

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

VARIANCE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

DOUGLAS AND ALISON DUENKEL, VC 2009-DR-002 Appl. under Sect(s). 18-401 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit accessory structure to remain in the front yard of a lot containing 36,000 sq. feet or less. Located at 1143 Kettle Pond La. on approx. 36,000 sq. ft. of land zoned R-1. Dranesville District. Tax Map 12-1 ((13)) 17 (Concurrent with SP 2009-DR-035). Mr. Byers 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 August 4, 2009; and

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

1. The applicants are the owners of the land.
2. The present zoning is R-1.
3. The area of the lot is 36,000 square feet.
4. This is an exceptional piece of property.
5. The property meets all the requirements, including the new requirement, under Item 6B, which takes out approaching confiscation.
6. The applicant has satisfied the Board the physical conditions as listed above exist under which a strict interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship that would deprive the user of reasonable use of the land or buildings involved.
7. The letters have been read and reviewed, those letters in opposition as well as those that are in support of this; it is noted that in one of the documents in opposition, the homeowners association did, in fact, approve this.
8. The record contains an e-mail from Dennis Morgan, who has served on an architectural review committee, and he indicates that this is done very nicely.
9. There is approval from the Great Falls Citizen Association Land Use and Zoning Committee.

This application meets all of the following Required Standards for Variances in Section 18-404 of the Zoning Ordinance:

1. That the subject property was acquired in good faith.
2. That the subject property has at least one of the following characteristics:
 - A. Exceptional narrowness at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance;
 - B. Exceptional shallowness at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance;
 - C. Exceptional size at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance;
 - D. Exceptional shape at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance;
 - E. Exceptional topographic conditions;
 - F. An extraordinary situation or condition of the subject property, or
 - G. An extraordinary situation or condition of the use or development of property immediately adjacent to the subject property.
3. That the condition or situation of the subject property or the intended use of the subject property is not of so general or recurring a nature as to make reasonably practicable the formulation of a general regulation to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

4. That the strict application of this Ordinance would produce undue hardship.
5. That such undue hardship is not shared generally by other properties in the same zoning district and the same vicinity.
6. That:
 - A. The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict all reasonable use of the subject property, or
 - B. The granting of a variance will alleviate a clearly demonstrable hardship as distinguished from a special privilege or convenience sought by the applicant.
7. That authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property.
8. That the character of the zoning district will not be changed by the granting of the variance.
9. That the variance will be in harmony with the intended spirit and purpose of this Ordinance and will not be contrary to the public interest.

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

THAT the applicant has satisfied the Board that physical conditions as listed above exist which under a strict interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship that would deprive the user of reasonable use of the land and/or buildings involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the subject application is **APPROVED** with the following limitations:

1. This variance is approved for accessory structure (pool) to remain in the front yard as shown on the plat prepared by Paul B. Johnson, Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc. dated March 2009, revised and signed through June 5, 2009 submitted with this application and is not transferable to other land.

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 including requirements for building permits.

Ms. Gibb seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Smith was absent from the meeting.