

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

REQUEST FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Address: 609 HUMBOLDT AVE

Parcel #: 310250

Owner's Name: DONALD AND VIRGINIA JOHNSON

Zoning: SR-5

REPORT PREPARED BY: Jeff Lutzke, Building Inspector

REPORT DATE: 05/04/2023

MEETING DATE: 05/17/2023

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Property owner would like to build a 288 sq ft (12 ft x 24 ft) addition to an existing attached garage.

Ordinance #: 15.105(2)(c)(3)(b)F Front Lot Line to attached garage: 25 feet

Requesting: 13.6 feet

Allowed: 25 feet

Ordinance #: 15.408(1)(a)1 A nonconforming principal residential building may be enlarged, or structurally altered; provided, however, that no such enlargement, or structural alteration shall either create any additional non-conformity or increase the degree of the existing nonconformity of all or any part of such building;

Requesting: To increase a nonconforming structure

Allowed: Not allowed

ATTACHMENTS:

Application, pictures, and drawing



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VARIANCE
APPLICATION

Fee: _____

Review Date: _____

Read all instructions before completing. If additional space is needed, attach additional pages.

SECTION 1: Applicant/ Permittee Information

Name (Ind., Org. or Entity)

Donald and Virginia Johnson

Mailing Address

609 Humboldt Ave

City

Sheboygan

State

WI

ZIP Code

53081

Email Address

vrjohnson@hotmail.com

Phone Number (incl. area code)

920 457-7406

Applicants interest in property:

home owners

SECTION 2: Property Information

Property Address

609 Humboldt Ave

City

Sheboygan

State

WI

Zip

53081

Type of Building: ☐ Commercial ☐ ResidentialRequest for: ☐ New Construction ☐ Repairs ☐ Alterations ☒ Addition ☐ Nonconforming Use ☐ Other**SECTION 3: If the Request is for a Nonconforming Use**

Your intended use:

Date last occupied as a nonconforming use:

By Whom:

Previous Use:

SECTION 4: Requested Variance

On a separate letter to the Board, describe the requested variance and include what unnecessary hardship or difficulty is caused by following the regulations or requirements of the ordinance. See the attached "The Three Tests for a Variance" and be prepared to argue how you pass the THREE TESTS FOR A VARIANCE.

SECTION 5: Certification and Permission

Certification: I hereby certify that I am the owner or authorized representative of the owner of the property which is the subject of this Variance Application. I certify that the information contained in this form and attachments are true and accurate. I certify that the project will be in compliance with all conditions. I understand that failure to comply with any or all of the provisions of the permit may result in permit revocation and a fine and/or forfeiture under the provisions of applicable laws.

Permission: I hereby give the City permission to enter and inspect the property at reasonable times, to evaluate this notice and application, and to determine compliance with any resulting permit coverage.

Name of Owner/Authorized Representative (please print)

Virginia Johnson

Title

owner

Phone Number

920 457 7406

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

4/19/23

Complete application is to be filed with the Building Inspection Department, 828 Center Avenue, Suite 208. Variances to zoning ordinances are considered by the City of Sheboygan Zoning Board of Appeals monthly on the third Wednesday at 3 p.m. at a public hearing. To be placed on the agenda of Zoning Board of Appeals, application must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month prior to the scheduled public hearing. Applications will not be processed if all required attachments and filing fee of \$250 (payable to the City of Sheboygan) are not submitted along with a complete and legible application. Application filing fee is non-refundable.

All applications must include:

- 1) Application forms, signed and dated, which are available at the Building Inspection Department Office and online.
- 2) The non-refundable filing fee - \$250.00.
- 3) Photographs of the property.
- 4) Samples of materials being used – roofing, siding, decking, etc.
- 5) A site sketch (see example), drawn to scale indicating location of all existing structures and proposed construction. Also indicate lot lines, size of lot, streets and other public ways, driveways, off-street parking, loading areas, and existing and proposed front, side and rear yards. *Please consult with Building Inspection staff for more information.*

Notes:

- a) The applicant can present any additional information to inform the Board of the facts.
- b) Applicants should be aware staff may require a survey as part of the application information in order to clarify specific variance(s) requested.
- c) Applicants should be aware the Board of Appeals may require a survey as part of the application review and/or as a condition of approval prior to issuance of a building permit if a variance is granted.
- d) Building permits must be acquired within 6 months of the granted approval or the approval will be voided.
- e) Any information submitted on the application will become public record and is not subject to confidentiality.

FAILURE TO SUPPLY ADEQUATE AND / OR ACCURATE INFORMATION AS REQUESTED ABOVE CAN BE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL OF THE APPEAL REQUEST.

