

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

SPECIAL PERMIT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER CORPORATION, SPA 2006-PR-038 Appl. under Sect(s). 8-914 of the Zoning Ordinance to amend SP 2006-PR-038 previously approved for error in building location to permit modification of development conditions. Located at 8132 Lee Hwy. on approx. 3.02 ac. of land zoned C-8 and HC. Providence District. Tax Map 49-2 ((1)) 26C. Mr. Hammack moved that the Board of Zoning Appeals adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the captioned application has been properly filed in accordance with the requirements of all applicable State and County Codes and with the by-laws of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice to the public, a public hearing was held by the Board on June 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board has made the following findings of fact:

1. The applicant is the owner of the land.
2. The Board has determined that the applicant has satisfied the required standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance.
3. The applicant has done what they were required to do and are just being held up on the issuance of a permit. That justifies a reasonable extension to comply with the development conditions that the Board previously granted.

That the applicant has presented testimony indicating compliance with Sect. 8-006, General Standards for Special Permit Uses, and Sect. 8-914, Provisions for Approval of Reduction to the Minimum Yard Requirements Based on Error in Building Location, the Board has determined:

- A. That the error exceeds ten (10) percent of the measurement involved;
- B. The non-compliance was done in good faith, or through no fault of the property owner, or was the result of an error in the location of the building subsequent to the issuance of a Building Permit, if such was required;
- C. Such reduction will not impair the purpose and intent of this Ordinance;
- D. It will not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity;
- E. It will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other property and public streets;
- F. To force compliance with the minimum yard requirements would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner; and
- G. The reduction will not result in an increase in density or floor area ratio from that permitted by the applicable zoning district regulations.

AND, WHEREAS, the Board of Zoning Appeals has reached the following conclusions of law:

1. That the granting of this special permit will not impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, nor will it be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity.
2. That the granting of this special permit will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other properties and public streets and that to force compliance with setback requirements would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the subject application is approved, with the following development conditions:

1. This special permit is approved for the location and size (approximately 438 square feet) of the existing one story structure as shown on the plat prepared by William H. Gordon Associates, Inc. dated, February 25, 2008, as submitted with this application and is not transferable to other land.
2. Other by-right, special permit and special exception uses on site shall be permitted without a special permit amendment if such uses do not affect this special permit use.
3. Building permits and final inspections for the structure shall be diligently pursued within 60 days and obtained within one year of final approval or this special permit shall be null and void.

This approval, contingent upon the above-noted conditions, shall not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards.

Ms. Gibb seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 7-0.

A Copy Teste:

Suzanne L. Frazier, Deputy Clerk
Board of Zoning Appeals