

PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

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Manistee County Planning Building, 395 Third Street Manistee, Michigan 49660

September 28, 2022

ZBA Members Onekama Township 5435 Main St Onekama, MI 49675

Dear ZBA Members,

Mr. & Mrs. Garbrecht are applying for a variance for their property parcel # 51-11-033-001-05, addressed as 1985 2nd street Onekama, MI 49675.

Background:

I received a variance request form from Mr. & Mrs. Garbrecht. The request is to enclose their existing front deck to create an enclosed porch. The parcel resides within RR-3 Zoning District. The current deck is located in two front yards and exists as a grandfathered nonconformity. Currently three feet of the westside of the deck and home are within the front yard setback, four feet including the eaves of the home. The steps to their deck extend an additional five feet into the front yard setback. The Resort Residential - RR3 regulations are:

Article 42 Resort Residential – RR3 4204. Regulations:

Minimums:

- A. Minimum parcel: Fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet.
- B. Minimum parcel width: One hundred (100) feet running along road frontage.

[Annotation: Modified by amendment effective January 12, 1997.]

- C. Minimum setback, including all accessory buildings:
 - 1. Front: Twenty-five (25) feet from the road right-of-way or front property line, whichever is the greater distance.
 - 2. Rear: Twenty-five (25) feet.
 - 3. Side: Ten (10) feet.
- D. Minimum floor area: Eight hundred (800) square feet.
- E. Minimum dwelling width across any front, side length, or rear measurement: 20 feet.

The proposed enclosure would follow the existing westside roof line and eaves and would extend four feet into the front yard setback. The steps to the new enclosed porch would be shortened by one foot but would remain an additional four feet into the front yard setback. The

variance request satisfies nearly all requirements listed expect 4204.C.1. Front setback. The variance request is to reduce the front yard setback. Granting of the variance would allow for the enclosure of an existing porch resulting in a $12' \times 28'$ or $336 \, \text{sq.}$ ft. enclosed porch with a 17' front setback. If a variance is granted a land use permit will still be required and all other Zoning Ordinance requirements will have to be met.

Please review the following information:

- Mr. & Mrs. Garbrecht's "Request for Appeal" Application
- Site plan
- Property Survey
- Map of property with parcel lines, circa 2021
- Three Photos taken August 2022 that show the current parcel conditions
- A narrative Mr. & Mrs. Garbrecht's have provided that explains why a variance should be granted
- Notice of Meeting/Public Hearing for Newspaper
- Letters that were sent to Parcel owners and occupants per Planning and Enabling Act 2008
- Motions Memo

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me via email or phone.

Regards,

Katie Mehl

Planning and Zoning Administrator

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395 Third Street

Manistee, MI 49660 231.723.6041 (phone) 231.398.3526 (fax)

Request for Appeal Onekama Township Zoning Board of Appeals

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A Step-By-Step Guide

Introductory Meeting with Planning Staff - Staff will assist the applicant by explaining the Zoning Ordinance Regulations/Standards. Staff review of a request usually indicates that a site plan proposed by the applicant does not meet the standards of the ordinance. If the applicant feels that they are unable to modify their plan to meet the requirements of the ordinance or if the applicant feels the Zoning Administrator is mistaken in their interpretation of the ordinance, they have the right to request an appeal from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The applicant is encouraged to contact adjoining and nearby property owners and occupants to discuss their project prior to the Public Hearing. A copy of the mailing information for the 300 feet notification can be obtained from Staff upon request.

Submission of Application – Applicant will submit their request to the Zoning Administrator who will review it to make sure they have supplied all the necessary information including a site plan. If no Additional information is needed the Zoning Administrator will then schedule a meeting within 30 days. Fee must be received before any requests are processed.

Public Hearing Notification – Staff will prepare Notice of Public Hearing (Ad in Newspaper, posted on Township Web Page, Township Facebook Page, Township Hall, mailing to all owners/occupants within 300 feet of property). Noticing must be at least 15 days prior to meeting date.

