

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION CURRENT PLANNING ACTIVITY

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PUBLIC HEARING: July 8, 2014 - Planning and Land Development Regulation

Commission (PLDRC)

CASE NO: V-14-056

SUBJECT: Variance to the maximum permitted fence height in a front yard on

Urban Single-Family Residential (R-4) zoned property.

LOCATION: 138 Ocean Grove Drive, Ormond Beach

APPLICANT: Cydney Reagan, A1A Landscaping, Inc.

OWNERS: William Emory Barr Life Estate

STAFF: Carol McFarlane, AICP, Planner II

I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The applicant is requesting to install a six-foot high fence along the perimeter of the property, including in the front yard. However, the zoning code limits residential fence height to four feet in the front yard. The applicant state that the taller fence requested is for the safety of the resident.

The requested variance is:

A variance to Section 72-282(2) to maximum permitted fence height in a front yard from four (4) feet to six (6) feet on Urban Single-Family Residential (R-4) zoned property.

Staff recommendation: Denial, as the requested variance does not meet the five criteria for the granting of a variance.

SITE INFORMATION

1. Location: The property is located on the south side of Ocean Grove

Drive, approximately 180 feet east of its intersection with John

Anderson Drive, Ormond Beach.

Parcel No(s): 3221-04-00-0410
 Property Size: ±20,000 square feet

4. Council District: 4

5. Zoning: Urban Single-Family Residential (R-4)

6. Future Land Use: Urban Medium Intensity (UMI)

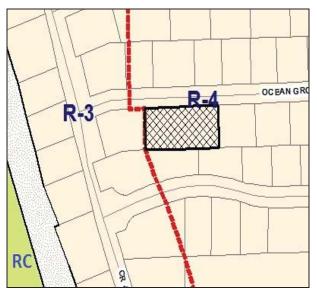
7. ECO Overlay: No 8. NRMA Overlay: No

9. Adjacent Zoning and Land Use:

DIRECTION	ZONING	FUTURE LAND	CURRENT USE	
		USE		
North:	R-4	UMI	Single-family Residences	
East:	R-4	UMI	MI Single-family Residence	
South:	R-4	UMI	Vacant Residential	
West:	R-3	ULI Single-family Residence		

10. Location Maps:





Aerial Map Zoning Map

II. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS

The subject property is comprised of two platted lots and a portion of another lot of the Ocean Grove Terrace subdivision, which was platted in 1964. The property has 200 feet of road frontage on Ocean Grove Drive, and is 100 feet deep. The residence on the house was built in 1967, according to Property Appraiser's notes. The property is also developed with a detached garage. On June 13, 2014, a lot combination for the underlying lots on this property was approved (2014-S-EXM-0150).

REVIEW CRITERIA AND ANAYLSIS

Section 72-282-(2) allows a maximum fence height of four feet within required front yards. Outside of the front yard, the fence can have a maximum height of six feet. In the R-4 zoning classification, the required front yard is 25 feet measured from the front lot line. The zoning ordinance does allow for a six-foot fence as long as it is outside of the front yard setback.

The applicant is requesting a variance to the maximum permitted fence height in a front yard to enclose the property with a six-foot high opaque PVC fence. As shown on the survey submitted by the applicant, the house is setback over 30 feet and the detached garage is setback 65 feet from the north lot line. It is the applicant's assertion that a six-foot fence height will deter the owner from wandering. Two gates are proposed for the two driveways on the property. As shown on the submitted variance site plan, the easterly driveway gate will be set back slightly from the property line to avoid a retaining wall.

Section 72-379 (1) a. 4 *Variances* of the zoning code contains five applicable criteria by which a variance application may be granted by the commission. The following staff evaluation using these criteria is as follows:

i. Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, sign, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, signs, or buildings in the same zoning classification.

The land itself is rectangular, and is flat and generally free of obstacles. At 100 feet in depth, there is still 75 feet of yard depth that could be enclosed by a six-foot fence, without the use of a variance. Therefore, there are no special conditions peculiar to the land.

Staff finds that the variance request does not meet this criterion.

ii. The special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant.

