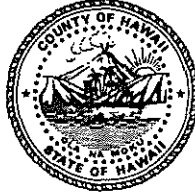


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Mr. Dennis Haserot  
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Dear Mr. Haserot:

Variance Application WH(VAR94-30)  
Applicant: DENNIS HASEROT  
Variance from Minimum SIDE YARD & OPEN CLEARSPACE SETBACK  
Requirements  
Tax Map Key: 7-3-33: 95

After reviewing your application and the information submitted in behalf of it, the Planning Director certifies the approval of your variance request to allow an EXISTING ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING with a 8.15 and 9.15 foot side yard setback and 4.0 foot open clearspace yards in lieu of the minimum 10 FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK AND 5 FOOT OPEN CLEARSPACE YARD as required by Chapter 25 (Zoning Code), Article 18 (UNPLANNED), Section 25-237 (b) (Other regulations)(b) and Article 1 (General Provisions), Division 10 (Supplementary Yard and Open Space Regulations), Section 25-66 (a)(1).

The subject property is located at the Northwest end of the Halekou Place cul-de-sac, approximately 145 feet from the Kaiminani Drive/Halekou Place intersection in the Kona Palisades Subdivision, Unit II, Kalaoa 5th, North Kona, Hawaii, TMK: 7-3-033: 095.

The Planning Director has concluded that the variance request from the MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK requirements should be approved, based on the following findings:

SPECIAL AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The subject property is part of the Kona Palisades, Unit II Subdivision consisting of 11,268 square feet of land area.

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2. The subject single family dwelling was issued Building Permit No. 004586 on October 15, 1980 and closed by the Building Division on August 19, 1981. A 400 square foot addition was issued under Building Permit No. 004662 on December 4, 1980 and closed on January 20, 1982. Another 448 square foot addition was issued under Building Permit No. March 14, 1986 and closed on July 8, 1986.
3. A survey map dated February 7, 1994 was prepared and certified by Donald McIntosh shows the existing 1-story dwelling with 8.15 and 9.15 foot side yard setback and 4.0 foot open clearspace yards on the north side property line. As such, the subject dwelling encroaches into the side yard setback by 1.75 feet (1 foot-9 inches); .85 feet (10 and 1/4 inches) and 1 foot into the 5 foot open clearspace yard.
4. The homeowners at that time, received all of the necessary Department of Public Works, Building Division approvals for the dwelling.
5. When the plans were approved by the Planning Department, the plans would have had to show that all minimum required setbacks were going to be adhered to for the proposed dwelling in 1980.
6. It appears that a construction staking error occurred in 1980 when the dwelling was constructed in the siting of the structure on the property. It also appears that a very minor siting error was done at the time of construction with the minuscule encroachments. No other evidence has been found to show otherwise.
7. It has been over 14 years since the construction of the existing dwelling which was approved by the County and the petitioner is trying to resolve a situation which he had no control over and has honestly conducted a certified survey to ensure the disclosure of all facts concerning the dwelling.
8. The variance application was filed with the Planning Department on MARCH 31, 1994.

Therefore, considering the foregoing facts, it is determined that there are special or unusual circumstances applying to the subject property which exist either to a degree which deprives the owner or applicant of substantial property rights that would otherwise be available or to a degree which obviously interferes with the best use or manner of development of the subject property.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The subject property is a lot at the end of a cul-de-sac and pentagonal shaped parcel.
2. The present 1 foot-9 inches and 10 and 1/4 inch encroachments into the side yard setback are minuscule in relationship to the minimum required 10 foot side yard setback requirements. These minuscule encroachments are not perceptibly visible that it could be readily detected or seen as encroachments into the side yard.
3. The applicant on their own volition are honestly trying to resolve this long standing problem which was not created by them. The investigation of this particular matter has not shown any deliberate or intentional grounds in allowing the encroachments to occur.
4. Any architectural alterations or design changes to the dwelling to conform with the minimum setbacks would create undue and excessive hardships of the applicant when other more reasonable options are available.

Based on the above cited considerations, there are no reasonable available solutions without excessive demands placed on the applicant when a more reasonable alternative is available by the granting of this variance application.

INTENT AND PURPOSE

1. The intent and purpose of requiring buildings setbacks within a subdivision is to assure that adequate air and light circulation is available between structures and property lines. The existing 1-story dwelling has a 8.15 and 9.15 foot side yard setback and 4.0 foot open clearspace yards on the north side property line. As such, the subject dwelling encroaches into the side yard setback by 1.75 feet (1 foot-9 inches); .85 feet (10 and 1/4 inches) and 1 foot into the 5 foot open clearspace yard. Therefore, the 1.75 and .85 foot encroachments into the side yard setback are so minuscule and are not visually perceptible that it will diminish the ability for adequate light, air and open space between the existing dwelling and the dwelling to the south. Therefore, while the Zoning Code requires a minimum 10 foot side yard setback, in this particular case, the encroachments are so minuscule that it will not visually or physically impact or be adverse to any adjacent properties or development with the granting of

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this variance. The rest of the existing dwelling complies with the minimum yard setbacks requirements of the Zoning Code.

There were no objections from any of the participating government agencies or any surrounding property owners.

Based on the foregoing findings, this variance request would be consistent with the general purpose of the zoning district, the intent and purpose of the Zoning and Subdivision Codes and the County General Plan; will not be materially detrimental to the public's welfare; and will not cause substantial adverse impact to the areas character and to adjoining properties.

This variance request is approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant, its assigns or successors, shall be responsible for complying with all stated conditions of approval.
2. The approval of this variance shall be included in the conveyance document for the subject property and a copy of the recorded conveyance document shall be submitted to the Planning Department within a year from the effective date of approval of this variance.
3. All other applicable State and County rules and regulations shall be complied with.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be complied with, the Planning Director may proceed to declare this Variance Permit null and void.

Sincerely,

  
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Planning Director

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