Public Hearing - Applicant shall present their case to the Zoning Board of Appeals along with any correspondence in support of their request. Staff will give their report, the public is invited to speak on the request, and correspondence will be read into the record. Public Hearing will be closed.

Meeting – The Zoning Board of Appeals will begin their deliberation on the request. If the Board determines that no additional information is needed they will deliberate/take action on the request. The will act to either approve or deny the request. If the Board determines that additional information is needed they will postpone their determination until a specified date and schedule another meeting.

Permit – If approved, Staff will schedule a meeting to certify the minutes. This is typically scheduled for the following week. Once minutes are certified staff will issue a Land Use Permit that states a variance was obtained and specify the variance granted.

*Average time depending on Staff availability, complete application and Meeting Schedules approx. 30-45 days

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X	Front Yard Set Back	From 25' To 21	7
	Side Yard Set Back	From To	
	Side Yard Set Back	From To	
	Rear Yard Set Back	From To	
	Waterfront Set Back	From To	
	Height	From To	
	Lot Coverage	From To	
	Off Street Parking	From To	
	Other:	From To	
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are the minin development	t is responsible to provide a survey and legal description unless waived by Zoning Adminismums required for variance request, but addition requirements can be requested, dependent. If the development is a Special Use, Planned Unit Development or Phased Project contains for additional requirements.	ing on type of				
	The property, identified by parcel lines and location and size.					
	Name and address of the property owner(s), developers), and designers), and their interest in said properties. The scale, north point.					
	Natural features such as woodlots, waterbodies, wetlands, high risk erosion areas, slopes over 25%, beach, sand dunes, drainage and similar features.					
	The location of proposed and main and accessory buildings, existing structures, fences on the site, the height of all buildings, square footage of floor space and set-backs.					
	The proposed driveway, if any.					
	Location dimensions of existing and proposed man-made features such as buildings, st					
	easements, water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage and retention lines. Surface and subsurface storm water drainage and retention systems for paved, roof, and other impermeable surfaces on the site.					
	Neighboring driveways, and other vehicular circulation features within and adjacent to the site; also the location, size and number of parking spaces in the off-street parking areas and the identification of service					
	lanes, service parking and snow storage areas.	od .				
	Any proposed alterations to the topography and other natural features shall be indicated any proposed location of connections to existing utilities and proposed extensions the					
	A description of the proposed development.					
	A vicinity map showing the location of the site in relation to the surrounding street sys	tem.				

Rules - The following rules shall be applied in the granting of variances

The Board may specify, in writing, such conditions regarding the character, location, and other features that will in its judgment, secure the objectives and purposes of this Ordinance. The breach of any such condition shall automatically invalidate the permit granted.

9604. Voiding of and Reapplication for Variance The following provisions shall apply:

- A. Each variance granted under the provisions of this Ordinance may become null and void unless:
- 1. The construction authorized by such variance or permit has begun within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the granting of such variance and pursued diligently to completion; or
- 2. The occupancy of land or buildings authorized by such variance has taken place within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the granting of such variance.
- B. No application for a variance which has been denied wholly or in part by the Board of Appeals shall be resubmitted for a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from such denial, except on grounds of new evidence or proof of changed conditions found by the Board of Appeals to be valid.

9605. Interpretation of Ordinance Text:

- A. Interpretation Pursuant to the requirements of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, (MCL 125.3101 et seq.). nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Zoning Board of Appeals from interpreting the text of this ordinance in such a fashion that will allow in a land use district buildings, uses and structures which are sufficiently similar to the specifically delineated permitted or special uses in that land use district, under the same permitted or special use regulations. Such interpretation shall not have the effect of granting a variance but rather shall be deemed only to be an interpretation of the ordinance text.
- B. **Standards** In determining whether a proposed building, use or structure is sufficiently similar to a specifically delineated permitted or special use, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall consider the relevant policies for the Land Use District in question, the nature, use and purpose of the proposed building, use or structure and whether or not the proposed building, use or structure is a permitted or special use in any other Land Use District in the Township.
- C. Precedent An earlier determination under this section shall be considered a precedent for other applications proposing an identical building, use or structure in the same Land Use District, provided the earlier determination was made with respect to a building, use or structure sufficiently similar to a specifically delineated permitted use in the Land Use District and not with respect to a specifically delineated special use. An earlier determination with respect to an identical, sufficiently similar special use shall be considered as a precedent only to the extent that such sufficiently similar special use shall be considered as a candidate for a special use permit in that Land Use District, but shall otherwise be subject to all requirements of this Ordinance.

