

## Staff Report

To: Salt Lake City Planning Commission
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Date: December 21, 2023
Re: PLNZAD2023-00837, $3^{\text {rd }}$ East Variance

## VARIANCE

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 649 S 300 E
PARCEL ID: 16-06-386-003-0000
MASTER PLAN: Central Community Master Plan
ZONING DISTRICT: RMF-35 (Moderate Density Multi-Family Residential)

## REQUEST:

George Gardner, the applicant and property owner, is requesting a variance to reduce the required side and rear yard setbacks for the subject property. The subject property is a landlocked, noncomplying parcel within the RMF-35 (Moderate Density Multi-Family Residential) zone and contains a noncomplying structure that does not meet rear and front setbacks. The proposed variance is to allow a greater encroachment on the rear yard and a new encroachment on the side yard. The proposal would accommodate a 439-square-foot addition to the house and the applicant is requesting a 2 -foot setback for the north side yard, where 4 feet is required, and a 2 -foot setback for the rear yard, where 20 feet is required.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information and findings listed in the staff report, it is the Planning Staff's opinion that the request for a reduction in the side and rear yard setbacks does not meet the applicable standards of approval and therefore recommends the Appeals Hearing Officer deny the request.

## ATTACHMENTS:

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed variance is to allow a greater encroachment on the rear yard and a new encroachment on the side yard, resulting in a 2 -foot setback for the north side yard, where 4 feet is required, and a 2foot setback for the rear yard, where 20 feet is required. The purpose of the addition (outlined in the Application Materials, Attachment B) is to increase the square footage of the existing home by 439 sq ft to add a closet, spare bedroom, and second bathroom. The applicant's reasoning for the location of this addition being to the north of the home, rather than to the south, is that the area on the south of the property is used for parking and vehicle turn-around.

## Subject Property Description

The subject property is a detached, noncomplying structure on a landlocked, noncomplying parcel in the RMF-35 zone. The lot is approximately 3,712 square feet in size. Because the property is landlocked, it is accessed by a private drive easement across the property to the west. The home on this lot was built in 1910 and the lot was created in 1931 in the residential B-2 zone, which required a minimum lot size of $3,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ for a single-family home.


Section 21A.62.040 Definitions:
LOT LINE, FRONT: "Front lot line" means that boundary of a lot which is along an existing or dedicated public street, or where no public street exists, is along a public way. On corner lots, the property owner shall declare the front lot line and corner side yard line on a building permit application. In the case of landlocked land, the front lot line shall be the lot line that faces access to the lot.

LOT LINE, REAR: "Rear lot line" means that boundary of a lot which is most distant from, and is, or is most nearly, parallel to, the front lot line.

Section 21A.62.040 Definitions defines the front lot line as the one facing access to the lot. This section also calls out the location of the rear lot line as being nearly parallel to the front lot line. This makes the western property line the front and the eastern property line the rear.

Because the front property line is to the west, the lot is considered 45 ft deep and 82.5 ft wide. The required rear and front yard setback for lots in the RMF-35 zone are each 20 ft , leaving a buildable area of 5 ft deep and 68.5 ft wide. The following table provides the dimensions of the property and building setbacks in relation to current zoning regulations, followed by an image provided by Planning Staff showing the building envelope per the RMF-35 zone setbacks on this lot.

| RMF-35 Standard | Existing | Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Front Yard Setback 20 ft | 8 ft | NA |
| Side Yard Setback $4 \mathrm{ft}, 10 \mathrm{ft}$ | 46 ft (South) <br> 8 ft (North) | NA (South) <br> 2 ft (North) |
| Rear Yard Setback <br> $25 \%$ of lot depth with minimum of 20 ft | 11 ft | 2 ft |



Image showing the proposed site plan and allowed building envelope per RMF-35 zoning requirements.

## Context

The primary structure on this lot was built in 1910, roughly 20 years prior to the creation of the lot. Based on Salt Lake County Historical Records, it appears this structure was originally used as a carriage house prior until it was subdivided from the original, larger parcel to the east in 1931. Because of this, the subject lot and home are both smaller than other lots and homes in the immediate area. The only smaller lot in this area is 648 S Iverson Street, which is in the SR-3 Zone, which only requires a $2,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ lot for a single-family home. According to assessor data, the subject home is the smallest in the RMF-35 zone in the vicinity.

