|  | Case Number: BOA-23570 <br> Hearing Date: 9/26/2023 (Board moved to reconsider item on $9 / 12 / 23$ Hearing) |
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| Case Report Prepared by: <br> Austin Chapman | Owner and Applicant Information: <br> Applicant: Joel Collins <br> Property Owner: Neal \& Courtney Siex |
| Action Requested: <br> Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to area of the principal residential structure (Section 45.030-A,); Varia rear setback by Detached Accessory Buildings (Sec.90.090-C, Ta space requirement of 4,000 square feet in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5 <br> *Relief requested since 9/12/23 Hearing. | exceed 500 square feet and $40 \%$ of the floor ce to permit more than $30 \%$ coverage of the 90-2); *Variance to reduce the minimum open 30-A, Table 5-3) |
| Location Map: | Additional Information: <br> Present Use: Residential <br> Tract Size: 0.16 acres <br> Location: 1616 S. Florence Ave. <br> Present Zoning: RS-3 <br> Case History: <br> 09/12/2023: First appearance on agenda. Additional relief on open space was needed, the Board continued the item to re-notice for the additional relief. |




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Aerial Photo Date: 2021
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HEARING DATE: 9/26/2023 (Board moved to reconsider item on 9/12/23 Hearing)
APPLICANT: Joel Collins
ACTION REQUESTED: Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to exceed 500 square feet and $40 \%$ of the floor area of the principal residential structure (Section 45.030-A,) Variance to permit more than 30\% coverage of the rear setback by Detached Accessory Buildings (Sec.90.090-C, Table 90-2) Variance to reduce the minimum open space requirement of 4,000 square feet in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3)

LOCATION: 1616 S. Florence Ave.
ZONED: RS-3
PRESENT USE: Residential
TRACT SIZE: 7000.12 SQ FT
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LT 4 BLK 8, AVONDALE ADDN CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RELEVANT PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Tulsa Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject property as part of a "Neighborhood"

Neighborhoods are "Mostly Residential Uses" which includes detached, missing middle, and multi-dwelling unit housing types. Churches, schools, and other low-intensity uses that support residents' daily needs are often acceptable, particularly for properties abutting Multiple Use, Local Center, or Regional Center land use areas. Multi-dwelling unit housing that takes access off of an arterial is considered Multiple Use, Local Center, or Regional Center. If a multi-dwelling unit housing property takes access off of a lower-order street separated from the arterial, then it would be considered Neighborhood.

## STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP:

1. That the physical surroundings, shape, or topographic conditions of the subject property would result in unnecessary hardships or practical difficulties for the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out: Current garage depth does not allow for modern car/truck to fit inside.
2. That the literal enforcement of the subject zoning code provision is not necessary to achieve the provision's intended purpose: With existing conditions, small lot, garages in rear yard, code sizes create hardship for owner to enclose, protect vehicles and also hardship of no lawn/ yard storage.
3. That the conditions leading to the need of the requested variance are unique to the subject property and not applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification:
4. That the alleged practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship was not created or self-imposed by the current property owner: Existing when purchased.
5. That the variance to be granted is the minimum variance that will afford relief: Yes.
6. That the variance to be granted will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair use or
development of adjacent property: Maintains neighborhood quality and setbacks.
7. That the variance to be granted will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of this zoning code or the comprehensive plan: No, there are other 2-story accessory structures in the neighborhood: Maintains spirit and also keeps from using a portable shed.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Applicant is requesting a Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to exceed 500 square feet and $40 \%$ of the floor area of the principal residential structure (Section $45.030-\mathrm{A}$, ) and Variance to permit more than 30\% coverage of the rear setback by Detached Accessory Buildings (Sec.90.090-C, Table 90-2); and a Variance to reduce the minimum open space requirement of 4,000 square feet in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3) :
2. RS-2, RS-3, RS-4, RS-5 and RM Districts

In RS-2, RS-3, RS-4, RS-5, or RM zoned lots used for detached houses or duplexes, the total aggregate floor area of all detached accessory buildings, including accessory dwelling units, and accessory buildings not erected as an integral part of the principal residential building may not exceed 500 square feet or $40 \%$ of the floor area of the principal residential structure, whichever is greater. [1]
[1] For detached accessory buildings, including accessory dwelling units, located within rear setbacks see $900090-\mathrm{C}$.

Applicant is requesting to increase the permitted size of an accessory building from 538 square feet to 756 square feet.
Table 90-2: Accessory Building, Including Accessory Dwelling Units, Coverage Limits in Rear Setback

| Zoning District | Maximum Coverage of Rear Setback |
| :--- | :---: |
| RS-1 and RE Districts | $20 \%$ |
| RS-2 District | $25 \%$ |
| RS-3, RS-4, RS-5 and RD Districts | $30 \%$ |
| RM zoned Lots Used for Detached Houses or Duplexes | $30 \%$ |

Applicant is requesting to increase the rear setback coverage from 300 square feet to 391 square feet.

## Section $90.080 \quad$ Open Space per Unit

90.080-A Open space per unit refers to the amount of outdoor open space required to be provided on a lot for each dwelling unit on the subject lot. Multiply the minimum open space-per-unit requirement by the number of dwelling units to determine the total amount of open space required on a lot. In applying minimum open space-per-unit requirements to fraternity, sorority and rooming/boarding house uses, each 600 square feet of floor area is counted as one dwelling unit.
90.080-B The following may be counted toward satisfying minimum open space-per unit requirements:

1. Outdoor areas that are not occupied by buildings, driveways or parking areas and are generally useable by residents;
2. Driveways and parking areas located in the rear yard of a detached house or duplex; and
3. Green roofs covering $25 \%$ or more of the subject building's overall roof area.

Applicant is requesting to reduce the open space requirement from 4,000 square feet to 3,839 square feet.

Facts staff finds favorable for variance request:

- The addition of an attached garage would no be practical to get the size garage requested.

Facts Staff find unfavorable for the variance request:

- None.


## SAMPLE MOTION:

Move to $\qquad$ (approve/deny) a Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to exceed 500 square feet and $40 \%$ of the floor area of the principal residential structure (Section 45.030-A,) Variance to permit more than 30\% coverage of the rear setback by Detached Accessory Buildings (Sec.90.090-C, Table 90-2); Variance to reduce the minimum open space requirement of 4,000 square feet in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3)

- Finding the hardship(s) to be $\qquad$ .
- Per the Conceptual Plan(s) shown on page(s) $\qquad$ of the agenda packet.
- Subject to the following conditions $\qquad$ .

In granting the Variance the Board finds that the following facts, favorable to the property owner, have been established:
a. That the physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the subject property would result in unnecessary hardships or practical difficulties for the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out;
b. That literal enforcement of the subject zoning code provision is not necessary to achieve the provision's intended purpose;
c. That the conditions leading to the need of the requested variance are unique to the subject property and not applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification;
d. That the alleged practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship was not created or self-imposed by the current property owner;
e. That the variance to be granted is the minimum variance that will afford relief;
f. That the variance to be granted will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair use or development of adjacent property; and
g. That the variance to be granted will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of this zoning code or the comprehensive plan."


Subject property