9606. Appeals to the Board of Appeals The following provisions shall apply:

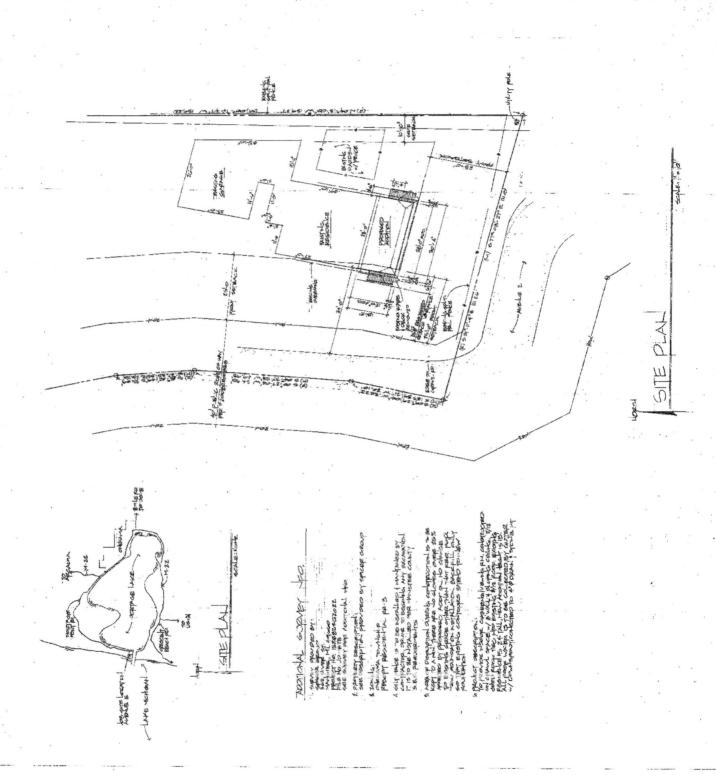
- A. Appeals, How Taken Appeal from the ruling of the Zoning Administrator concerning the enforcement, administration, and interpretation of this Ordinance, text and map, may be made to the Board of Appeals. The demand for appeal is filed with the Zoning Administrator specifying the grounds thereof within thirty (30) days of the date of a decision received by the appellant. Date of receipt shall be presumed to be five (5) days after the date shown on the decision. The demand for appeal shall be on a form prepared by the Township for that purpose and shall also include a site plan. The Zoning Administrator shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Appeals all of the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.
- B. Who May Appeal Appeals to the Board of Appeals may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer, department, board, agency, or bureau of the Township, County, or State.
- C. Fee for Appeal A fee prescribed by the Township Board shall be paid to the Zoning Administrator at the time of filing the demand for appeal. If the Township Board finds an applicant to be indigent, the fee may be waived by the Township Board.
- **D. Effect of Appeal: Restraining Order -** An appeal stops all proceedings and construction on the action appealed. The Board of Appeals may allow continuance of certain activities if it is shown such actions are necessary to prevent imminent peril to life or property.
- E. Hearing By the Board of Appeals: Request, Notice, Hearing When a request for appeal has been filed in proper form with the Board of Appeals, the Zoning Administrator shall immediately place the said request for appeal upon the calendar for hearing, and cause notice to interested parties, stating the time, date, place, and object of the hearing to be served personally or by certified return receipt mail if necessary.

