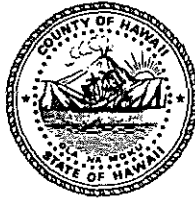


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Mr. Klaus Conventz  
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Dear Mr. Conventz:

Variance Application (VAR 97- 93)  
Variance No. 891  
Applicant: KLAUS D. CONVENTZ  
Owner: CAROL ROSENBERG  
Request: Variance from Minimum Side Yard Requirements  
Tax Map Key: 5-5-008: 029

After reviewing your application and the additional information submitted, the Planning Director certifies the approval of your variance request to allow an existing one story single family dwelling with a 18.5 feet side yard in lieu of the minimum 20 feet side yard, as required by Chapter 25, Article 5, Division 7, Section 25-5-76(a).

The subject property is located at Lot C, being a Portion of Grant 8649 to Kaonohi Waihoikala, at Kaauhuhu, North Kohala, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: 5-5-008: 029.

#### SPECIAL AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The subject property consists of 2.0 acres of land area.
2. The subject single family dwelling was issued the following building permits:
  - a. Building Permit No. 860458 opened on March 17, 1986 and closed on November 14, 1986 for the construction of the main dwelling.
  - b. Building Permit No. 880548 opened on April 7, 1988 and closed on July 26, 1988 for the construction of an additional farm dwelling.

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- c. Building Permit No. 910882 opened on April 17, 1991 and closed on June 4, 1991 for an addition to the main dwelling.
3. A survey map prepared by Wes Thomas Associates on October 7, 1997, shows the existing one story single family dwelling with a 18.5 feet side yard in lieu of the minimum 20 feet side yard. As such the dwelling encroaches 1 foot 6 inches into the required 20 feet side yard.
4. When the building permit was approved, the owner received all of the necessary Department of Public Works, Building Division approvals for the dwelling.
5. When approved by the Planning Department, the plans would have had to have shown that all minimum required setbacks were going to be adhered to for the proposed dwelling in 1986.
6. There appears to have been a construction staking error in the siting of the structure on the property. This occurred in 1986 when the dwelling was constructed. There also appears to have been a very minor siting error made at the time of construction with the encroachment. No other evidence has been found to show otherwise.
7. It has been over 12 years since the construction of the existing dwelling was approved by the County, and the applicant is trying to resolve a situation which she 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 December 8, 1997.

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. The owner on her own volition is honestly trying to resolve this long standing problem which was not created by herself. The investigation of this particular matter has not revealed any deliberate or intentional grounds in allowing the encroachments to occur.

2. Any architectural alterations or design changes to the building to conform with the minimum setbacks would create undue and excessive hardships for the applicant when other more reasonable options are available.

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

#### INTENT AND PURPOSE

The intent and purpose of requiring buildings setbacks 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 1 foot 6 inches into the required 20 feet side yard. These encroachments into the side yard and open space will not diminish the ability for adequate light and air to circulate and will still provide adequate open space. Therefore, while the Zoning Code requires a minimum 20 feet side yard, in this particular case, the encroachments are relatively minor and 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 and the intents and purposes of the Zoning Code, Subdivision Code and the County General Plan. Furthermore, this variance will not be materially detrimental to the public's welfare and will not cause substantial adverse impact to the area's character and to adjoining properties.

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

1. The owner, 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.

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3. If applicable, approval from the Board of Appeals for all Building Code Violations will be obtained.
4. 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.

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

Sincerely,

  
VIRGINIA GOLDSTEIN  
Planning Director

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