

CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING Held in City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle

Held the 4th Tuesday of Every Month Tuesday, August 27, 2024 \* 6:30 PM AGENDA

Planning and Zoning Board Members

District 3 member – Randy Holihan, Chairman Vice Chairman – District 4 member – Vinton Squires District 1 member – OPEN | District 2 member – OPEN | District 5 member – Rainey Conduff | District 6 member – Andrew Thompson | District 7 member – Dr. Leonard Hobbs

Welcome to the City of Belle Isle Planning & Zoning meeting. Agendas and all backup material supporting each agenda item are available in the City Clerk's office or on the city's website at <u>www.belleislefl.gov</u>. Any person desiring to appeal a recommended action of the Board should observe the notice regarding appeals below. CAUTION: Untimely filing by any appellant shall result in an automatic denial of the appeal.

- 1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum
- 2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag Board Member Hobbs
- 3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes July 30, 2024
- 4. Public Hearings
  - a. PUBLIC HEARING #2024-06-008 PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (1), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A DETACHED METAL GARAGE TO BE BUILT ARCHITECTURALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING WITH UNLIKE MATERIALS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT DAVID SMITH, LOCATED AT 1633 WIND DRIFT ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #30-23-30-0604-01-030.
  - D. PUBLIC HEARING #2024-07-014 PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (2), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A COVERED SCREEN ENCLOSURE IN THE FRONT YARD CONTRARY TO THE PERMITTABLE SCREEN ENCLOSURE LOCATIONS IN THE SIDE AND REAR YARDS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSEPH ALLEN ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER JAMES LAPIN, LOCATED AT 1604 SWANN AVENUE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #25-23-29-5884-19-090.
  - C. PUBLIC HEARING #2024-06-048 PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64, 50-102 (B) (5) (A), AND 50-102 (B) (5) (B), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUESTED VARIANCES TO ALLOW TWO WALLS ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY, AND ALLOW ONE WALL TO BE TEN FEET IN HEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF EIGHT FEET, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSE PINTO, LOCATED AT 2104 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #19-23-30-5888-06-330.
- 5. Other Business
  - a. Review and Recommend Approval to Council Fences and Walls Ordinance
- 6. Adjournment

APPEALS: "If a person decides to appeal (Belle Isle's City Code Section 42-71) any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based." (F. S. 286.0105). A notice of appeal to the City Clerk should be submitted within fifteen (15) days after such recommendation or decision is made "Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office (407-851-7730) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. –Page 1 of 1



## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 \* 6:30 PM MINUTES

The Belle Isle Planning & Zoning Board met on July 30, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:	Absent was:
Board member Thompson	District 1 - OPEN
Board Member Holihan	District 2 - OPEN
Board member Squires	
Board member Hobbs	
Board member Conduff	

City Manager Rick Rudometkin, Attorney Hilary Griffith, City Planner Raquel Lozano, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present.

- **1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum** Attorney Griffith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., and the Clerk confirmed the quorum.
- Invocation and Pledge to Flag Board member Hobbs, District 7
   Board member Hobbs gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

#### 3. Appointments

- a. Appointment of Chairman
- b. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Board member Conduff nominated Randy Holihan for Chairman. Board member Hobbs seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Chairman Holihan nominated Vinton Squires for Vice Chairman. Board member Conduff seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously 5:0.

- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes March 26, 2024
  - b. Approval of meeting minutes May 28, 2024
  - c. June 25, 2024, Canceled No meeting minutes
  - d. July 23, 2024, Canceled No meeting minutes

Board member Thompson moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2024, as presented Board member Conduff seconded the motion which passed unanimously 5:0.

Board member Thompson moved to approve the minutes of May 28, 2024, as presented Board member Conduff seconded the motion which passed unanimously 5:0.

- 5. Public Hearings na
- 6. Other Business
  - a. Recommendation for Approval to Council Comprehensive Plan Stephen Noto, RVi Planning & Landscape Architecture: "Phase 2" Future Land Use, Capital Improvements, Infrastructure, Public School Facilities, Transportation Elements, and Concurrency Management System.

Stephen Noto presented the City's Comprehensive Plan long-range planning document. He provided the remaining elements for review and comment by staff and members of the Board. Mr. Noto presented the remaining five out of the nine elements. He stated that after the presentation and discussion he will be asking for a recommendation to move forward with the changes for Council approval at the next Council Meeting for transmittal to the State.