- F. Representation at Hearing Upon the hearing, any party or parties may appear in person or by their agent or an attorney.
- G. Decisions of the Board of Appeals and Appeals to the Circuit Court The Board of Appeals shall decide upon all matters appealed within sixty (60) days of the receipt of a demand for appeal, unless mutually agreed by both parties to extend the time. The Board of Appeals:
- 1. May reverse or affirm wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed;
 - 2. Shall make such order, requirement, decision or determination;
 - 3. Shall have all the powers of the Zoning Administrator for administration and enforcement of this Ordinance;

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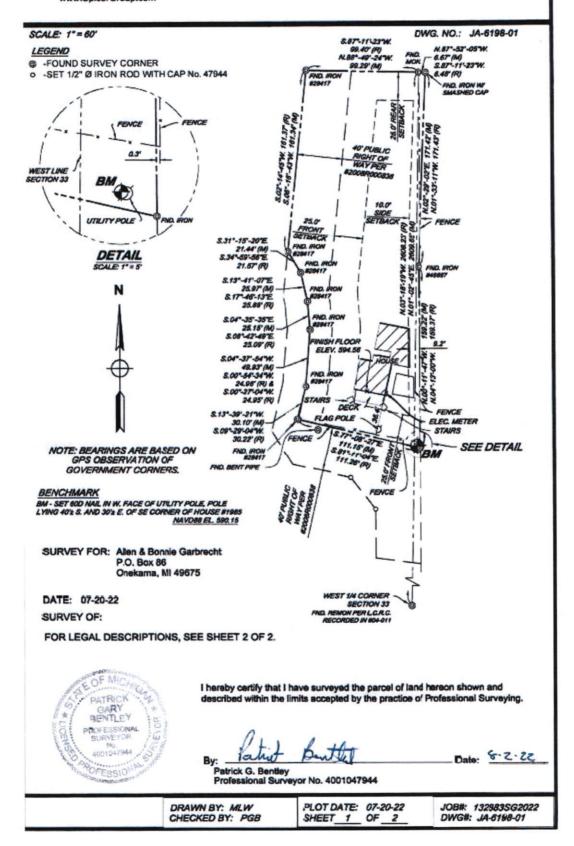
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Property Survey

Spicer Group, Inc. 302 River Street Manistee, MI 49660 TEL (231) 794-5620 FAX (231) 510-2944 www.SpicerGroup.com