Applicants should be prepared to answer the following questions:

- *What **hardship** is created by the application of the Zoning Ordinance to this property? Is **reasonable use** of the property denied by the zoning regulations? In other words, is there an alternative plan that would **comply** with the ordinance?*
- *Is there a **unique physical characteristic** of the property which prevents development of the property in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance?*
- *Would granting the variance harm the **public interest** in any way? For example, would public safety be compromised? (Note: Lack of neighborhood opposition does not necessarily mean a variance would not harm the public interest.)*

A notice of the date and time of the hearing will be mailed to all property owners within 100 feet and municipal property within 1,000 feet of your property. Notice of hearing will also be sent to the City of Sheboygan Planning Department. It is important you discuss your proposal with the Building Inspection and Planning Departments.

The property owner or a representative shall be present at the public hearing to present his or her request to the Board and answer any questions the Board members may have. Should an appearance not be made, or insufficient information presented, the appeal will not be considered and may be either placed on the agenda for the next meeting or denied. The appellant will be required to pay the additional expense incurred because of postponement of the hearing. Appellants are reminded the filing fee for a variance request is non-refundable.

THE THREE "TESTS" FOR A VARIANCE

The CITY OF SHEBOYGAN adheres to a set of Zoning Ordinances to make certain your proposed construction is consistent with neighboring developments, a development does not infringe on the enjoyment of property belonging to neighboring owners, it does not detract from surrounding buildings or lots and is not out of character with the neighborhood, and a project meets necessary public health and safety standards. If your proposed construction cannot meet the requirements of the zoning or sign code, a **VARIANCE** is needed.

To obtain a variance, you must establish, due to some peculiarity of the property's size, shape, topography, etc., it would be a hardship or practical difficulty to meet zoning code requirements. ***These circumstances must not be self-imposed or self-created.*** In short, your proposed construction must meet and pass the three "tests" for a variance listed below.

IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU MEET WITH THE STAFF IN THE CITY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE. BUILDING INSPECTION STAFF WILL REVIEW THE STANDARDS FOR A VARIANCE (BELOW) PRIOR TO YOUR FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND PAYING THE NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE.

TEST #1: UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that unnecessary hardship only exists when the zoning ordinance denies ***all reasonable use*** of the property. ***If there is an alternative plan that is within the bounds of the zoning ordinance, a variance is not warranted.***

The hardship experienced ***must not be self-imposed***; loss of profit, expense already incurred and additional expense incurred to comply with zoning ordinances ***are not*** unnecessary hardships.

TEST #2: UNIQUE PROPERTY LIMITATIONS

Unique physical characteristics of your property must prevent you from completing your proposed construction in compliance with the ordinance. The **property** must qualify for the variance, **not your particular situation**.

Additionally, existing violations on other properties or improper variances previously granted are not grounds for a variance.

TEST #3: NO HARM TO PUBLIC INTEREST

The Board members will be taking into account the reason for the existence of the zoning ordinance in applying this test. Lack of opposition ***does not*** necessarily mean the proposed construction would not harm the public interest.

The Board, in granting a variance, may impose conditions on the proposed construction to assure the public's interests are protected. Board members may only grant the ***minimum relief*** necessary for the reasonable use of the property.

Your proposed construction must meet all three "tests" to qualify for a variance. Variances are meant to be an ***infrequent remedy*** where an ordinance imposes a unique and substantial burden. ***They are not intended as an accommodation for a property owner's convenience.*** A variance decision may be appealed within 30 days of the filing of the decision in the office of the board.

Please contact the staff at the City's Planning Department and/or Building Inspection Department if you have any further questions.

4-19-23

Board members, City of Sheboygan

To whom it may concern:

We are requesting a variance to ^{expand} our existing one car attached garage at 609 Humboldt Ave. in Sheboygan. We want to expand to a two car garage by a 12' x 24' expansion on the west side of the existing garage. Siding and roof materials would match the existing.

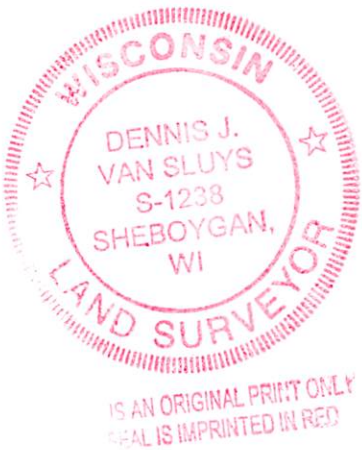
The hardship we face is age related. My husband Don is over 76, and I'm over 70. We are trying to age in our own home, and the single parking space makes it more difficult. Currently we have to deal with parking on the street, and in the Winter alternating sides of the street, coping with the snow and scraping the car. It would be much safer for us for a number of reasons: 1) reduce greatly the risk of slipping and falling 2) Feeling safer from anyone attacking us as we leave the vehicle 3) Less exposure to vandalism of our vehicle 4) Not giving attention to being away from home with a vehicle parked on the street or in the driveway.

