentation of material fact or expression of material fact, with or without intention, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation or denial of the proposed Variance.*



Signature of Applicant

5-10-17

Date

Signature of Owner

Date

After receiving a completed application, the City Clerk will file notice of your request with the local newspaper and with the adjoining property owners. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Holmes, Building and Zoning Supervisor, at (309) 444-1122.

NEAREST CORNER
OF HOUSE

12' 6"

NEIGHBORS
FENCE / PROPERTY
LINE

3' 6"

OVERHANG

3' 6"



347
Sq Ft

1832
Sq Ft

838
Sq Ft

371
Sq Ft

835
Sq Ft

403
Sq Ft

1529
Sq Ft

904
Sq Ft

847
Sq Ft

MC GINLEY ST.

205

970
Sq Ft

203

1848
Sq Ft

201

1237
Sq Ft