The elements presented included,

- <u>Future Land Use</u> Related to the *future* general distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land for residential uses, commercial uses, industry, agriculture, recreation, conservation, education, public facilities, and other categories of the public and private uses of land. FLUE is vital in managing growth, preventing urban sprawl, providing for the broad framework for density, and regulating consistency and compatibility between uses.
- <u>Capital Improvement Element</u> Considers the *needs and locations* for efficient use of public facilities. This includes a *five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)* of any publicly funded projects.
- <u>Infrastructure Element</u> Related to the management and provisions for all infrastructure facilities such as: Wastewater, Groundwater, Drainage, Intergovernmental Utility Coordination and Water Supply Facilities
- <u>Public Schools Facilities Element</u> Senate Bill 360 began in 2005 as a requirement for School Concurrency. Required adoption of a Public-School Facilities Element (PSFE) and an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the school board, the County, and Cities. The PSFE and ILA's are now optional, however many local agencies enforce the regulations of the original law.
- <u>Transportation Element</u> Required Element per Statutes. Ensures the proper planning for a *safe*, *efficient, and convenient multimodal* transportation system within a City. This Element is coordinated with applicable metropolitan planning organizations, such as MetroPlan Orlando.
- <u>Concurrency Management System</u> Additional of Public Schools Facilities Element requirements. The LDC has similar text and will require an update based on the proposed changes.

The Board discussed Sections 1.1.1B, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3, 1.4.46, 2.6.4. After discussion and there being no changes Board member Conduff moved to recommend the Comp Plan as presented to the City Council for approval to the State. Board member Squires seconded the motion which passed unanimously 5:0.

### 7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Chairman Holihan moved to adjourn, unanimously approved at 7:00 pm.



## **CITY OF BELLE ISLE, Florida**

## **Planning and Zoning: Staff Report**

August 15, 2024

Variance Request: 1633 Wind Drift Road

Application Request: Public Hearing #2024-06-008 - PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (1), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A DETACHED METAL GARAGE TO BE BUILT ARCHITECTURALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING WITH UNLIKE MATERIALS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT DAVID SMITH, LOCATED AT 1633 WIND DRIFT ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #30-23-30-0604-01-030.

Existing Zoning/Use: R-1-AA / Single-Family Home

### Background

The applicant seeks to build a detached metal garage in the rear yard.

Section 50-102 (A) (1) defines a garage as: buildings which are detached from the principal building and are designed or used for the purpose of parking and/or storing motor vehicles, boats, and/or recreational vehicles, and related items, and are architecturally similar to the principal building and of like materials.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff provides an evaluation based on the variance criteria for the application below.

1. Special Conditions and/or Circumstances (Section 42-64 (1) d):

The literal enforcement of the code does not result in an unnecessary hardship nor are there any physical or topographic special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land. The existing principal building accommodates an attached two-car garage.

2. Not Self-Created (Section 42-64 (1) e):

According to the applicant's Narrative Letter, the request to build a garage with architectural materials different than those of the principal building is a personal hardship. A personal hardship is not an allowable basis for granting a variance approval. A hardship results from the conditions of the property.

3. Minimum Possible Variance (Section 42-64 (1) f):

The variance request makes reasonable use of the land as the proposed structure meets all other zoning requirements for a detached garage.

4. Purpose and Intent (Section 42-64 (1) g):

The structure's purpose is to store the property owner's motor vehicles. The homeowner intends to utilize the existing driveway to access the detached garage. City Staff reviewed and found no other existing detached garages in the neighborhood. The proposed variance request is not in harmony with the purpose and intent of the land development code.

Based on the variance criteria of sections 42-64 (d), (e) and (g), Staff recommends that the Board not approve the requested variance to build a detached garage architecturally different from the principal building with unlike materials as there are no special conditions or circumstances of the land, the request is a self-created hardship, and does not meet the purpose and intent of the city code.

#### **Additional Notes**

Please note that the Board may approve the proposed variance application as it is presented to them, approve with specific conditions, continue the application if additional information is being requested for consideration, or deny the application, citing which variance criteria are not met. A decision by the Board may be appealed by an aggrieved person to the City Council pursuant to Code Sec. 42-71.

#### MEMORANDUM

#### TO: Planning and Zoning Board

DATE: August 27, 2024 (Rescheduled from June 25, 2024)

RE: Variance Application - 1633 WIND DRIFT ROAD

PUBLIC HEARING #2024-06-008 - PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (1), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A DETACHED METAL GARAGE TO BE BUILT ARCHITECTURALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING WITH UNLIKE MATERIALS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT DAVID SMITH, LOCATED AT 1633 WIND DRIFT ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #30-23-30-0604-01-030.