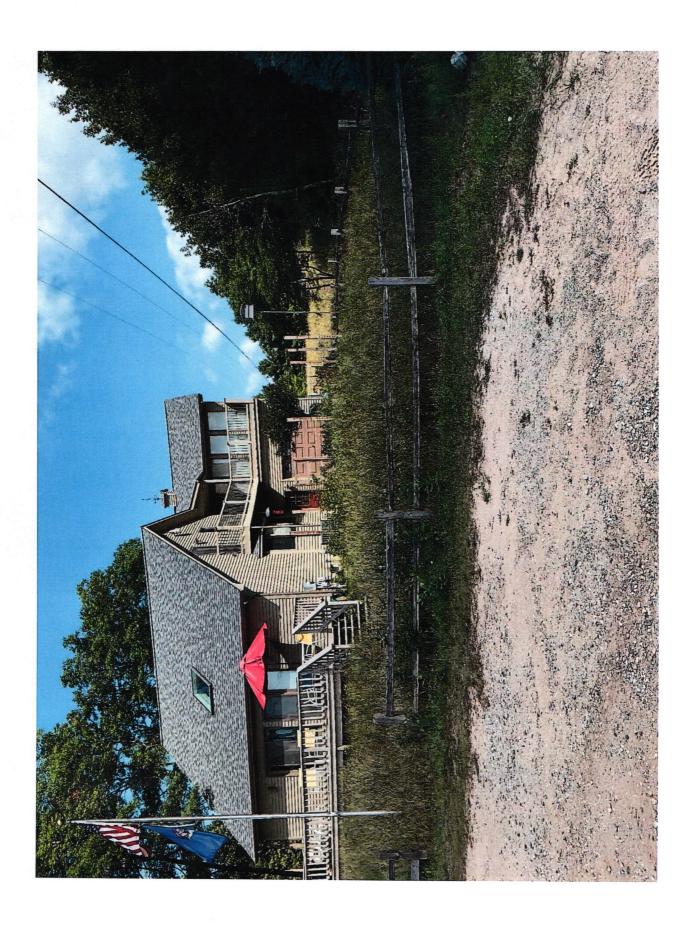


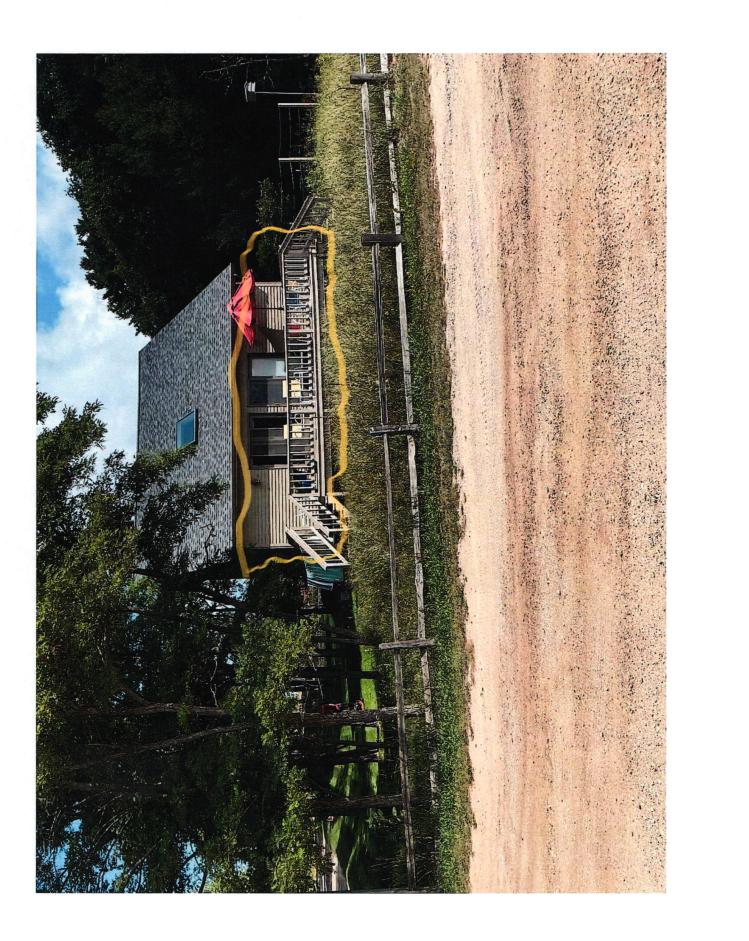
Map of property with parcel lines, circa 2021



Three Photos taken August 2022 that show the current parcel conditions







A narrative Mr. & Mrs. Garbrecht's have provided that explains why a variance should be granted

Our home at 1985 2nd Street, Onekama Township, was built in 1990. Avenue E was established by a Quiet Title Judgment in 2009. The actual road was constructed a few years later.

We currently have a deck across the front of our home which faces south toward what now is the Avenue E road end at the channel.

We would like to build an enclosed porch where the deck currently is which will provide us with more shade and more privacy as the road end is a parking area for people using the pier.

The current deck along the front of our house measures 10X28 feet. The proposed porch would be 12X28. A variance is not needed to increase the deck width two feet toward the south.

However, a variance is needed for the west side of our house. We learned after Spicer Group surveyed our property that with the construction of Avenue E, three feet of our house and deck (four feet if you include the eaves on the house) already lie within the 25 feet setback from the road which runs along the west side of our house. The current steps from the porch extend an additional five feet toward Avenue E. (For your information, the actual roadway is 34 feet from the house.)

The west wall of the proposed porch would continue south along the same line as the house and existing deck and the eaves would mirror the house eaves as well. A doorway on the west side would lead to a 42 inch landing and steps then going down north/south.

