

September 18, 2017

Margaret M. McGovern 117 Demouy Avenue Mobile, AL 36606

Re: #6129

(Case #BOA-000180-2017)

Margaret M. McGovern

117 Demouy Avenue

(Northeast corner of Demouy Avenue and Murray Street).

Dear Applicant(s) / Property owner(s):

On September 11, 2017, the Board of Zoning Adjustment considered your request for a Front and Side Street Side Yard Setback Variances to allow a 6'± privacy fence within 6.2'± of the front property line, and within 5'± of the side street side yard property line in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at the above referenced location.

After discussion, the Board determined the following findings of fact for Approval:

- 1) Granting the Variance will not be contrary to the public interest since the fence is setback far enough so as not to create a line of sight issue;
- 2) Special conditions do exist in such a way that a literal enforcement of the provisions of the chapter will result in an unnecessary hardship, due to the fact that the dogs to be contained within the fenced area can breach a fence of compliant height, and due to the fact that the property has no other yard available in which to provide outdoor space with a fence that meets height/setback requirements; and,
- 3) The spirit of the chapter shall be observed and substantial justice shall be done to the surrounding neighborhood by granting the Variance, since the site is near a local historic district, and is within a federally recognized historic district, where such fences with reduced setbacks are common.

Any party aggrieved by this decision may, within fifteen days of the date of the decision, appeal to the Circuit Court of Mobile County by filing a written notice of appeal, specifying the decision from which the appeal is taken. Notice of the appeal, as well as a date stamped copy of

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the appeal filed in Circuit Court must be filed with this Board within the fifteen-day appeal period.

No permit, license or certification can be issued until the 15-day appeal period has expired and no appeal has been made. If a permit/license has not been obtained on or before March 11, 2018, the **Front and Side Street Side Yard Setback Variances** will expire and become null and void. For additional assistance call (251) 208-5895.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

William Guess, Chairman

By:

Bert Hoffman Principal Planner

cc:

Wattier Surveying, Inc.

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