Immediate neighbors to this property include 644 Iverson Street to the east and 643 S 300 E to the west, both of whom have submitted letters in favor of the addition (Attachment B). Other adjacent neighbors include 648 Iverson Street to the east, 651 S 300 E to the south, and the Central City Recreation Center to the North.

| Address | Home Sq. Ft. | Lot Sq. Ft. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 649 S 300 E | 706 | 3798 |
| 643 S 300 E | 2018 (three-plex) | 6534 |
| 651 S 300 E | 1714 | 5227 |
| 644 S Iverson St. | 1036 | 5227 |
| 648 S Iverson St. | 1036 | 3049 |
| 652 S Iverson St. | 2380 | 6098 |
| 669 S 300 E | 2075 | 3920 |
| 673 S 300 E | 1769 | 3920 |
| 677 S 300 E | 1012 | 4456 |

## Additions to Noncomplying Structures

Given that the existing home already encroaches into the required front and rear setbacks, Section 21A.38.050 of the code allows a process for an addition to the structure. Specifically, the code permits an extension to the side of the structure aligned with the existing front and rear walls, so long as it does not create further non-conformities. The code prohibits additions that would further encroach into the front or rear setbacks. This allows for an additional 4 ft to the north of the home and 36 ft to the south of the home that could be available for an addition.

Section 21A.38.050 Noncomplying Structures outlines the City's regulations in regard to enlarging, moving, or altering a noncomplying structure:

21A.38.050.B. 1
a. Front Yard: A principal building with a front yard setback that is less than the minimum required may be enlarged provided the addition does not further reduce the existing front yard setback and complies with all other applicable requirements of Title 21A.
c. Rear Yards: A principal building noncomplying to rear yard setbacks may be expanded provided the expansion follows an existing noncomplying building wall and does not result in a decrease of the existing rear yard setback and complies with side and corner side yard setbacks of the underlying zoning district. If the building does not comply with the existing side or corner side yard setback, the expansion shall be permitted to extend to the side or corner side yard setback of the underlying zone.

The applicant has stated that the home is unusual for the area, being landlocked facing south with access from the west, necessitates the entire area south of the home for parking and turnaround to exit the private drive. While staff acknowledges the distinct characteristics of the lot, an evaluation based on dimensions for a vehicle turnaround indicates sufficient space to
accommodate an in-line addition, as shown below and verified by the Transportation Division. Considering the existing code provisions allow for an addition to the home, a variance is not necessary.


Image showing a vehicle turnaround with parking provided by the Transportation Division.


Image showing area appropriate buildable area with an in-line addition to a noncomplying structure (does not account for lot coverage maximums or parking area requirements).

## Variance Standards Analysis and Summary

The standards required for granting a variance are set forth in Utah Code Section 10-9-707 and Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance, Section 21A.18.o6o. The Hearing Officer may grant a variance if all of the conditions described in Attachment E are met. The applicant shall bear the burden of demonstrating that the standards have been met and the variance is justified. The key issues have been listed below through analysis of this project.

Demonstrated Hardship: As shown in this report, this lot is unique in that, because access (and therefore the front property line) faces west, the lot is only 45 ft deep. With a 25 ft front yard setback and a 20 ft rear yard setback, this leaves a buildable area of only 5 ft deep. This leads staff to believe that this property does have a unique hardship. However, the hardship can be resolved by following the Nonconforming Structure allowance to follow the setback of the existing home to accommodate an addition to the south of the structure.

Substantial Property Right: Having a home on the property is a privilege granted to other properties and is a substantial property right. The property currently accommodates an existing single-family home. While the size of the existing home is modest compared to others in the area at 706 sq ft , in Planning Staff's opinion, the request to construct an addition into the required side yard and rear yard setbacks for enlarged living space is not a substantial property right. The desire to expand the home's square footage is a selfimposed hardship, as there is room elsewhere on this lot to accommodate an addition without a variance.

Minimal Variance Necessary: Variances should only be granted if, "it is not greater than the minimum variation necessary to relieve the unnecessary hardship demonstrated by the applicant." In reviewing the application materials and site plan, it appears there is adequate space to accommodate an addition to the south side of this home.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Appeals Hearing Officer deny the request for a variance at 649 S 300 E . Although this lot is unique in that it's allowed building envelope is only 5 ft deep, in-line additions can be accommodated on the north and south side yards.

## NEXT STEPS

If the requested variance is approved, the applicant could proceed with applying for a building permit to construct the rear and side additions as shown on the project plans in Attachment B. If the variance request is denied, the applicant would not be able to proceed with their planned addition as proposed.