Since staff could not find a circumstance peculiar to the land, this variance request cannot meet this criterion.

iii. Literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning classification, under the terms of the ordinance, and would work an unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant.

Literal interpretation of the zoning code would require reducing the fence height to four feet within the 25-foot front yard, or locating the six-foot fence outside of the required front yard. Erecting a fence with one of these two options would not create a hardship for the applicant.

Staff finds that the variance request does not meet this criterion.

iv. The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, structure, or sign.

The variance requested is not the minimum variance necessary to make possible the reasonable use of the land. As discussed in paragraph iii, above, there are alternatives available for the placement of the fence.

Staff finds that the variance request does not meet this criterion.

v. The grant of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this ordinance and the Volusia County Comprehensive Plan Ordinance No. 90-10, as amended, and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved.

Granting of this variance may have an impact on traffic as a six-foot high fence may prevent a clear line of sight to those backing out of the property. According to the survey, there is 12.6 feet between the property line and the edge of pavement of Ocean Grove Drive. Depending on the length of the vehicle, it may be difficult for someone backing out the driveway to view oncoming traffic on Ocean Grove Drive.

Staff finds that the variance request does not meet this criterion.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds that the requested variance does not meet all five criteria for the granting of a variance and must recommend denial of the variance to Section 72-282(2) to allow a fence from the maximum permitted height of four feet to six feet in a front yard on Urban Single-Family Residential (R-4) zoned property.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Written Petition
- Survey/Variance Site Plan
- Reviewer Comments
- Letters of Support
- Site Photos
- Maps

VII. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

The commission may, except as otherwise provided in Section 72-379 of the zoning code, authorize, after due public notice upon application on a form prescribed by the zoning enforcement official, such variance or variances from the terms of this ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provision of this ordinance would result in unnecessary and undue hardship. Said variance application shall be heard only if it is presented by the person owning 51 percent or more of the specific area of land involved or upon an administrative application by the county council.

Any new information to be presented at the planning and land development regulation commission meeting for any application will be grounds to continue an application to the next planning and land development regulation commission meeting. Applicants shall inform and provide staff with the new information prior to the planning and land development regulation commission meeting.

VOLUSIA COUNTY WRITTEN PETITION FOR A VARIANCE

Section 72-379(1)(a)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance of Volusia County, as amended, requires that each applicant for a Variance submit a written petition as part of the application. The written petition must clearly describe how the Variance request satisfies all of the specific conditions necessary for the granting of the Variance, as listed in the Ordinance.

The following items must be completed in sufficient detail to allow Current Planning to determine if the application complies with the Ordinance (use additional sheets if necessary):

A.	What special condition(s) and circumstance(s) exist which are peculiar to your land, structure, building, or sign and are not applicable to other lands, structures, buildings, or signs in the same zoning classification? Were these special condition(s) and circumstance(s) the result of actions by you?				
	The owner of the house has dementia/altheimers the fence is being used to contain owner to his property.				
B.	How would literal interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance deprive you of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning classification and be an unnecessary and undue hardship on you?				
	The zoning ordinance for the R4 classification would only allow a 4' fence in the front yard				
C.	Explain how the Variance(s) you are requesting is/are the minimum Variance(s) that will make it possible for you to make reasonable use of your land, building, structure or sign:				
	The minnimum height of 6' is needed to prevent the owner from leaving the property.				

D.	Comprehensive Plan Ordinance No. 90-10 is to lessen congestion in the streets; to promote public health, safety, morals, and the general welfare; to properly provide for the use of land and governmental services; and to preserve the character, appearance, and aesthetic qualities of Volusia County by regulating signs.
	1. Is your request for Variance(s) consistent with this intent and purpose?
	The proposed variance will not impact
	Congestion on the street, but will provide
	safety for the Owner & neighborhood.
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	Explain how your request for Variance(s) will not be injurious to the surrounding area:
	Neighbors are in total support for the
	sofety of Mr. Barr.
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Applic	ant's Signature JOHN T. ANTHONY, TRUSTEE Date
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Applic	ant's Signature KAREN F. BRITT To Date