Our request is for a variance along the west side of the proposed porch which will not extend any further than the current deck and house eaves. We are also requesting an additional variance for steps which would be one foot less than the steps currently in place.

Allen L. Garbrecht

Bonnie S. Garbrecht

1985 2nd Street Onekama Township Manistee County, Michigan

garbrechtab@gmail.com

269-832-5992 (cell)

Notice of Meeting/Public Hearing for Newspaper

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING

The Onekama Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Special Meeting and two Public Hearings starting at 1:00 PM, on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at the Onekama Township Hall, 5435 Main St. Onekama, MI 49675, phone: (231) 889-3308. This special meeting will be held to consider a proposed variance request for the first hearing and a request for interpretation as well as a request for appeal of enforcement action for the second hearing.

The First Public Hearing is for the property addressed as parcel ID # 51-11-033-001-05, commonly known as 1985 2^{nd} St. Onekama, MI 49675. The property owner is seeking a variance from the Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance, section 4204 C.1. which requires a minimum front setback, including all accessory buildings of twenty-five (25) feet from the road right-of-way or front property line, whichever is the greater distance. The parcel resides within the RR-3 Zoning District. Granting of the variance would allow for the enclosure of an existing porch resulting in a 12' x 28' or 336 sq. ft. enclosed porch with a 17' front setback.

The Second Public Hearing is for the property addressed as parcel ID # 51-11-370-103-00, commonly known as 8793 Portage Point Dr. Onekama, MI 49675. The Applicant is seeking an appeal of zoning enforcement action on an approved land use permit for this property. The parcel resides within the RR-3 Zoning District. Applicant is also seeking an interpretation of the Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance section 8003 A: Expansion or alteration of any non-conformity shall require a variance, unless all setbacks can be met, and it does not expand the non-conformity. The Onekama Township Zoning Board of Appeals proceedings will act on the interpretation and zoning enforcement action.

The public meeting details and supporting documents can be found on the Onekama Township Website www.onekamatwp.org or by visiting the Onekama Township Hall during their regular business hours.

Correspondence can be sent by mail, or hand delivered to the Onekama Township Hall, 5435 Main St., P.O. Box 458, Onekama, MI. 49675. Please, mark it ATTN: Zoning Board of Appeals. All correspondence must be received by end of business day, prior to the day of the meeting.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72 (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Onekama Township Board by writing or calling the following: Shelli Johnson, Clerk – 5435 Main St. P.O. Box 458 Onekama, MI 49675. Phone (231) 889-3308 Ext: 201.

Letters that were sent to Parcel owners and occupants per Planning and Enabling Act 2008



Katie Mehl Planning and Zoning Administrator (231) 398-3525

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Manistee County Planning Building, 395 Third Street Manistee, Michigan 49660

September 28, 2022

Dear Occupant,

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Per Planning and Enabling Act of 2008 you must be notified if you own property or live within 300 feet of the property requesting a variance. Below you will find a listing of addresses and parcel owners that have been notified of this variance request.

