

# CITY OF FOREST PARK

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### STAFF REPORT – VARIANCE

Public Hearing Date: August 18, 2022

**Case:** PC-2022-06

**Current Zoning**: RS – Single-Family Residential

**Proposed Request:** Variance to increase the building height and reduce the side yard setback

requirements.

Staff Report Compiled By: Caity Chandler

**Staff Recommendation**: Denial of Variance

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Owner of Record: Applicant:

Name: Ever Alexander Bonilla Name: Ever Alexander Bonilla Address: 5566 Pineridge Place Address: 5566 Pineridge Place

City/State: Forest Park, Georgia 30297 City/State: Forest Park, Georgia 30297

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Parcel Number: 13082D A005 Acreage: 0.26

Address: 5566 Pineridge Place FLU: Single-Family Residential

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The applicant is requesting a variance to increase the building height and decrease the side yard setbacks. The applicant constructed a 20+ foot addition to an existing accessory structure in his backyard at 5566 Pineridge Place. This accessory structure exceeds the 15-foot maximum height requirements for accessory structures. The structure was also placed approximately 2 feet from the side property line. The minimum distance between accessory structures and side property lines is 10 feet. Additionally, the combined area of the existing accessory structure and the two-story addition is, in total, more than 100% of the area of the primary structure. The maximum allowable area for accessory structures is 50% the area of the primary structure.

## **AERIAL MAP**



## **ZONING MAP**



# **Property Downtown Mainstreet (DM)**

## ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES

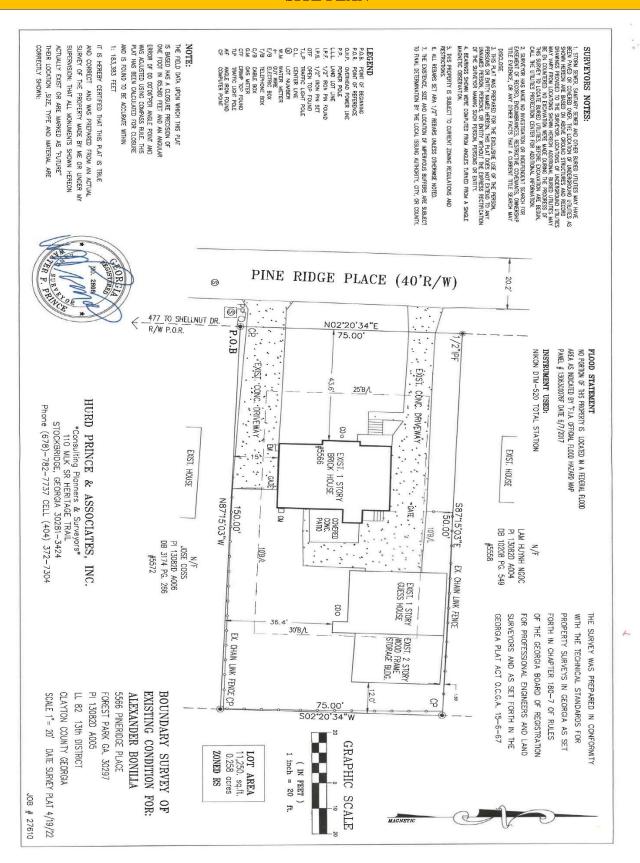
Direction	Zoning & Use	Direction	Zoning & Use
	RS – Single-Family Residential		RS – Single-Family Residential
North	Private Residence	East	Private Residence
	RS – Single-Family Residential		RS – Single-Family Residential
South	Private Residence	West	Private Residence

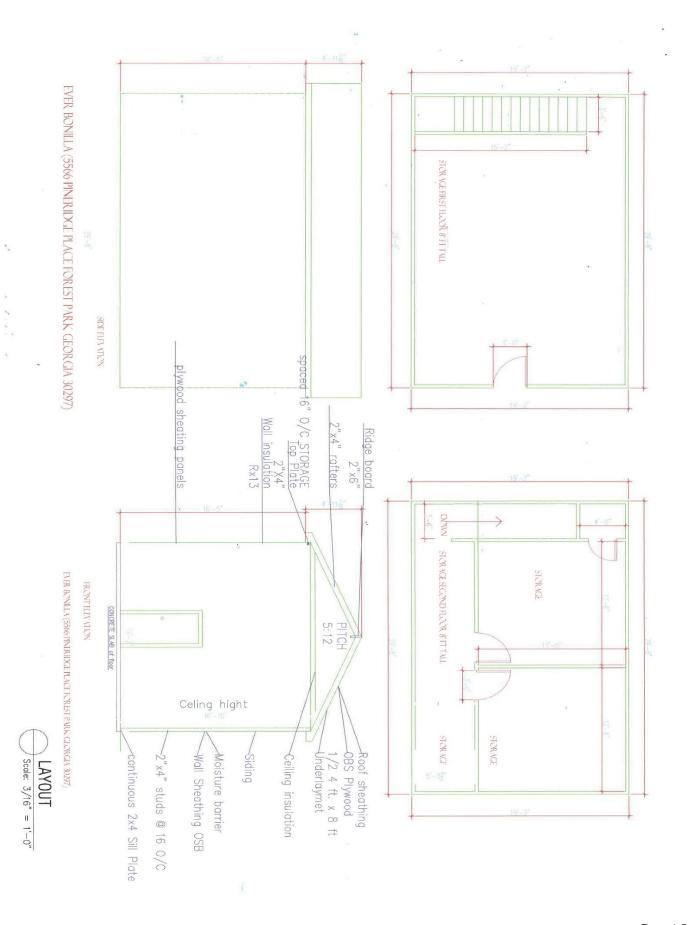
## **SITE PHOTOS – 7/14/2022**





### SITE PLAN





#### VARIANCE JUSTIFICATION

The Planning Commission may grant a variance from the development standards of this ordinance where permitted under this Ordinance, if, after a public hearing, it makes findings of facts in writing, that:

- 1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community;
- 2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and
- 3. The strict application of the terms of this ordinance will result in a practical difficulty in the use of the property. This situation shall not be self-imposed, nor be based on a perceived reduction of, or restriction on, economic gain.

### **Applicant Response**

"I am building the storage on rear of my property but the height is 16'5" instead 15'8" also the property line is according with the existing building previously when I bought (left side)."

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **DENIAL** of a variance to increase the building height and reduce the side yard setback requirements. The height of the accessory structure exceeds the height of the primary structure, it is 8 feet too close to the property line, and the total area of the accessory structures is more than 100% of the total area of the primary structure. Additionally, the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance could be affected in a substantially adverse manner due to the height, size, and the proximity to the side property line of the accessory structure.

Attachments Included

• Site Plans