John F. Cullen, MD Family Medicine

June 6, 2014

Re: William E. Barr D.O.B.: 05/15/1922

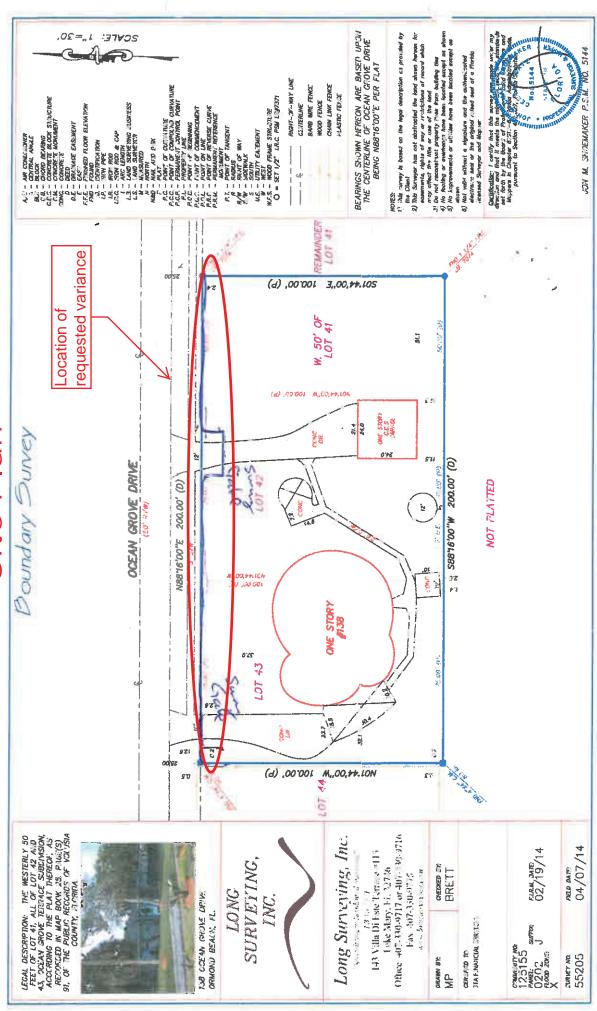
To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. William E. Barr, a patient of mine for years, has developed problems with memory which have, with time worsened. Mr. Barr has unknowingly left the house unescorted. He has sustained several falls. Risk to his well being has increased to an unacceptable level. In an attempt to allow Mr. Barr to continue living in his home, his family has suggested that his yard be fenced. I think that this could be done, in a tasteful fashion and would allow Mr. Barr to avoid institulization.

Sincerely,

John Cullen, M.D.

Variance Site Plan



REVIEW STAFF COMMENTS

AIA LANDSCAPING, INC. V-14-056

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Melissa Winsett June 2, 2014

Comments:

Traffic Engineering has no concerns or comments.

residing at 137 Ocean Grove Drive have

no objection to a 6' fence being placed along the front of the property at 138

Ocean Grove Drive understanding that the owner, Emory Barr, has a medical condition and this height of fencing is needed to keep him safe.