## ATTACHMENT A: Vicinity Map

## Vicinity Map



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## ATTACHMENT B: Application Materials

## Narrative

We would like to build an addition on the back and side of our house to add a closet, spare bedroom and a second bathroom. Our house is unusual for our area because it is set back in the block and faces south, unlike the rest of the houses on the street that face east. Since our house is situated this way, the area in front of our house is required for parking and turning around to be able to drive back out. This makes building off the front not an option. Building off the back corner is the best way to utilize the space. Our house is significantly smaller than any of the other houses in our area. Even though it is listed as 2 bedrooms, this isn't the case in any practical sense. We only have 1 bedroom. The other room is only 60 square feet. The single bathroom that we do have is only 28 square feet. It is difficult to maintain a functional home with such limited space. Not being able to build closer to our property line is inhibiting our ability to functionally utilize our space. One side of the addition would share a property line with the Central City Rec Center, which would be no intrusion to them. The other side of the addition would share a property line with the back yard of our neighbor, who is in full support of our endeavors (signed letters of support are attached from our neighbor at 644 S Iverson and our neighbor at 643 S 300 E ). This poses no intrusion to our neighbor (644 S Iverson St. listed below on the chart). Ultimately, this addition will not cause any problems with anyone and won't even be visible from the street. We have been advised that our request requires a variance from section 21A.24.130 in an email from Trevor Ovenden dated March $8^{\text {th }}, 2022$. A copy of the email is attached in the documents.

Chart showing size comparisons between our house and houses around us

| Address | Total Rooms | Square <br> Footage | \# of Bedrooms | \# of <br> Bathrooms |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 649 S 300 E | 4 | 706 | 2 | 1 |
| 643 S 300 E | This is a quadplex. Details are not listed |  |  |  |
| 651 S 300 E | 6 | 1714 | 3 | 1 |
| 644 S Iverson St. | 6 | 1036 | 3 | 2 |
| 648 S Iverson St. | 7 | 1036 | 2 | 1 |
| 652 S Iverson St. | 10 | 2380 | 3 | 2.5 |




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ALL FOOTINGS TO REST ON CLEAN, FIRM UNDISTURBED SOIL. STEP FOOTINGS A REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN REQUIRED DEPTH beLOW FINISH GRADES.

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## MECHANICAL -

working space on sides, back or alcoves shall have a min. $3^{\prime \prime}$ working space on sides, back, and top. Enclosing space shall be
min. 12 " wider than the furnace. Outside combustion air required to furnace and water heater. M1305.1.1 M1703 Garages: Fuel fired appliances in garages shall have sources of ignition
installed at least 18 " above the floor. M1307.3 G2408.2
2. Flues/Exhausts: shall be vented to the outdoors in accordance with their listing and
instructions. M1801.
3. Clothes Dryers: shall be vented to the outdoors. Ducts to be metal with smooth interior surfaces, equipped with back- draft dampers. Sheet metal screws are not to be used. Max. length of
duct is $25^{\prime}$ ' less $2.5^{\prime}$ for each 45 degree bend. M1502.1-6 4. Ranges: min. 30" vertical clearance to combustibles. M1901
5. Exhaust Fans: capable of exhausting min. 50 cfm of air to the outside required in bathrooms, toilet rooms, and similar compartments without a min. 1.5 sq . ft. operable window. R303.3

## PLUMBING -

1. Water Heaters: shall be anchored or strapped in the upper and lower third of the appliance to resist a min. $1 / 3$ of the operating weight of the appliance. $T \& P$ valves shall be piped to within $6^{\prime \prime}$ of the floor and approved floor drain. Expansion tank required.
. Shower: min. 900 sq. in. floo minimum dimension. The area must be maintained from the door threshold to a height 70 " above the drain. Maximum flow rate of 2.5 gallons/minute heads. Shower doors with a $22^{\prime \prime}$ provided. P2708.1 and Table P2903.2
2. Water closets: $15^{\prime \prime}$ min, clearance from center line to adjacen pind between similar fixtures, and 211 min. T-P2903.2
3. Plumbing vents: shall terminate at least 2' above or 10 ' away
from outside air-intake openings. Cannot be flag poled. P3103.4 rom outside air-intake openings. Cannot be flag poled. P3103.4 ${ }_{6}$ \&P3103.5 Jetted Tubs: provide access to pump per manufacturers damage to building or finishes. Ecectrical outtlet for tub to be GFCI protected. All metal piping systems, metal parts or electrical equipment, and pump motors associated with the hydromassage tub shall be bonded together using a copper bonding jumper not smaller than No. 8 solid unless it is a an approved listed double insulated system. P2720.1 $\mathrm{E4109}$ concealed pining passing through or not ind into stru members where there is less than $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to the face of the member. A steel plate not less than $1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ " thick with appropriate length and extend a minimum $2^{\prime \prime}$ width above bottom plates and $2^{\prime \prime}$ below top plate. P2603.2.1