#### Background:

- 1. On June 5, 2024, the applicant submitted a variance application and the required paperwork.
- 2. Letters to the abutting property owners were mailed within 300 feet of the subject property on June 14, 2024.
- 3. A Notice of Public Hearing legal advertisement was placed in the Orlando Sentinel on June 15, 2024.
- 4. The meeting on June 25, 2024, was canceled, and the hearing was rescheduled to August 27, 2024.
- 5. Letters to the abutting property owners were mailed within 300 feet of the subject property on August 13, 2024.
- 6. A Notice of Public Hearing legal advertisement was placed in the Orlando Sentinel on August 17, 2024.

The Board may adopt all, some, or none of these determinations as part of its findings of fact and add any additional findings of fact presented at the public hearing. The Board must determine if the criteria outlined in Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-64(1) of the Land Development Code have been met and approve, approve with conditions, or deny this request.

#### SAMPLE MOTION TO APPROVE:

"I MOVE, PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (1), <u>TO APPROVE</u> A DETACHED METAL GARAGE TO BE BUILT ARCHITECTURALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING WITH UNLIKE MATERIALS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT DAVID SMITH, LOCATED AT 1633 WIND DRIFT ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #30-23-30-0604-01-030.

#### SAMPLE MOTION TO DENY:

"I MOVE, PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE CODE CODE 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (1),, HAVING NOT BEEN MET, **TO DENY** [use only if NONE of the justifying criteria have been met] the requirements of, Subsections: [state only the subsections below that are not satisfied] having NOT been met; [may be used in addition to above or alone] A DETACHED METAL GARAGE TO BE BUILT ARCHITECTURALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING WITH UNLIKE MATERIALS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT DAVID SMITH, LOCATED AT 1633 WIND DRIFT ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #30-23-30-0604-01-030.

Or the Board can request that it be tabled to a date certain to allow for revisions as discussed.

**SUBSECTION (D),** a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.

**SUBSECTION (E)**, personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

**SUBSECTION (F)**, the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

**SUBSECTION (G)**, the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest. a.





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## City of Belle Isle

1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809 Tel 407-851-7730 \* Fax 407-240-2222 \* www.belleislefl.gov

	Exception Application
APPLICANT DAVID SMITH A1 1838 Wind Drift rd Billi Isle	OWNERDAVID SMITH AL
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APPLICANTS PIGNATURE	OWNERS SIGNATURE
VARIANCE SPECIAL OTHER	2024-06-63 6/25/22

Sec. 42-64. - Variances. The Board shall have the power to approve, conditionally approve or deny applications for a variance from the terms of the Land Development Code.

Criteria. The Board shall not approve an application for a variance from terms of the Land Development Code unless and until:

- a. A written application for a variance is submitted to the city manager or the city manager's designee on a form provided by the city clerk setting forth all of the special conditions and circumstances that exist in favor of the granting of the variance and addressing the requirements of subsections [1] d—g of this section of the criteria set forth in this section. Upon submission of the properly completed application and the appropriate fee, the city manager or the citum manager's designee shall refer the application to the board.
- Notice of out, or earing for the variance shall be given as required by the anticle for hearing before the opend.
- C. The public hearing on the application for the variants shall be held. The applicant, the applicants agent as evidenced by a signed writing on the applicant s attorney shall appear before the board.
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#### City of Belle Isle

1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809 Tel 407-851-7730 \* Fax 407-240-2222 \* <u>www.belleislefl.gov</u> Variance and Special Exception Application

Development Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

- f. It is determined that the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.
- g. It is determined that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Land Development Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.
- h. The board shall find that the preceding requirements have been met by the applicant for a variance.

#### The Board shall find that the preceding requirements have been met by the applicant for a variance. (2) *Violations of conditions*.

a. In granting any variance, the Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to comply with the Land Development Code. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Land Development Code and punishable in accordance with this article. At the Board's discretion, such variance may be revoked for violation of the condition and safeguards.

b. The Board may prescribe a reasonable time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be begun or completed. Under no circumstances, except as permitted above, shall the Board grant a variance to allow a use not generally or by special exception allowed in the zoning district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of the Land Development Code in the zoning district. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district, and no permitted use of land, structures, or buildings in other zoning districts, shall be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance.