Sincerely,

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(386)441-7959

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Sincerely,

JACK CHAUST

386-236-8315

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Sincerely,

Robert Reiss

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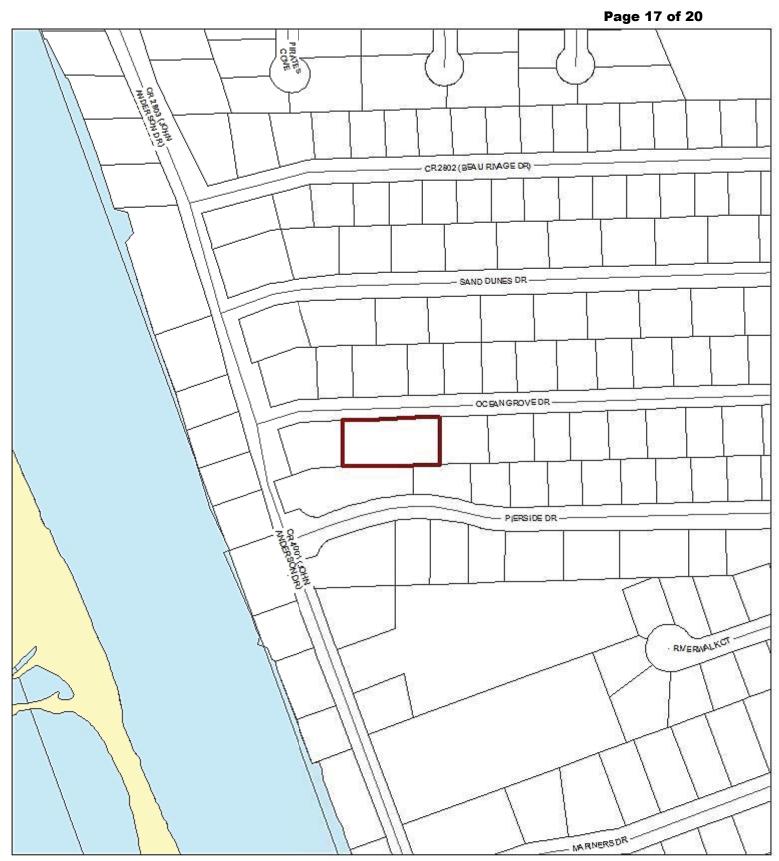
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Sincerely,

Jane Devire

441-1874





ECO NRMA REQUEST AREA

1 inch = 200 feet



VARIANCE CASE NUMBER V-14-056



RESOURCE CORRIDOR (RC)

1 inch = 200 feet

VARIANCE

CASE NUMBER

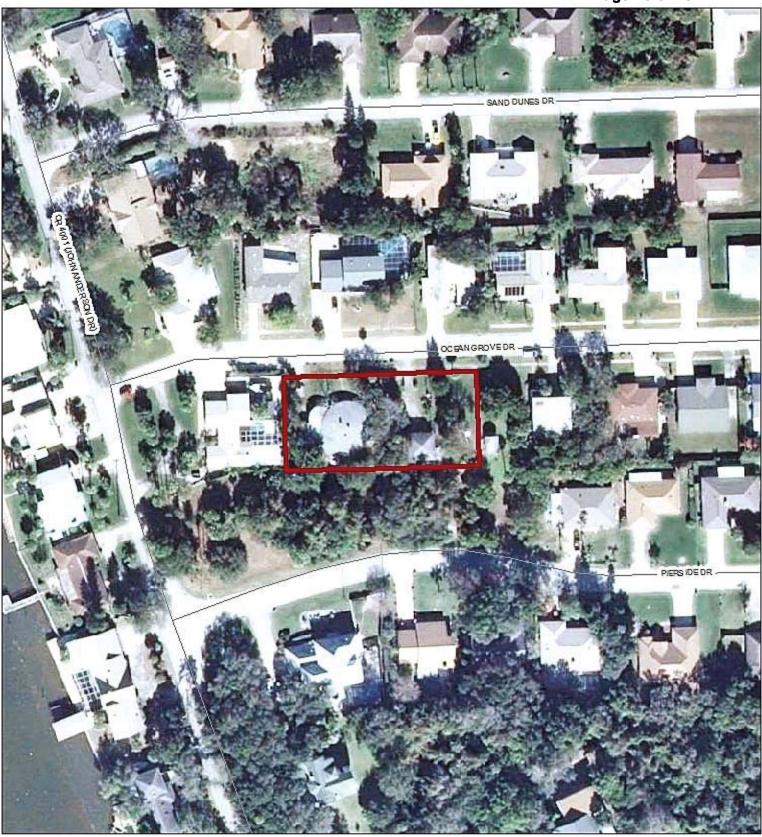
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INCORPORATED

RESIDENTIAL (R-1; R-2; R-3; R-4; R-5; R-6; R-7; R-7; R-8)



REQUEST AREA



AERIAL

IMAGE YEAR: 2012
REQUEST AREA

1 inch = 100 feet





