

August 10, 2011

Victoria and Robert Zabel 500 Pecan Avenue Charlotte, NC 28204

RE: ZONING APPROVAL FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

500 PECAN AVENUE TAX PARCEL NUMBER: CASE NUMBER: 11-027AD

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Zabel:

Your request for an administrative deviation for a two (2) foot variance to allow an enclosure and renovation of an existing porch has been **granted**. You may obtain a permit to reflect your variance at 700 N. Tryon Street (Hal Marshall Building).

My investigation and review of the request indicates that the following facts warrant approval of the request:

- 1. The physical layout of the land and the structures upon the land are such that the ordinance requirement cannot be met.
 - A. The original structure was built in 1921 and encroaches into the required 16 foot side vard.
 - B. A survey completed revealed that the porch is located fourteen (14) feet back of curb.
- 2. Because of the nature of the abutting property or intervening topographical or geographical features, the application of the ordinance requirement would not serve a useful purpose.
 - A. There currently exists an unheated area that is used as a porch.
 - B. Additional land cannot be purchased to allow the enclosure and addition as the lot abuts a public right-of-way.
 - C. The encroachment will be visually undetectable since it will be located in the same area as the unenclosed porch and will not significantly change the characteristics of the neighborhood.
 - D. The amount of the variance is very small in context.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to measures that would ameliorate the deviation from complete compliance with the ordinance requirement.
 - A. Shrubbery and trees abutting the public right-of-way will be maintained.

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An administrative approval was granted under Section 4.107(Delegated Authority). Please make sure that the annotation of this section is noted on the permit application. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me at (704) 336-3571.

Sincerely,

Katrina J. Young, G

Zoning Administra

Hearing Request Application - Form 1 Zoning Board of Adjustment City of Charlotte

- 027AD Received by: Skynedy Case Number: Date Filed: 7/27/11

Instructions

This form must be filed out completely. Please attach the appropriate additional form depending on your request type along with required information as outlined in the

appropriate checklist. Please type or print legibly. All property owners must sign and consent to this application, attach additional sheets if necessary. If the applicant is not the owner, the owners must sign the Designation of Agent section at the bottom of this form.					
The Applicant Hereby (check all that apply): □ Requests a variance from the provisions of the zoning ordinance as stated on Form 2 □ Appeals the determination of a zoning official as stated on Form 3 X Requests an administrative deviation as stated on Form 4					
Applicant or Agent's Name: Victoria and Robert Za	abel				
Mailing Address: 500 Pecan Avenue					
City, State, Zip: Charlotte, NC 28204					
Daytime Telephone: 704-441-2274 Home Telephone: 704-333-4741					
Interest in this Case (please circle one):	Adjacent Owner Other				
Property Owner(s) [if other than applicant/agent]:N/A					
Mailing Address:					
City, State, Zip:					
Daytime Telephone:	Home Telephone:				
Property Address: 500 Pecan Avenue, Charlotte	NC, 28204				
Tax Parcel Number: <u>127-056-08</u>	Zoning District:				
Subdivision Name: <u>Elizabeth</u>	Conditional District: YES NO				
Applicant Certification and Designation of Agent					
I (we) certify that the information in this application, the attached form(s) and documents submitted by me (us) as part of this application are true and correct. In the event any information given is found to be false, any decision rendered may be revoked at any time. I (we) hereby appoint the person named above as my (our) agent to represent me (us) in this application and all proceedings related to it. I (we) further certify to have received, read and acknowledged the information and requirements outlined in this packet.					
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Administrative Deviation Application - Form 4

Zoning Administrator City of Charlotte

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	If yes, Have y for this	•	a building permit? Notice of Violation	YE		NO X NO II NO X	If	yes, attach a copy. yes, attach a copy. yes, Petition Number:	
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(1) What zoning ordinance section numbers are you seeking a deviation from? Please list each section, the requirement and the requested variance.

Item	Code Section	Code Requirement	Deviation Request
Example	9.205 (1)(g)	45 foot rear yard	35 foot rear yard (10 foot reduction from required)
A	7.103 (5)	Non-conforming structure	Enclosure/renovation of existing side porch
В	9.205 (1) (e2)	Minimum setback from back of curb	14 feet from back of curb (2 ft deviation from requirement)
C	12.102 (7)	Side yard requirement	No 50 percent requirement for corner lot
D			
E			
F			

(2) Please describe why the deviations requested are necessary.

In an effort to improve our home and quality of life, we have undertaken to renovate and enclose our existing side porch to create more livable space within our home. We will not expand the footprint of the existing structure but simply to erect walls to enclose it. As a portion of the existing structure lies within a setback area, an Administrative Deviation is necessary to receive Zoning approval to proceed with our project. We believe the proposed change will enhance not only our home but also our neighborhood by incorporating an unused portion of our home into the total structure of the house; that it will improve our security within our home; and, that it will pose no threat to public safety or any other concern.

- (3) In the following spaces, indicate the <u>facts</u> and the <u>arguments</u> to support your request.
 - (a) The physical contour of the street, the land, or some other topographical or geographical feature is the basis for a surveying or other inadvertent error.

Our home is situated on a corner lot of a relatively busy street at the intersection of Pecan Ave. and 8th Street. As such, we do not currently enjoy the use of the existing porch that overlooks the intersection. An enclosed porch would provide a more efficient use of the existing space by allowing us to enjoy our porch without the noise, pollution and public safety risks associated with having an open, unprotected space at an

intersection of a vibrant urban area.

(b) The physical layout of the land and structures on the land are such that Ordinance requirements cannot be met.

Our side porch is part of the original structure of our home, which was built in 1921. We wish to honor the original architecture and design of this historic home by preserving the porch and its key design elements in our renovation. At the same time, we wish to efficiently use the existing space we have available in planned improvements to our home -- our location on a corner lot limits our options to renovate or expand in other directions.

(c) Because of the nature of the abutting property or intervening topographical or geographical features, the application of the Ordinance requirements would not serve a useful purpose.

Along the rear line of our lot is our garage, driveway, and an alleyway. The alleyway abuts our property. Therefore, there is a separation between our rear lot line and our neighbor's side lot line.

(d) If an inadvertent error by a City staff member, surveyor, contractor, building inspector or other similar individual is involved please describe the nature of the error and provide the name and contact information for the person who made the error.

N/A

(e) The applicant agrees to the measures listed below to mitigate the impact of the requested deviation.

We will not expand the footprint of the existing structure of our home. We have engaged an architect who not only lives in our neighborhood, but who has completed several projects in our neighborhood and is well-respected for the quality of his work and respect for the historic proportions of the homes.

(4) For handicap ramps and other similar structures, please indicate why the improvement is necessary and explain why there is no other feasible location that would comply with the zoning ordinance.

N/A	

PLOT PLAN FOR PERMIT APPLICATION ONE/TWO.FAMILY, MODULAR, MOBILE HOME OR ZONING USE