**Applications submitted must meet all of the above criteria before the Board can grant a variance.** The burden of proof is on the applicant to comply with the criteria.

A special exception addresses the compatibility of uses, differing slightly from a variance. The approval of a special exception depends on how the request affects the surrounding area. All uses allowed as special exceptions are listed within the individual zoning districts. Before the Board can approve a special exception, the request must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. <u>A written application for a special exception must be submitted to City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the previous month.</u> (See Above)
- 2. The Board shall find that it is empowered under the section of the zoning ordinance described in the application to grant the special exception and that granting the special exception will not adversely affect the public interest.
- 3. It is determined that public health, safety, comfort, order, convenience, prosperity, morals, or general welfare is promoted, protected, or improved.

#### **General Information**

- 1. Certain conditions may be prescribed on the special exception or variance approved by the Board.
- 2. The applicant must be present at all hearings.
- 3. Decisions rendered by the Board do not become final until fifteen (15) days after the hearing. The fifteen-day waiting period allows all aggrieved parties to appeal the decision. Any person filing an appeal will submit, within fifteen (15) days of the decision, a notice stating where they feel the Planning and Zoning Board erred in their decision. Belle Isle's City Council will then hold an appeal hearing.
- Sec 42-61 thru 41-72 Variances and special exceptions granted by the Board will become void if a permit necessary for utilization
  of the variance or special exception is not issued within six (6) months of the date approved by the Planning and Zoning
  Board.

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## Variance Request David Smith 1633 Wind drift Rd. Belle Isle Fl 32809

I am hereby requesting a variance to replace and build a new larger detached building/garage. Because of the direction of my existing garage I am not able to build onto my home as it is. My existing garage does not face the street or driveway. I am requesting permission to build detached so I can place me antique collectible cars inside new garage.

Dave Smith A1 Septic

## NARRATIVE:

1633 Wind Drift rd. Belle Isle, 32809

Special condition:

Extending or building onto my existing garage is not possible because my existing garage does not face the driveway or street. When pulling into my driveway I must turn right at 90 degrees to enter my garage. This building meets other zoning requirement for a detached garage. I already have a metal building in same location, 12W x18L x10.6H and want to remove it and replace with bigger one 16W x 32L x 14H to park cars.. A metal building similar to what I what to add was just approved by the city of Belle Isle on Indian dr.

## Special condition:

My home is in the original condition as built. The home is in same built as it was built in 1978 so no changes were made by owner to cause this hardship. Since the home was built so many years ago it makes it difficult to add on to existing. so detached is only option.

## MINIMUM:

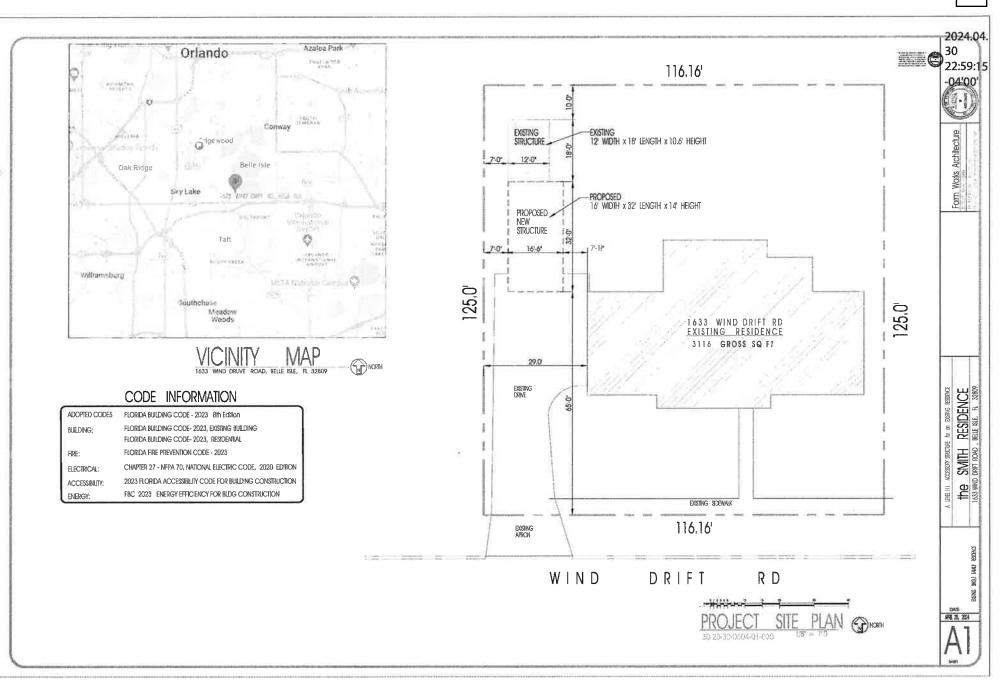
I have considered other options, but none will work for the following reasons. Adding on to existing garage would be cheaper but not possible because my existing garage is at a 90 degree angle to my driveway. Adding on would be nice but not feasible because cannot drive-up driveway then turn 90 degrees into existing garage if it was bigger.

