

## CERTIFIED MAIL

Steve Waddell 13224 Steele Creek Road Charlotte, NC 28273

**RE: VARIANCES** 

17827 THERAN LANE CASE NUMBER 10-023

Dear Mr. Waddell:

At its meeting on June 29, 2010, the City of Charlotte Zoning Board of Adjustment ("Board") denied two variance requests: (1) a 45 foot variance from the 50 foot required buffer and (2) a 30 foot variance from the 40 foot requirement for all principal structures landward from the full pond level in order to construct a room addition and to construct a roof over the existing deck.

## The Board based its decision on the following findings of fact:

- 1. The applicant is Steve Waddell (Represented by Randy Suddreth).
- 2. The proposed site is located at 17827 Theran Lane, further identified as tax parcel 217-191-39.
- 3. The subject parcel zoning classification is R-5 (Residential).
- 4. The existing single-family structure was built before the adoption of the zoning ordinance and is a legal nonconforming structure.
- 5. The existing structure encroaches in the rear yard and in the required 50 foot buffer.
- 6. The applicant has proposed to enclose a portion of a deck.
- 7. There is additional land closer to the front setback that may be used for an addition.
- 8. If the variance is granted, the applicant would also have to seek approval from the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC) for a major watershed variance in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B.0104® which states that a major watershed variance is to be determined on a case-by-case basis, when necessary to accommodate important social and economic development.
- 9. The variance request is large in context.

## Based upon the above findings of fact, the Board concludes that the applicant has failed to meet the three standards stated in §5.108(1) of the Ordinance, and more specifically:

- 1. The spirit of the ordinance is not observed by granting the variances in that a residential addition will be constructed five (5) feet from the required rear yard.
- 2. The hardship is a personal hardship that is a result of the applicant's desire to enclose and add additional rooms to the single-family structure and not a result of the ordinance.
- 3. By denying the variances, there can still be a reasonable use of the property.

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Pursuant to N. C. G. S. Section 160A-388(e), the Board's decision in Case No. 10-023 may be appealed by a petition for review in the nature of *certiorari* to Superior Court within thirty (30) days from the date stated below, which is the date when the decision of the Board was filed in the Planning Department/Zoning Administration Division, or within thirty (30) days after receipt of the decision by an aggrieved party who filed a written request for such copy with the Clerk to the Board at the time of the hearing of the case, whichever is later.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis

Chairperson

Cc: Randy Suddreth

DECISION FILED IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

July 20, 2010

Katrina Young, Zoning Administrator