Parcel Number	Property Owner	Property Street	Property City	Property State	Additional Owner's Name	Owner's Street	Owner's City	Owner's State	Owner's Zipcode
11-033-004-20	BROOKS STEVEN NATHAN &	1931 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI	BROOKS CAROLYN MARIE	1931 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI	49675
11-410-122-00	NEEB SUE A	2035 SECOND ST				PO BOX 239	ORLAND	IN	46776
11-410-120-00	FERNANDEZ THOMAS & PATRICIA	PORTAGE POINT DR	ONEKAMA	MI		74 SOUTH SHAW LANE	FORT THOMAS	KY	41075
11-420-001-00	BOREK TODD & JENNINGS KARL E	2036 SECOND ST				PO BOX 735	HAMBURG	MI	48139
11-410-120-05	FERNANDEZ THOMAS & PATRICIA	PORTAGE POINT DR	ONEKAMA	Mi		74 SOUTH SHAW LANE	FORT THOMAS	KY	41075
11-410-123-00	NEEB SUE A	2031 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI		PO BOX 239	ORLAND	IN	46776
11-420-002-00	WHITACRE NANCY & ANDREW	2040 SECOND ST				90 N LAZY LN	THE WOODLANDS	TX	77380
11-033-003-60	BROOKS WENDELL M & KARIN	1971 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI		3124 MILLS CT	ANN ARBOR	MI	48104
11-033-001-05	GARBRECHT ALLEN & BONNIE TRUST	1985 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI		PO BOX 86	ONEKAMA	MI	49675
11-410-120-10	WHITACRE NANCY					90 N LAZY LN	THE WOODLANDS	TX	77380
		1926 Second St	ONEKAMA	MI					49675
11-033-004-10	BROOKS ALEXANDER	1961 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI		1961 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI	49675
11-033-004-10	BROOKS ALEXANDER	1961 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI		1961 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI	49675
11-033-004-25	BROOKS BRUCE ALEXANDER & SUSAN ANNE	1961 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI		1961 SECOND ST	ONEKAMA	MI	49675

Regards,

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Motions Memo



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Manistee County Planning Building, 395 Third Street Manistee, Michigan 49660

October 6, 2021

ZBA Members Onekama Township 5435 Main St Onekama, MI 49675

Dear ZBA Members,

Mr. & Mrs. Garbrecht are applying for a variance for their property parcel # 51-11-033-001-05, addressed as 1985 2nd street Onekama, MI 49675.

The request is for an enclosure of an existing porch resulting in a 12' x 28' or 336 sq. ft. enclosed porch with a 17' front setback. The parcel resides within RR-3 Zoning District and front yard setbacks are required to be Twenty-five (25) feet from the road right-of-way or front property line, whichever is the greater distance.

Article 42 Resort Residential - RR3

4204. Regulations:

Minimums:

- A. Minimum parcel: Fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet.
- B. Minimum parcel width: One hundred (100) feet running along road frontage.

[Annotation: Modified by amendment effective January 12, 1997.]

- C. Minimum setback, including all accessory buildings:
- 1. Front: Twenty-five (25) feet from the road right-of-way or front property line, whichever is the greater distance.
- 2. Rear: Twenty-five (25) feet.
- 3. Side: Ten (10) feet.
- D. Minimum floor area: Eight hundred (800) square feet.
- E. Minimum dwelling width across any front, side length, or rear measurement: 20 feet.

The proposed enclosure would follow the existing westside roof line and eaves and would extend four feet into the front yard setback. The steps to the new enclosed porch would be shortened by one foot but would remain an additional four feet into the front yard setback. The variance request satisfies nearly all requirements listed expect 4204.C.1. Front setback. The variance request is to reduce the front yard setback. Granting of the variance would allow for

the enclosure of an existing deck resulting in a 12' x 28' or 336 sq. ft. enclosed deck with a 17' front setback. If a variance is granted a land use permit will still be required and all other Zoning Ordinance requirements will have to be met.

This memo is to act as a starting point for actions for this variance request. The following can be followed completely, partially, or not at all. They are simply to help the ZBA members have a starting point for discussion.

Option A: Deny the variance request. The variance request fails to pass the majority vote needed. The variance needed has been caused or somewhat caused by the parcel owner, and/or hardship has not been shown to exist.

Option B: Allow the variance as requested. Granting of the variance would allow for the construction of a 12' x 28' or 336 sq. ft. enclosed porch with a 17' front setback, in the exact area defined on the Site Plan. All other aspects of the Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance would be met.

Option C: The Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or modify the order, requirement, decision, or determination and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit.

Recommendation:

The Planning Department request that if a variance is granted, that it be contingent on pulling of a land use permit, and issuing of all other local, state, and federal requirements prior to building. While this is usually covered under land use permitting, outright stating it within the variance recommendation, if passed, is always preferable. Also stating that this does not relieve the applicant from any other requirements of the Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance is desirable by staff.

If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

Regards,

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