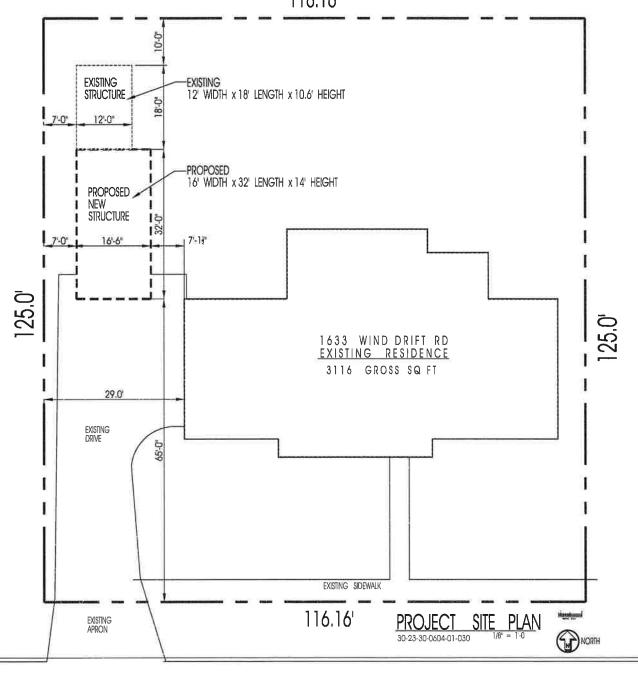
## **PURPOSE & INTENT**

The property to my west is a 2-story house so it will have no effects as far as, adequate light, air or any other reason. The property to my east is on the opposite end of the proposed addition, so should not have any effects. Building this addition will have no impact on traffic or pedestrian safety.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**David Smith** 









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This Instrument Prepared By and Should be Returned To:

Robert L. Harding, Esq. Railey & Harding, P.A. 20 North Eola Drive Orlando, Florida 32801

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#### WARRANTY DEED

THIS WARRANTY DEED is made the 2<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011, by HATTIE SESSION, an unremarried widow, whose address is 1633 Wind Drift Rd., Orlando, Florida 32809, as GRANTOR, to DAVID F. SMITH and ELAINE DORIS SMITH, husband and wife, whose address is 4940 Legacy Oaks Drive, Orlando, Florida 32839, as GRANTEE.

#### WITNESSETH,

That the Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm, unto Grantee, all that certain land situate in Orange County, Florida, viz:

Lot 3, Block A, Belle Isle Pines, Unit II, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 2, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

PARCEL I.D. #: 30-23-30-0604-01030

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1633 Wind Drift Rd., Orlando, FL 32809

The Property is the homestead of the Grantor.

TOGETHER with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same the same in fee simple forever.

AND the Grantor hereby covenants with said Grantee that the Grantor is lawfully seized of said land in fee simple; that the Grantor has good right and lawful authority to sell and convey said land; that the Grantor hereby fully warrants the title to said land and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever; and that said land is free of all encumbrances, except for real property taxes for the year 2011 and thereafter, not yet due and payable and restrictions, easements, agreements and reservations of record but shall not act to reimpose same.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of: mess 1 COS LAND Print Name itnes CAROL W. CAMPBELL

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Hattie Session, by Thelma Brooks, as attorney in fact by Durable Power of Attorney dated December 16, 2010

Print Name

above written.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $2^{\text{ML}}$  day of May, 2011, by Thelma Brooks, as attorney in fact for Hattie Session, by Durable Power of Attorney dated December 16, 2010, who is personally known to me or who has produced <u>FL DRIVER 5 L</u>ILENSE as identification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has set her hand and seal the day and year first

(Signature)

