

# Board of Adjustment

## STAFF REPORT



**SUBJECT:** Case No.: V2024-012

Applicant Renee White is requesting a variance from Section 154.21.3.C – Variance for the Construction of a Carport for property, at 898 Charlotte, Parcel R32011, being BLOCK 4; LOT 58 of the S3900 Groesbeck Addition of the City of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas.

**MEETING:** Board of Adjustment – May 9, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**STAFF CONTACT:** Steve Killen

### BACKGROUND:

Ms. White is requesting a variance for the construction of a carport that will encroach into the 12' minimum depth from the edge of the main building that is a R-1 zoning districts, Single Family Residential requirement. If approved, the 12 ft. requirement will be reduced to 1 foot in order for the applicant to have maintenance access between buildings. The structure will be at the rear of home; however, since this structure is considered an accessory, the 25' rear setback will not apply.

### ZONING REQUIREMENTS:

#### 5.3. D Height, Area, Yard and Lot Coverage Requirements.

- (9) Accessory buildings:
  - (a) Maximum accessory buildings coverage of rear yard: 30%.
  - (b) Maximum number of accessory buildings: two.
  - (c) Minimum depth of side setback: five feet.
  - (d) Minimum depth of rear setback: five feet.
  - (e) Minimum depth from the edge of the main building: 12 feet.

#### Section 154.21.3.C

#### Variance for the Construction of a Carport

- (1) Granting a Variance without a Public Hearing:
  - a. Upon receipt of an application to construct a carport, the city manager or his designee shall determine the following:
    - i. The carport is compatible with the existing home and other homes in the neighborhood.
    - ii. The carport is within the minimum setbacks.
    - iii. The carport is no larger than 25 feet in width by 30 feet in length.
  - b. If the above criteria are met, the city manager or his designee will mail notice of the proposed carport to every property owner within 200 feet of the property. The letter must include the procedure and time limits for protest.
  - c. Within 14 days from the date of the notification letter, a petition with signatures from 35% of the property owners within the notification area must be returned to the city manager or his designee or the special exception is considered granted without a hearing before the board of adjustment.

- (2) Granting a Variance with a Public Hearing:
- a. If the criteria listed above are not met, or if a petition is filed with the city manager or his designee as described above, a public hearing will be scheduled by the board of adjustment to determine if a variance will be granted.
  - b. Notice of a public hearing to allow the construction of a carport shall be mailed to every property owner within 200 feet of the property for which the special exception is requested at least ten days prior to the meeting date.
  - c. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the newspaper of record at least ten days prior to the meeting date.
  - d. The concurring vote of 75% of the members of the board will be required to grant the special exception.
- (3) The city manager or his designee shall issue to the applicant appropriate documentation showing the grant of the special exception. Such documentation and grant may contain restrictions, use limitations, building requirements, and other matters determined to be appropriate and/or necessary to meet the terms of this section.

#### ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Variance Request
2. Deny the Variance Request