## GENERAL -

2. Foundation: State amendment allows maximum $9^{\prime} \times 8$ " wall using 3000 psi concrete. Engineered designs are exempt from State amendment. (see State amendment for details TABLE 1805.5(5))
3. Anchor bolts: Required on all exterior walls, interior braced and bearing walls. $1 / 2$ " anchor bolts embedded a min $7^{\prime \prime}$ into minimum 2 bolts per section with one bolt located not more than 12 inches or less than seven bolt diameters from each end of the plate section. Plate washers $1 / 4$ inch 3 inches by 3 inches in size shall be provided between the foundation sill plate and the nut. R403.1.6, R403.1.6.1, R602.11.1 and State amendment
4. Sole plate/sill: Treated lumber or other approved material. Minimum 6 " clearance from earth to untreated wood. R319.
5. Grading: Slope away from SFD
502.11.2, Table R602.3(1)
6. 

Straps and shoes: Required at weakened or non-continuous top plates, and at all studs notched or bored beyond acceptable code
8. Energy Efficiency: All new construction will require an energy compliance document stating the U - value of exterior glazing and
doors, the $R$-value of all insulation to be installed, and the efficiency rating of the heating system. IRC Chapte
11 Insulation shall have a vapor retarder installed on the warm-in- winter side of the insulation R318.
9. Attic ventilation: $1 / 1150$ sq. ft. net free area of attic floor area (may be reduced to $1 / 300 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. provided $50-80$ of the required
9. Attic ventiation: 1 1/50 sq. ft. net free area of attic floor area (may be reduced to $1 / 30$ sq. ft. provided $50-80$ of the
ventilation occurs at least 3 ' above the cornice or eaves with the balance obtained from eave or cornice vents) R806.2
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10. Attic access: Minimum $22^{\prime \prime} \times 30$ " with a minimum of 30 headroom above the access, located in a hallway or other readily
accessible location. R807.1
of house to garage separation wall ays an board allowed on interior surfaces only, one layer of $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ board required on the garage side俍
the garage from all habitable rooms above. Water resistant board shall not he used over vapor barriers or on ceilings with framing
spaced at more than 16 " centers. spaced at more than $16^{\prime \prime}$ centers. R702.3, R309.2, R702.3.8.
ove the drain of a shower or tub. B. Within 24 " arc of a door when closed. C. Within $36^{\prime \prime}$ adjacent to stairways and less than $60^{\prime \prime}$ above. D. Within $60^{\prime \prime}$ horizontally of the bottom tread of a stairway and less than $60^{\prime \prime}$
When used as rails or guards. . Bottom edge 18 of a floor and top edge over $366^{\prime \prime}$ and over 9 sq ft unless protected R308
13. Egress/rescue windows: Required in all bedrooms unless there is aver $36^{\prime \prime}$ and over 9 sq ft unless protected. R308
finished sill height of $44^{\prime \prime}$. R310.
project a minimum of $36^{\prime \prime}$ and provide at least 9 sq. ft of net clear area. Ladders required if well is over
14. Egress window wells: Must project a minimum of 36 and provide at least 9 sq. ft . of net clear area. Ladders required if well is
$44^{4}$ deep. Ladders shall be a min. $12^{\prime \prime}$ wide, project a min. of 3 " from the wall at an $18^{\prime \prime}$ max. rung spacing. Note: egress wells are
required for basement egress windows and bedroom or future bedrooms egress windows. (bays, pop-outs, and cantilevers not allowed over egress wells unless $36^{\prime \prime}$ above top of well) R310.2 R310.5
15. Stairways: Minimum $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide, minimum headroom $6^{\prime \prime}-8^{\prime \prime}$, maximum rise $8^{\prime \prime}$, minimum run 9 ", maximum variation in rise, run, or
projection in a run of stairs - $-3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$. Solid risers (concrete etc.) Requires a $3 / 44^{\prime \prime}-1-1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ n 16. Storage areas: Enclosed accessible space under stairs requires $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ gyp board protection of walls and ceiling. R311.2.2
17. Handrails: 1 handrail min. on any stair consisting of 4 or more risers. 34 " $-38^{\prime \prime}$ in height measured from the nosing of the treads Continuous the full length of the stairs from a point directly above the top riser to a point directly above the lowest riser of a stairway
Ends must return into a wall or terminate into a newel post or safety terminal. Min. 1-1/2" between wall and handrail. R311.5.6 Ends must return into a wall or terminate into a newel post or safety terminal. Min. $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ between wall and handrail. R 21.5 .6
18. Landings: Min. $36^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D} \times 36^{\prime \prime}$ Wor width of door at all required exterior egress doors, and Min. $36^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D} \times 36^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ or width of stairs at top and bottom of all stairways. (Exception: Top of interior stairs, door does not swing over stairs.) R311.4.3, R311.5.4 (State Amendment) 19. Guard (rails): min. 34 " high required on open sides of stairs, $36^{\prime \prime}$ high landings, and platforms over 30 " above grade or floor. Baluster spacing such that a 4 " sphere cannot pass through at any point. R312
20. Doors: Required exit door shall be side hinged 3 ft wide and $6^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ in height. House to garage $-1-3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ solid core wood, metal clad, or 21. Actual construction will comply with with all applicable local ordinances and building codes.