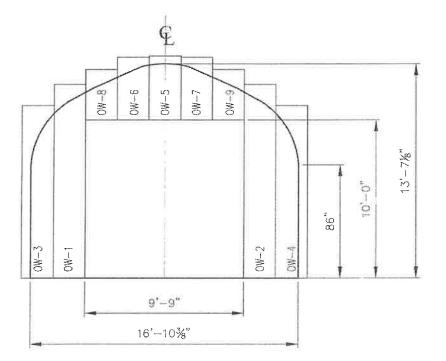
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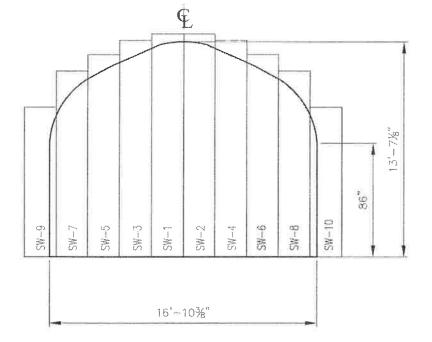
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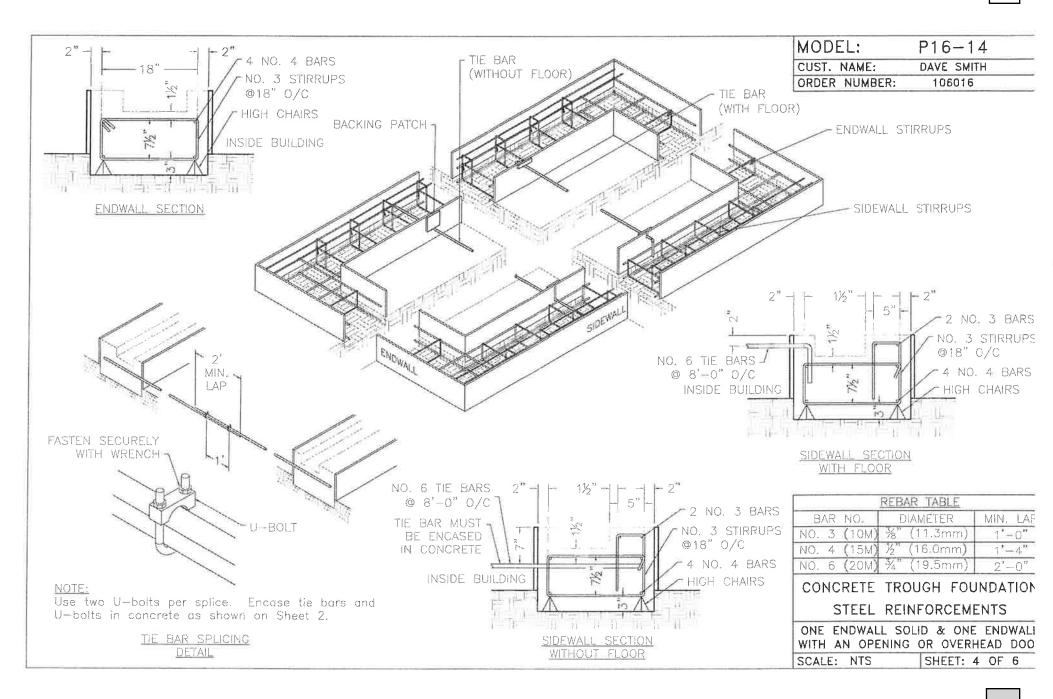
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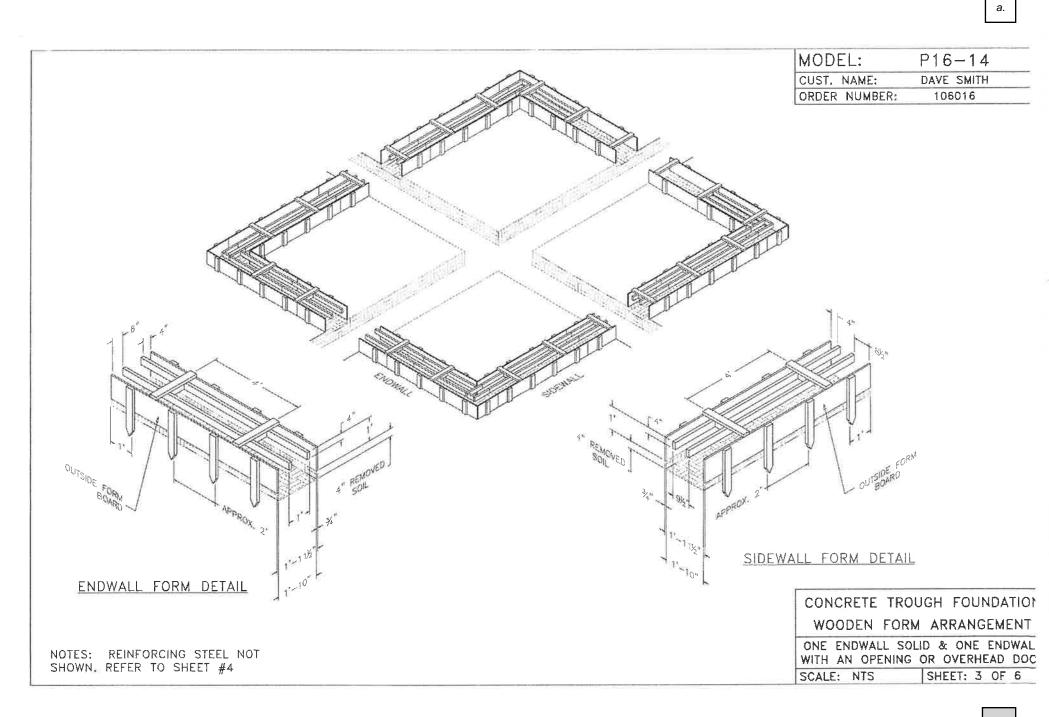


