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April 23, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. Kelly Conference Room #155 and Zoom

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PETITIONS:

V-15-25 / VAR2025-02-0062

Jacqueline Neu 600 W. Guy Avenue Parcel: 53-08-08-100-028.000-009 Request: Variance from impervious surface requirements in the Residential Medium Lot (R2) zoning district <u>Case Manager: Jackie Scanlan</u>

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CASE #: V-15-25 DATE: April 23, 2025

PETITIONER:	Jacqueline Neu
	600 W Guy Avenue, Bloomington

REQUEST: Variance from the impervious surface coverage maximum requirement in the Residential Medium Lot (R2) zoning district.

REPORT: This 0.16 acre property is located at 600 W Guy Avenue and is zoned Residential Medium Lot (R2). The property is located on the north side of W Guy Avenue, two properties west of S Rockport Road. The property is developed with a roughly 930 square foot single family residence built in the 1950s and is surrounded by other single family residences, also zoned R2.

The petitioner filed a building permit application with the Monroe County Building Department, requesting to do an addition, including a screen porch on the north side of the house, into the back yard area. The petitioner received a variance with petition number V-05-25 in order for the screen porch to encroach in the eastern side building setback. In the site plan associated with that V-05-25, the petitioner was requesting the addition of an 8 foot screen porch on the east side of the north façade of the structure as part of an addition that would add 4 feet to the remainder of the north facade of the structure and part of the west façade. At the hearing, the petitioner indicated that she may request to increase the 4 foot additions on the north and west side to 6 foot additions. Most of the addition on the west side of the house is over existing impervious surface.

In the R2 zoning district, each property has a maximum impervious surface coverage of 40 percent. Per the Deckard survey, the size of the parcel is 7,000 square feet. However, a portion of the parcel goes into W Guy Avenue. The coverage of the private development on the parcel, including the proposed addition is roughly 2,915 square feet, which is just under 42 percent of the parcel. With the portion of the roadway that is on the parcel, the coverage is roughly 45 percent. Even if the parcel size was adjusted to exclude the roadway portion, the proposed coverage is 44 percent. The petitioner is requesting a variance to from the impervious surface coverage maximum allowed in the R2 district for an addition.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCE

20.06.080(b)(3)(E) Standards for Granting Variances from Development Standards:

A variance from the development standards of the Unified Development Ordinance may be approved only upon determination in writing that each of the following criteria is met:

1) *The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community.*

PROPOSED FINDING: The granting of the variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community. Allowing an addition on the

rear of this structure will have no negative impacts on the community, as it is not on a visible façade and is not disturbing any natural or community assets.

2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the Development Standards Variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

PROPOSED FINDING: No adverse impacts to the use and value of surrounding properties as a result of the requested variance are found. The proposed addition would only slightly increase the existing impervious surface coverage by building over some existing impervious surface.

3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question; that the Development Standards Variance will relieve the practical difficulties.

PROPOSED FINDING: The Department finds that the strict application of the terms of the UDO will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property as it would not allow a modest and customary addition. The practical difficulties are peculiar to this property because of the size of the property, in combination with the portion of the property covered by roadway. The proposed development is not out of character with the zoning district. The proposed addition will be on the rear of the existing residence and will still meet rear setback requirements. Variance from the UDO requirement will allow for an 8 foot addition on the eastern end of the northern façade of the structure for a screened porch, and a 6 foot addition on the remainder of the northern façade and a portion of the western facade.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends that the Hearing Officer adopt the proposed findings and approve V-15-25 with the following condition:

1. This approval is for the submitted building design only. Any additional coverage will require compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance or a new variance approval.



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Ignore the raising the roof

Jacqueline Neu <jneu212@gmail.com> To: Jacqueline Scanlan <scanlanj@bloomington.in.gov> Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 2:25 PM

Hi there,

Jackie, so I don't want to raise the roof line because that won't work. However, we're talking about putting a dormer on the back.

I believe I mentioned that to you and you said that would be no problem because it's basically just going add window space of 3 foot Wide and then I want to add 6 foot on both sides instead of 4 feet .

Let me know if this will work.

Thanks a lot, Jacqueline Sent from my iPhone