To Whom It May Concern:
My name is ASMINE LATM, I live next to Trey Gardner and Rylee Williams. My address is 6445 . IVERSON STREET. They have discussed their remodel plans with me . I am in support of the variance they are applying for.

Thank you,

## To Whom It May Concern:

My name is JEFF BoDILY, I live next to Trey Gardner and Kyle Williams. My address is 643 S 300 F . They have discussed their remodel plans with mes am in support of the variance they are applying for.


## ATTACHMENT C: Property \& Vicinity Photos









## ATTACHMENT D: RMF-35 Zoning Standards

## RMF-35 MODERATE DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:

Purpose Statement: The purpose of the RMF-35 Moderate Density Multi-Family Residential District is to provide an environment suitable for a variety of moderate density housing types, including single-family, two-family, and multi-family dwellings with a maximum height of thirty five feet (35'). This district is appropriate in areas where the applicable Master Plan policies recommend a density of less than thirty (30) dwelling units per acre. This district includes other uses that are typically found in a multi-family residential neighborhood of this density for the purpose of serving the neighborhood. Uses are intended to be compatible with the existing scale and intensity of the neighborhood. The standards for the district are intended to provide for safe and comfortable places to live and play, promote sustainable and compatible development patterns and to preserve the existing character of the neighborhood.

| Standard | Requirement | Proposed | Finding |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum <br> Building Height | 35 ft | No change to the building <br> height is proposed with this <br> application. | Complies. |
| Front/Corner/ <br> Side/Rear Yard <br> Setbacks | Front: 20 ft <br> Rear: $25 \%$ (between 20- <br> 25 ft) <br> Side: 4 ft on one and 10 ft <br> on the other | Front: 8 ft Existing <br> Rear: 2 ft Proposed (11 Existing) <br> Side: South: 46 ft, North: 2 ft <br> Proposed (8ft Existing) | Does not <br> comply. |
| Lot Size | 5,000 sq ft | No change in lot size proposed <br> with this application, however, <br> the lot is noncomplying at <br> 3,798 sq ft | NA |

## ATTACHMENT E: Variance Standards

21A.18.010: The variance procedures are intended to provide a narrowly circumscribed means by which relief may be granted from unforeseen particular applications of this title that create unreasonable hardships. When such hardships may be more appropriately remedied, if at all, pursuant to other provisions of this title, the variance procedure is inappropriate.

## 21A.18.050: PROHIBITED VARIANCES:

The appeals hearing officer shall not grant a variance that:

| Standard | Finding | Rationale |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A. Is intended as a temporary <br> measure only; | Complies | The proposed addition to the home would be <br> permanent. |
| B. Is greater than the minimum <br> variation necessary to relieve the <br> unnecessary <br> demonstrated by the applicant; or | Does not <br> comply | The applicant is requesting a variance to build an <br> additional 8 ft into the north side (encroaching 4 <br> ft) and 9 ft into the rear yard (increasing a non- <br> conformity). <br> Section 21A.38.o50 allows for in-line additions to <br> be made to existing structures that do not comply <br> with rear and front yard setbacks. This allows the <br> applicant 4' additional on the north side and 36' <br> additional on the south to construct an addition. |
| C. Authorizes uses not allowed by <br> law (i.e., a "use variance"). | Complies | The proposed addition to an existing single-family <br> home is a permitted use in the RMF-35 Zone. <br> Granting the variance would not authorize a use that <br> is not allowed. |

