

Zoning Board of Appeals Application

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MOTION TEMPLATE GRANT VARIANCE

RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>granted</u> for the following reasons:

The applicant has demonstrated that:

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Yeas: Nays:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

MOTION TEMPLATE DENY

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the variance request for *[applicant name, address or location]*, for *[request]*

Be <u>denied</u> for the following reason(s):

The applicant has not demonstrated that:

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Yeas: Navs:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

MOTION TEMPLATE POSTPONE

Moved by: Seconded by:

RESOLVED, that the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>postponed</u> for the following reason(s):

Yeas: Nays:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AGENDA

Michael Bossenbroek, Chair, Thomas Desmond, Vice Chair Aaron Green, David Eisenbacher, Mahendra Kenkre, Jim McCauley, Tyler Fox, Barbara Chambers, Alternate, Jeffrey Forster, Alternate

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PROCEDURE
- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> September 19, 2023
- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>

A. <u>4370 HEDGEWOOD</u>, <u>ANANDA PANDY</u> - A variance request to allow a proposed home addition to be constructed 26 feet 1 3/8 inches from the rear property line, where the development approval requires the addition to be setback 35 feet from the rear property line.

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

On September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Chairperson Bossenbroek called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Bossenbroek Barbara Chambers Tommy Desmond David Eisenbacher Tyler Fox Mahendra Kenkre James McCauley

<u>Also Present:</u> Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

- 2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>- read by Vice Chair Desmond
- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> –

Moved by Chambers Seconded by Fox

RESOLVED, to approve the May 16, 2023 & July 18, 2023 draft minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> No changes
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>

A. 163 E SQUARE LAKE, TARKIK NAJIB FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTING & CONSULTING INC.- A variance request to allow a proposed home addition (attached garage) to be constructed 8 feet 11 1/4 inches from the side property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the addition to be 15 feet from the side property line.

Moved by McCauley Seconded by Desmond

RESOLVED, to deny the request.

Yes: McCauley, Bossenbroek, Eisenbacher, Kenkre, Fox, Desmond No: Chambers

MOTION PASSED

B. 425 AUDLEY COURT,SCOTT GITTLEMAN FOR GITTLEMAN CONSTRUCTION INC.- A variance request to allow a proposed home addition to be constructed 22 feet 7 1/4 inches from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the addition to be 25 feet from the rear property line.

Moved by Fox Seconded by Desmond

RESOLVED, to grant the request.

Yes: Eisenbacher, Desmond, Fox, McCauley, Chambers, Kenkre No: Bossenbroek

MOTION PASSED

C. 4061 DREXEL, STEVE ROSSON FOR MARTINO ENTERPRISES - A variance request to allow a proposed home addition to be constructed 36.625 feet from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the addition to be 45 feet from the rear property line.

Moved by Fox Seconded by Eisenbacher

RESOLVED, to grant the request.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

D. 6130 SMITHFIELD, STEVE KOSSON FOR MARTINO ENTERPRISES - A variance request to allow a proposed home addition to be constructed 37 feet 5 inches from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the addition to be 40 feet from the rear property line.

Moved by Fox Seconded by Eisenbacher

RESOLVED, to grant the request.

Yes: Fox, Kenkre, Chambers, Eisenbacher, Desmond No: McCauley, Bossenbroek

MOTION PASSED

6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> – None

- 7. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u> None
- 8. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> None
- 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bossenbroek, Chairperson

Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist

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planning@troymi.gov | Fee: \$500.00

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETS THE **THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL**. PLEASE FILE A COMPLETE DIGITAL APPLICATION AND FEE AT LEAST **36 DAYS BEFORE** THE MEETING DATE. PRE APPLICATION MEETING WITH PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUIRED BEFORE FILING APPLICATION.

1.	. ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:					
2.	PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S):					
3.	ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS RELATED TO THE REQUEST:					
4.	 HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY? If yes, provide date(s) and particulars: 					
5.	APPLICANT:					
	NAME					
	COMPANY					
	ADDRESS					
	CITY STATE ZIP					
	PHONE					
	E-MAIL					
	AFFILIATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER:					



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6. PROPERTY OWNER:

NAME		
COMPANY		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE		
E-MAIL		

The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief.

The applicant accepts all responsibility for all of the measurements and dimensions contained within this application, attachments and/or plans, and the applicant releases the City of Troy and its employees, officers, and consultants from any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

I,(APPLICANT) HEREBY STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED A	Y DEPOSE AND SAY THAT ALL THE ABOVE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND GIVE PERMISSION
FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF TO ENTER THE PR	ROPERTY TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT CONDITIONS.
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE
PRINT NAME:	
PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE	DATE
PRINT NAME:	

Failure of the applicant or their authorized representative to appear before the Board as scheduled shall be cause for denial or dismissal of the case with no refund of fees. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing by mail. If the person appearing before the Board is not the applicant or property owner, signed permission must be presented to the Board.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please provide the following in digital format. You may e-mail them to <u>planning@troymi.gov</u> or submit them or flash drive.

- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Statement of practical difficulty see page 3
- Plot plan or survey showing property lines, existing and proposed buildings, their dimensions and locations (height, length, width, as applicable). SEALED SURVEY required for lot area or dimension requests.
- ✓ Setbacks from property lines
- ✓ Elevation drawings
- Photos as necessary to accurately describe the request, including existing and proposed property conditions
- ✓ Any other information that explains the request
- ✓ Incomplete applications cannot be accepted

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Ananda Pandy and Kaliswari Anand 4370 Hedgewood Dr Troy MI 48098

Zoning Board of Appeals City of Troy

Re: Statement of Practical Difficulty

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals members,

Thank you for taking the time to review our appeal. This letter describes the practical difficulties we face in doing the home addition on our property.

SECTION A: Exceptional Characteristics are shallowness, narrowness and smallness.

Our property is extremely shallow, narrow and small. The lot dimensions are only 51.50' x 120'. The Walnut Forest subdivision was set up as a cluster option with typical setback requirements. 35' rear setback requirement on an extremely shallow and narrow lot does not give any provision for further modification. The subdivision layout with an open common area in the front of a few houses in the middle also shrunk the lot dimensions.



		City Parcel Info		
Lot	Address	Home Size Sq ft	Lot size (acres)	lot size (sq. ft)
1	4426 Hedgewood	3072	0.18	7840.8
2	4418 Hedgewood	3018	0.17	7405.2
3	4410 Hedgewood	2980	0.18	7840.8
4	4402 Hedgewood	3061	0.17	7405.2
5	4394 Hedgewood	2822	0.16	6969.6
6	4386 Hedgewood	2972	0.15	6534
7	4378 Hedgewood	2984	0.14	6098.4
8	4370 Hedgewood	2810	0.14	6098.4
9	4362 Hedgewood	2962	0.14	6098.4
10	4354 Hedgewood	2980	0.14	6098.4
11	4346 Hedgewood	2990	0.14	6098.4
12	4338 Hedgewood	2990	0.14	6098.4
13	4330 Hedgewood	2981	0.28	12196.8
14	4322 Hedgewood	3062	0.24	10454.4
15	4314 Hedgewood	2990	0.15	6534
16	4306 Hedgewood	2800	0.17	7405.2
	Average	2967.13	0.17	7323.53

• The average lot size in Walnut Forest is 7323 sq ft. as per the city parcel info. Our house with 6098 sq. ft lot size is 17% smaller than the average lot in Walnut Forest.

- The lots on the north of the subdivision are bigger. As the street angles eastward going south towards the cul-de-sac, it reduces the lot size for the houses in the middle.
- The setback requirements were maximized by the builder but the first-floor build area of our house is only 1352 sq.ft. Only 22% of the lot area is covered by the building. Even with the home addition, the maximum lot area covered by the building will still be much less than the required 30% according to Table 4.06 R-1C Zoning district ordinance.
- The floor plan built on our extremely shallow and narrow lot covers from front setback to rear setback requirement. No room was left by the builder for any future improvements.
- At the time of home construction and sale, the restrictions were not disclosed by the builder.
- A home extension less than 10 ft deep will not be operational. We wanted it bigger up to 12 feet but wanted to minimize the variance request.

SECTION B:

• The variance requested is for the said property at 4370 Hedgewood Dr, Troy MI 48098.

SECTION C:

• The characteristics that make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult are not of a personal nature. The constraints were created based on how the land was divided and the house was built by the builder.

SECTION D:

- The characteristics that make compliance difficult with dimensional requirements were not created by the current or previous owners.
- We are the first owners of the home. The maximum utilization of the built area was not disclosed to us by the builder.

SECTION E:

- The proposed variance will not be harmful or alter the essential character of the area in which the property is located.
- The addition is to the rear of the property. There are no houses to the back of the property. It opens to the woods.
- The proposed addition to the home will be constructed in materials to match and complement existing materials.
- It will not adversely affect or impair light and air to any adjacent property.
- It will not increase the danger to the public nor harm the welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

With the above-mentioned facts about the practical difficulties at 4370 Hedgewood Dr, we kindly request the City of Troy Zoning Board to consider our appeal and issue a variance to the rear setback requirements of 25 ft allowing us to do the home addition.

Regards Ananda Pandy and Kaliswari Anand Home Owners 4370 Hedgewood Dr Troy MI 48098



Property located between Long Lake and Wattles and Livernois and Crooks









CITY OF TROM BUILDING DEPT



















DATE : 10/8/23 TO : City of Troy Zoning Board of Appeals FROM : George Mathews ADDRESS : 4362 Hedgewood drive 48098

: Appeal by Ananda Pandy and Kaliswari Anand at 4370 Hedgewood Dr

To whom it may concern:

The homeowners of 4370 Hedgewood Dr have discussed their proposal to extend their home in the backside of their house. We have reviewed the proposed building plans for their home addition and have no concerns about the project moving forward as proposed.

Regards

RE

Sign FORGE Mathens Name : Date :



DATE : 10 | 04 | 2023TO : City of Troy Zoning Board of Appeals FROM : VENKAT RALLAPALLS ADDRESS : 4354 Hedge wood DY TNY MD 48098 RE : Appeal by Ananda Pandy and Kaliswari Anand at 4370 Hedgewood Dr

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Name: VENTAT RALLAPALLI

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- DATE : 10/04/2023
- TO : City of Troy Zoning Board of Appeals
- FROM : Amit Song
- ADDRESS: 4386 Hedgewood Dr., Mary. 48098 RE: Appeal by Ananda Pandy and Kaliswari Anand at 4370 Hedgewood Dr

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