

# CITY OF FOREST PARK

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# Staff Report – Variance

Public Hearing Date: July 20, 2023

**Case:** VAR-2023-09

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

**Proposed Request:** Variance Request to decrease the minim lot width from 80 feet to 75 feet

and reduce the side yard setback from 10 feet to 5 feet.

Staff Report Compiled By: SaVaughn Irons, City Planner

**Staff Recommendation**: Approval of Variance

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Owner of Record: Applicant:

Name: Juan Carlos Mendoza Juan Carlos Mendoza

540 Perkins Dr. 540 Perkins Dr.

Forest Park, GA 30297 Forest Park, GA 30297

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Parcel Number: 13078B A019 Acreage: 0.17+/Address: 540 Perkins Dr, Forest Park, GA 30297 FLU: Parks/Open Space

#### ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES

Direction	Zoning & Use	Direction	Zoning & Use
	RS: Single Family Residential		RS: Single Family Residential
North	District	East	District
	RS: Single Family Residential		RS: Single Family Residential
South	District	West	District

#### **SUMMARY & BACKGROUND**

The subject property is currently a vacant lot within the Single-Family Residential District (RS) with 0.17 +/- acres and a total land area square footage of 7,487. The applicant is requesting a variance to decrease the minimum lot width from 80 feet to 75 feet and reduce the side yard setback from 10 feet to 5 feet. Per section 8-8-29 Single Family Residential

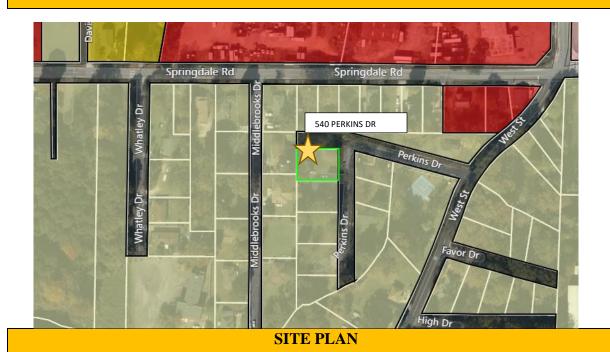
District (RS) Standards, the required minimum lot width is 80 feet. The reason for this request is due to the land parcel's peculiar shape and surrounding homes within the community being consistent with the similar lot dimensions, based on the subject property plot map. The applicant has advised that the peculiar shape of the lot was pre-existing prior to the update of the Unified development code standards for new construction single-family homes. Currently the Unified development code standards provides a hardship to meet the minimum lot area based on the lots peculiar shape and the city of Forest Park Zoning Ordinance. This variance will allow the applicant to construct a new development single-family home within the RS district on a smaller lot width and provide added value to the existing community for future esthetics and home ownership.

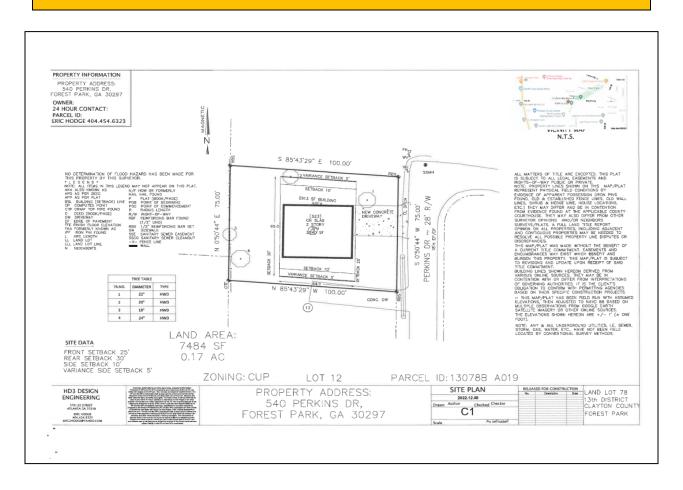
#### **AERIAL MAP**

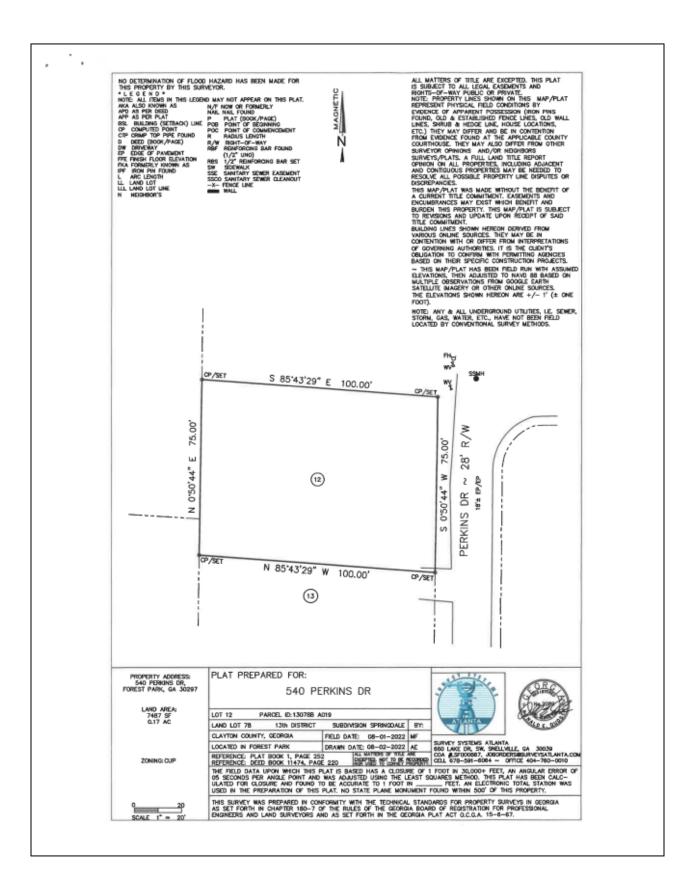




#### **ZONING MAP**







## **SITE PHOTOS**







#### VARIANCE JUSTIFICATION

The Planning Commission may grant a variance from the development standards of this chapter were permitted under this chapter, 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, per Sec. 8-8-193. (a) (1) of the Code of Ordinances.
- 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 per Sec. 8-8-193. (a) (2) of the Code of Ordinances; and
- 3. The strict application of the terms of this ordinance will result in 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, per Sec. 8-8-193. (a) (3) of the Code of Ordinances.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of a variance to allow a minimum lot width of seventy-five (75) feet instead of the required eighty (80) feet and a minimum side yard setback of five (5) feet instead of the required minimum side yard setback of ten (10) feet. This approval allows the applicant to construct a newly developed home on the peculiarly shaped lot. The requested variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community, and the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

### Attachments Included

- Justification Letter
- Letter of Consent from Adjacent Property Owner