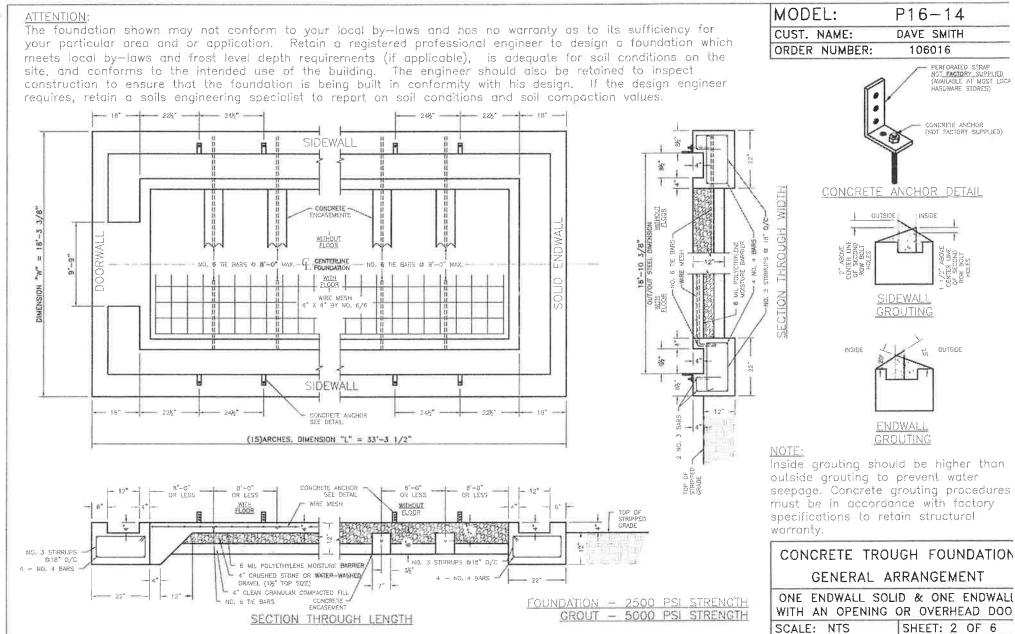
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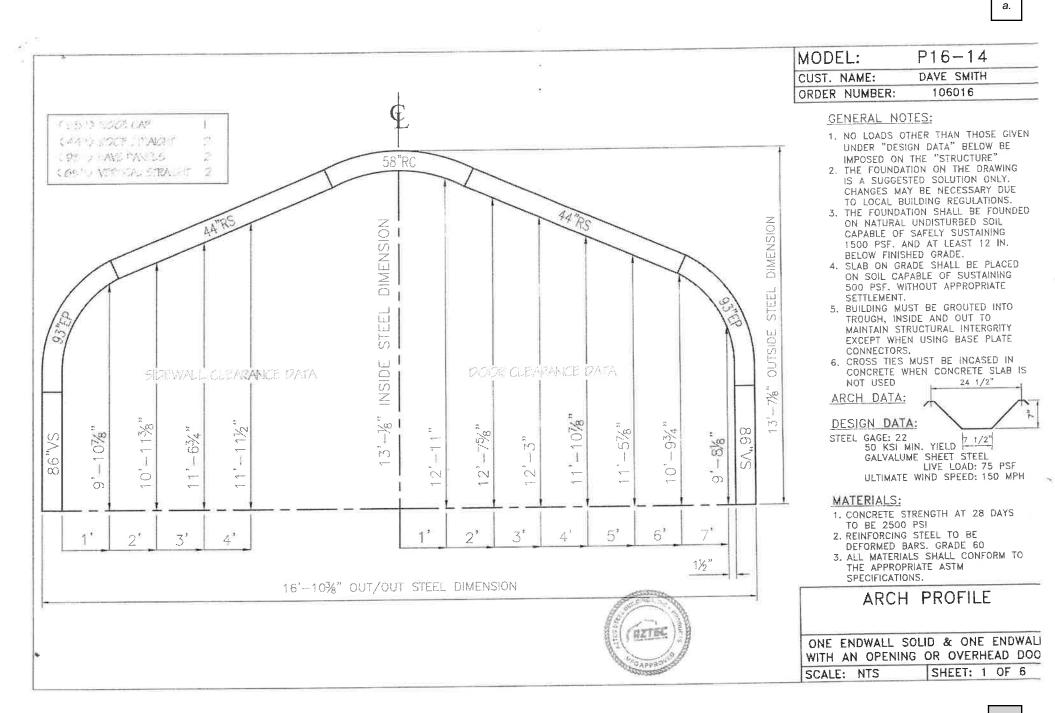


