



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

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## *NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF BOARD OF APPEALS*

RE: Case No. V-63-24 Lorenzo Alberto Ramirez

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Board Order setting forth the action taken by the Board of Appeals in your case on the following date: October 23, 2024.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on March 4, 2025, the above notice and attached Order of the Board were mailed, postage prepaid, to all persons of record.

*Ellis Watson*

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Administrator

cc: Petitioner  
Adjoining Property Owners  
M-NCPPC, Permit Review Section  
DPIE/Building Code Official, Permitting

***BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND***  
***Sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals***

Petitioners: Lorenzo Alberto Ramirez

Appeal No.: V-63-24

Subject Property: Lot 14, Block F, Chiappini's Addition to Good Luck Heights, being 9223 Elvis Lane, Lanham, Prince George's County, Maryland

Heard: October 23, 2024    Decided: October 23, 2024

Board Members Present and Voting: Omar Boulware, Chair  
Phillippa Johnston, Vice Chair  
Dwayne A. Stanton, Member

RESOLUTION

This appeal is brought before the Board of Appeals, sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Board"), requesting a variance from the strict application of the provisions of Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code (the "Zoning Ordinance").

In this appeal, a proceeding pursuant to Section 27-3303 of the Zoning Ordinance, Petitioner requests that the Board approve a variance from Section 27-4202(d)(2) that prescribes that each lot shall have a maximum lot coverage of 30% and a minimum rear yard depth of 20 feet. Variances of 9.3% lot coverage and 10 feet rear yard depth are requested.

Evidence Presented

The following testimony and record evidence were considered by the Board:

1. The property was subdivided in 1965, contains 11,286 square feet, is zoned RSF-95 (Residential, Single-Family-95), and is improved with a single-family dwelling. Exhs. 3, 5, 8, 9 and 12.
2. The Petitioner proposes to obtain a building permit to construct a proposed second-story addition, proposed porch roof, proposed exterior stairs, and demolish an existing chimney. Variances of 9.3% lot coverage and 10 feet rear yard depth are requested. Exhs. 1, 3, 4 (A) thru (D), 6 (A) thru (W), and 12.
3. The Petitioner, Mr. Ramirez, testified that the need for the variances is to expand his livable space to accommodate his family. Further, Mr. Ramirez testified that he had not made any changes to the subject lot since purchasing in 2017. Exhs. 2, 3, and 6 (A) thru (W).
4. Vice Chair Johnston acknowledged that the Petitioner's property is unique compared to the surrounding neighbors' property. Chair Boulware and Board Member Stanton concurred.
5. Board Member Stanton made the Motion to Approve V-63-24 and Seconded by Vice Chair Johnston. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Applicable Code Section and Authority

The Board is authorized to grant the requested variances if it finds that the following provisions of Section 27-3613(d) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance are satisfied:

(d) General Variance Decision Standards

A variance may only be granted when the review board or official, as appropriate, finds that:

- (1) A specific parcel of land is physically unique and unusual in a manner different from the nature of surrounding properties with respect to exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape, exceptional topographic conditions, or other extraordinary conditions peculiar to the specific parcel (such as historical significance or environmentally sensitive features);
- (2) The particular uniqueness and peculiarity of the specific property causes a zoning provision to impact disproportionately upon that property, such that strict application of the provision will result in peculiar and unusual practical difficulties to the owner of the property;
- (3) Such variance is the minimum reasonably necessary to overcome the exceptional physical conditions;
- (4) Such variance can be granted without substantial impairment to the intent, purpose and integrity of the General Plan or any Functional Master Plan, Area Master Plan, or Sector Plan affecting the subject property;
- (5) Such variance will not substantially impair the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties; and
- (6) A variance may not be granted if the practical difficulty is self-inflicted by the owner of the property.

#### Findings of the Board

After hearing all the testimony and reviewing the evidence of record, the Board finds that the requested variance complies with the applicable standards set forth in Section 27-3613(d), more specifically:

The Board determined that the Petitioner's property was physically unique and unusual in a manner different from the nature of surrounding properties due to the topography of the Petitioner's property and the orientation of the dwelling on the subject lot. Further, the Board determined that this particular uniqueness and peculiarity of the Petitioners' property would cause a zoning provision to impact disproportionately upon the property because the current state of the subject lot, without any modification, places the garage over the allowable setback line. Additionally, the Board reviewed the available materials and determined the variances are the minimum reasonably necessary to overcome the exceptional physical conditions found on the Petitioners' property. Moreover, there was no evidence that granting this variance would substantially impair the intent, purpose, and integrity of the General Plan, or any Functional Master Plan, or Sector Plan affecting the Petitioners' property. Lastly, the Board determined through the Petitioner's testimony that this variance would not substantially impair the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties, and the practical difficulty was not self-inflicted by the owner of the property due to the fact the Petitioner purchased the subject property in its current state in 2016.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by a 3-0 vote, that variances of 9.3% lot coverage and 10 feet rear yard depth on the property located at 9223 Elvis Lane, Lanham, Prince George's County, Maryland, be and is hereby APPROVED. Approval of the variance is contingent upon development in compliance with the approved site plan, Exhibit 3, and elevation plans, Exhibit 4 (A) thru (D).

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By:   
Omar Boulware, Chair

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:   
Keisha A. Garner, Esq.

**NOTICE**

Within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision, any person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency who was a party to the Board's proceedings and is aggrieved by its decision may file an appeal to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County.

Further, Section 27-3613(c)(10)(B) of the Prince George's County Code states:

A decision of the Board, permitting the erection of a building or structure, shall not be valid for more than two (2) years, unless a building permit for the erection is obtained within this period and the construction is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of the decision and the permit.



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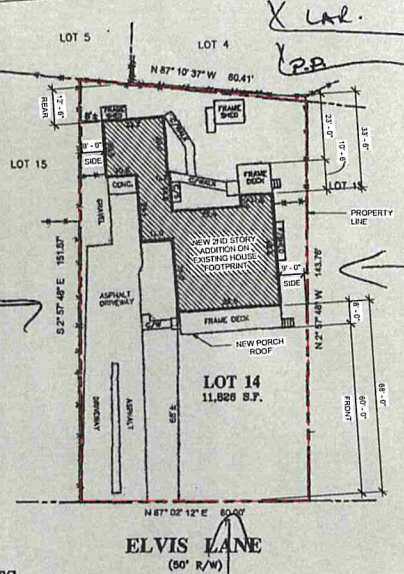
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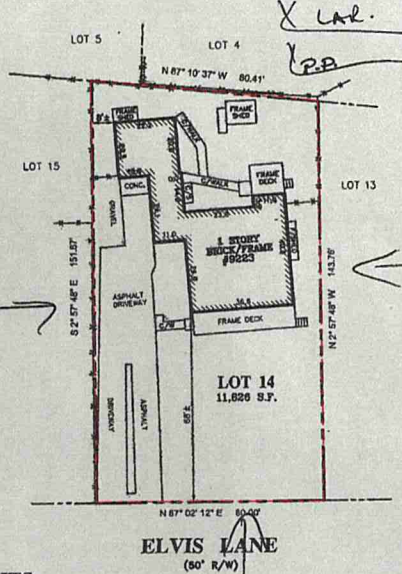
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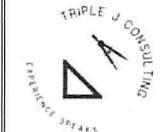


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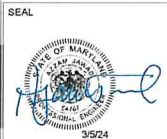
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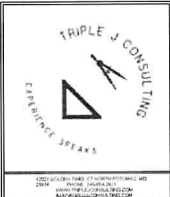
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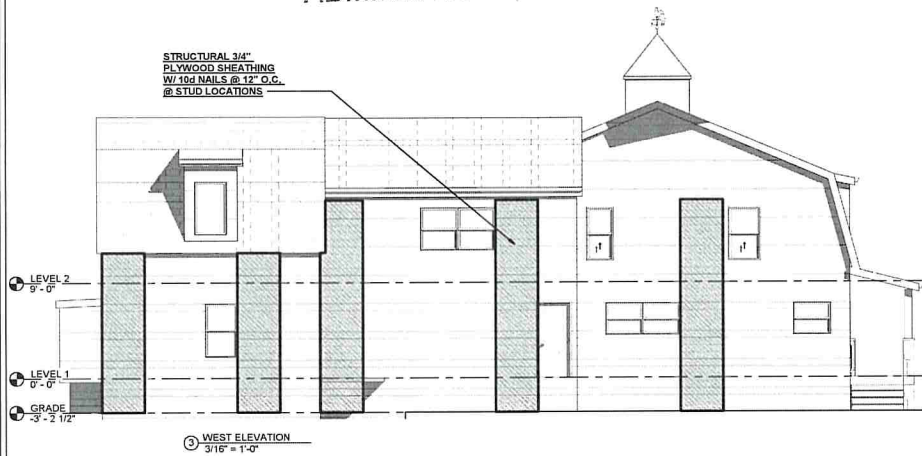
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