## 21A.18.060: STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES:

Subject to the prohibitions set forth in section 21A.18.050 of this chapter, and subject to the other provisions of this chapter, the appeals hearing officer may grant a variance from the terms of this title only if:

| Standard | Finding | Analysis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. General Standards |  |  |
| 1. Literal enforcement of this title would cause an unreasonable hardship for the applicant that is not necessary to carry out the general purpose of this title; | Does not comply. | The RMF-35 zone requires a 25 ft front yard setback and a 20 ft rear yard setback, this leaves a buildable area of only 5 ft deep. The existing home encroaches into both of these setbacks. The applicant wishes to increase this nonconformity with an addition 2 ft from the rear property line. <br> The applicant's reasoning for this addition is to increase the homes square footage and add an additional bathroom and bedroom. <br> Literal enforcement of this title does not cause an unreasonable hardship because a property owner's desire to build an addition that encroaches into the established rear and side yard setbacks is a selfimposed hardship (See subsection B of this table). |


| 2. There are special circumstances <br> attached to the property that do not <br> generally apply to other properties in <br> the same zoning district; | Does not <br> comply. | The applicants reasoning for a home addition is <br> to add additional square footage to be similar in <br> size to neighboring homes. <br> Though the current size of the home on this lot <br> is modest compared to others in this area this lot <br> is not deprived of privileges granted to other <br> properties in the same zoning district (See <br> subsection C of this table). |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3. Granting the variance is essential <br> to the enjoyment of a substantial <br> property right possessed by other <br> property in the same district; | Does not <br> comply. | Having a home on the property is a privilege <br> granted to other properties and is a substantial <br> property right. The property currently <br> accommodates an existing single-family home. <br> While the size of the existing home is modest <br> compared to others in the area at 7o6 sq ft, in <br> Planning Staffs opinion, the request to <br> construct an addition into the required side yard <br> and rear yard setbacks for enlarged living space <br> is not a substantial property right. |
| C. Self-Imposed Or Economic <br> Hardship: In determining whether <br> or not ennforcement of this title <br> would ceause unreasonable <br> hardship under subsection A of <br> this section, the appeals hearing <br> officer may not find an <br> unreasonable hardship if the | Does Not Comply. | The applicants reasoning for this addition is to <br> increase the homes square footage and add an <br> additional bathroom and bedroom. <br> Though this lot is unique from those around it, |
| 4. The variance will not <br> substantially affect the general plan <br> of the city and will not be contrary to <br> the public interest; and | Complies. | An addition to this home that encroaches into the <br> side and rear setbacks would not go against the <br> Che desire to build additional square footage onto <br> an existing single-family home is a self-imposed <br> hardship. |
| abutting this property have submitted letters of a |  |  |
| positive recommendation for this proposal (See |  |  |
| attachment C). |  |  |

hardship is self- imposed or economic.
D. Special Circumstances: In determining whether or not there are special circumstances attached to the property under subsection $A$ of this section, the appeals hearing officer may find that special circumstances exist only if:

| 1. The special circumstances relate <br> to the alleged hardship; and | Does not comply. | The RMF-35 zone requires a 25 ft front yard <br> setback and a 20 ft rear yard setback. With a 45 <br> ft deep lot, this leaves a buildable area of only 5 <br> ft deep. Because of this, the applicant is <br> requesting to encroach further into the rear <br> setback. Section 21A.38.o50 of the zoning code <br> allows for additions to be made in line with the <br> rear and front non-conformity, but not to <br> increase this non-conformity. <br> The applicant is also requesting to build into the <br> north side setback and encroach 2 ft. This is not <br> related to the hardship. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. The special circumstances <br> deprive the property of privileges <br> granted to other properties in the | Does not comply. | Though the size of the home on this lot is modest <br> compared to others in this area, this lot is not <br> deprived of privileges granted to other properties <br> in the same zoning district. |
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## ATTACHMENT F: Public Process \& Comments

## Public Notice, Meetings, Comments

Notice of the public hearing for the proposal included:

- December 7,2023
- Public hearing notice mailed
- Public notice posted on City and State websites and Planning Division list serve


## Public Input:

No comments have been received regarding the requested variance as of the published date of this report.

