

Dear board of adjustment.

I come before you today asking for permission, forgiveness, understanding and some Mercy.

I'll try to describe the variance and modification and hopefully explain the regulations request and I am certainly available for any questions you may have.

Are street parking is a real issue for this house on 280 9th St. W which is my residence. Our closest street parking for visitors, boat, side-by-side, etc. is 150 feet away at the east end of the block, and that's if the people that live there aren't parked there.

Winter parking is even worse because there is no parking on that street w/winter snow removal.

Winter parking is 247 feet from the garage of my home, not to mention there is no plug in for the vehicles that is on another block.

The new Drive pad really does solve all these problems in my opinion.

We don't have good parking. Our driveway is very small and makes the garage completely useless.

Due to the turning lane, we have to park our vehicles on the other end of the block in front of other peoples houses.

In the winter time, this can be a real bother because some of our vehicles need to be plugged in. And honestly just walking that far it gets cold.

When I purchased this home, it was a rental for 27 years I was told by the realtor and previous landlord. That for most of that time there was 4 vehicles on the property 2 on the very small driveway and they parked 2 parked on the grass, there was really no grass, it was just dirt from people parking there.

Where the garage is you cannot really park a pick up there because the pick up is covering most the sidewalk with the front bumper of the pick up, touching the garage. So to park a pick up you really have to Park on the grass/dirt is.

When I purchased the property, I figured I would just have a nice concrete slab/driveway poured where they have been parking on the dirt for 27 years, not knowing about any code, or anything about it. The house was an eyesore, and the property is looking very nice with all of the improvements.

Most, if not, all of my neighbors are parking 3 to 4 vehicles on their driveways on a busy street.

We have done the same thing, but did not have them on concrete.

I have talked to my immediate neighbors, and all of them have thought for years that should be concrete there. None of them that I have talked to have a problem with the driveway.

It's come to my attention that I could request a variance for a concrete pad beside the garage. Unfortunately, that really won't solve our problem and the way we poured it actually is quite a bit less concrete than pouring the pad beside the garage. I refer to the drawing. If you do the math on the concrete poured versus a concrete slab to the end of the property that a person could have a variance for this way works out with way less concrete square footage. with my calculations a 10 foot variance concrete pad next to the garage would come out to 540 ft.² where the way it is currently poured comes out to 251 ft.². That's 289 ft.² less.

I also understand in the turn lane there has to be a curb, and I am OK with that but I would ask that up to the curb we could have the driveway slanted. And I would like to have permission to park a boat and side-by-side over the curb on the concrete slab currently poured.

I am sorry that we had to meet under these circumstances. I look forward to working with you and I hope we can come together on some kind of agreement and thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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