With our current location we cannot meet the 25' setback requirement and are requesting a variance for safety reasons.


Sincerely, Virginia Johnson
609 Humboldt Ave.

D & H LAND SURVEYS LLC
1628 GEORGIA AVENUE
SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

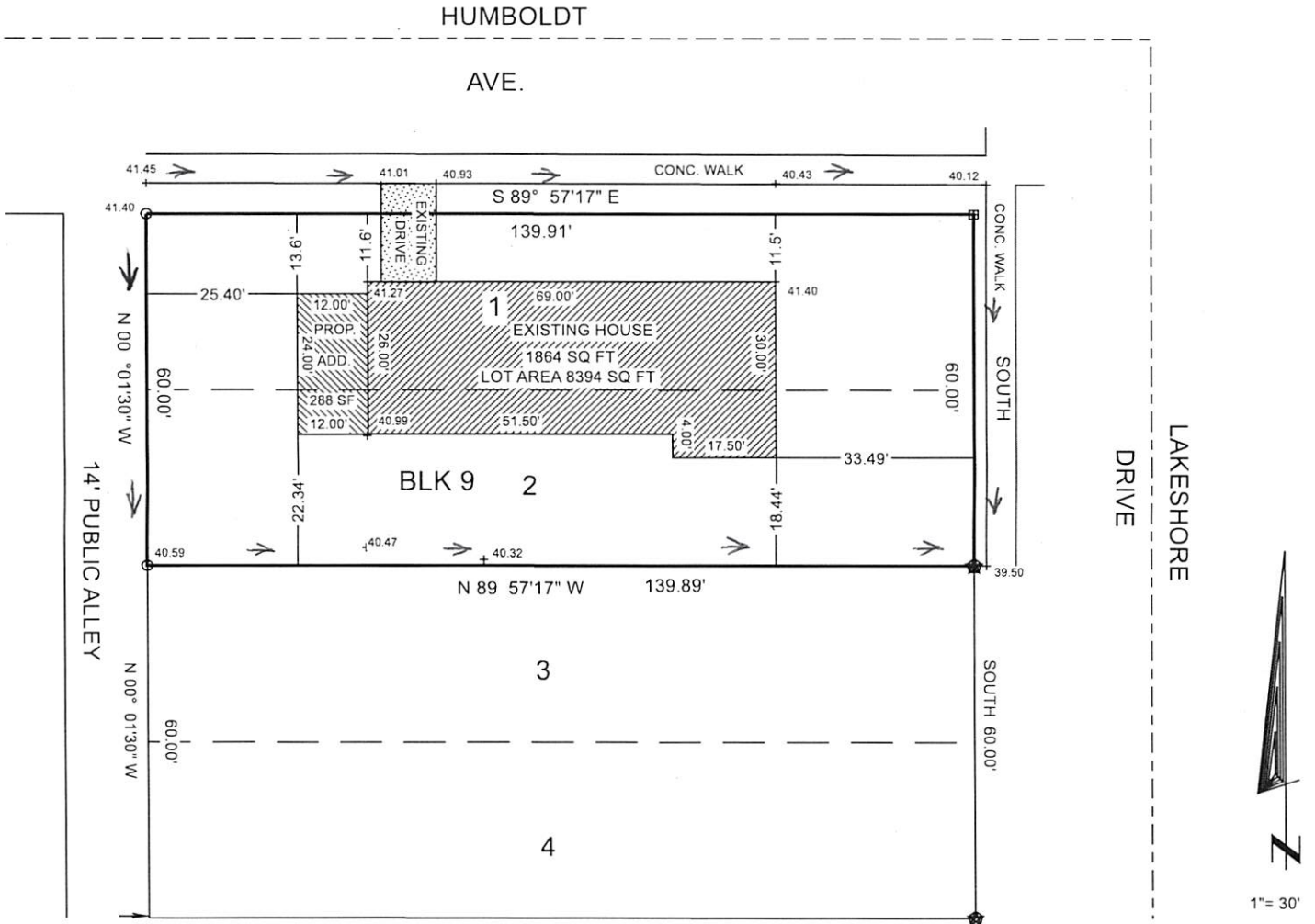
609 HUMBOLDT
PARCEL 59281310250
BEING LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 9 OF LAKE VIEW PARK SUBDIVISION,
CITY OF SHEBOYGAN, SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON
IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.


Dennis J. Van Sluys S-1238

Dated this 5th day of August, 2022. Revised 4/11/23



+ = EXISTING GRADE CITY DATUM

○ = IRON PIPE SET AT EDGE OF ALLEY

★ = 1" IRON FOUND

■ = CONC. MON. FOUND

→ = CHISELED ARROW FOUND

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