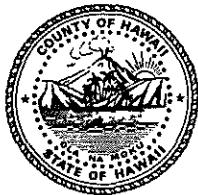


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Dear Mr. Conventz:

Variance Application WH(VAR 95-55)

Applicant: BRETT & BETTY BOECKMANN

Variance from Minimum SIDE YARD and OPEN SPACE Requirements

Tax Map Key: 7-7-020:059

After reviewing your application and the information submitted, the Planning Director certifies the approval of your variance request to allow an EXISTING TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING with a SIDE YARD of 9.79 FEET and 4.97 FEET OPEN SPACE in lieu of the minimum 10 foot side yard and 5 foot open space as required by Chapter 25, Article 4, Section 25-124(a)(2)(B).

The subject property is located on Lot 13 in the Leilani Sunset Subdivision, at Holualoa 3rd, North Kona, Hawaii, approximately 80 feet from the intersection of Wikolia and Leilani Street intersection, TMK: 7-7-020:059.

The Planning Director has concluded that the variance request from the minimum side yard and open space requirements should be approved based on the following findings:

SPECIAL AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The subject property is part of the Leilani Sunset Subdivision consisting of 10,365 square feet of land area.
2. The subject single family dwelling was issued Building Permit No. 896158 on October 29, 1989. A second building permit no. 915429 was issued on April 4, 1991 for a Lanai. The permit was closed on September 9, 1993.
3. A survey map prepared by Don McIntosh Consulting on July 22, 1995, shows the EXISTING TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING with 9.79 foot side yard and and leaves an open space of 4.97 feet. As such, the subject

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dwelling encroaches into the northwest side yard by 2 and 1/2 inches into the required 10 foot side yard and the open lanai encroaches .03 feet or 3/8 inch into the required 5 feet open space.

4. The homeowners at that time, received all of the necessary Department of Public Works, Building Division approvals for 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 adhere to for the proposed dwelling in 1989.
6. There appears to have been a construction staking error occurred in 1989 when the dwelling was constructed in the siting of the structure on the property. There also appears that a very minor siting error was done at the time of construction with the encroachments. No other evidence has been found to show otherwise.
7. It has been over 6 years since the construction of the existing dwelling which was approved by the County and the petitioner is trying to resolve a situation which she had no control over and has honestly conducted a certified survey to ensure to disclosure of all facts concerning the dwelling.
8. The variance application was filed with the Planning Department on August 3, 1995.

Therefore, considering the foregoing facts, the Planning Director has 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. A survey map prepared by Don McIntosh Consulting on July 22, 1995, shows the EXISTING TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING with 9.79 foot side yard and and leaves an open space of 4.97 feet. As such, the subject dwelling encroaches into the northwest side yard by 2 and 1/2 inches into the required 10 foot side yard and the open lanai encroaches .03 feet or 3/8 inch into the required 5 feet open space.
2. 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.
3. 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 dwelling on the subject property is presently into the northwest side yard by 2 and 1/2 inches into the required 10 foot side yard and the open lanai encroaches .03 feet or 3/8 inch into the required 5 feet open space. These encroachments into the side yard and open space are minor but are not visually perceptible that it will diminish the ability for adequate light, air and open space. Therefore, while the Zoning Code requires a minimum 10 foot side yard and 5 foot open space, in this particular case, the encroachments are minor that it will not visually or physically impact or be adverse to any adjacent properties or development with the granting of this variance. The rest of the existing dwelling complies with the minimum yard 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 Code 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. Secure a variance from the Housing Code requirements from the Board of Appeals.
4. All other applicable State and County rules and regulations shall be complied with.

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

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Royden Yamasato of this department.

Sincerely,



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