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# CITY OF BELLE ISLE, Florida Planning and Zoning: Staff Report

August 15, 2024

Variance Request: 1604 Swann Avenue

Application Request: Public Hearing #2024-07-014 - PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (2), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A COVERED SCREEN ENCLOSURE IN THE FRONT YARD CONTRARY TO THE PERMITTABLE SCREEN ENCLOSURE LOCATIONS IN THE SIDE AND REAR YARDS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSEPH ALLEN ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER JAMES LAPIN, LOCATED AT 1604 SWANN AVENUE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #25-23-29-5884-19-090.

### Existing Zoning/Use: R-1-A / Single-Family Home

### **Background**

The applicant seeks to maintain a permitted screen room in the front yard. In their building permit submission, the site plan shows that the screen enclosure would be located underneath the principal building's covered entrance. After building the structure, City Staff found that the submitted site plan design does not accurately portray the new improvements. As a result, the applicant built a screen room extending into the front yard setback by six feet and one inch.

Under section 50-102 (A)(2), screen rooms are only permitted in the side or rear yards. The building permit was initially zoning-approved as the site plan depicted the enclosure was limited to the existing porch cover area with no encroachment into or changes to the front yard building setback, as shown on the original or first property survey featured in the variance packet. The second site plan was provided by the applicant to show the actual front yard setbacks with the new improvements as 18 feet and five inches from the front lot line.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff provides an evaluation based on the variance criteria for the application below.

1. Special Conditions and/or Circumstances (Section 42-64 (1) d):

The literal enforcement of the code does not result in an unnecessary hardship nor are there any physical or topographic special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land for a conforming screen room. The existing principal building provides space in the rear yard to accommodate a screen enclosure.

2. Not Self-Created (Section 42-64 (1) e):

The request to build a screen room in the front yard is self-created, as the applicant provided inaccurate setback information with their original permit submission. Financial or personal hardship is not an allowable basis for granting a variance approval. An unnecessary hardship results from the special conditions and/or circumstances of the land and structures.

3. Minimum Possible Variance (Section 42-64 (1) f):

The variance request makes reasonable use of the land as the proposed structure meets all other zoning requirements for a screen enclosure.

Purpose and Intent (Section 42-64 (1) g):

City Staff reviewed properties within the neighborhood and found no other screen rooms in the front yard. The proposed variance request is not in harmony with the purpose and intent of the land development code.

Based on the variance criteria of sections 42-64 (d), (e), and (g), Staff recommends that the Board not approve the requested variance to allow a screen enclosure to be maintained in the front yard as there are no special conditions or circumstances of the land and that the request is a self-created hardship.

#### Additional Notes

Please note that the Board may approve the proposed variance application as presented to them, approve with specific conditions, continue the application if additional information is being requested for consideration, or deny the application, citing which variance criteria are not met. A decision by the Board may be appealed by an aggrieved person to the City Council pursuant to Code Sec. 42-71.

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning and Zoning Board

DATE: August 27, 2024

RE: Variance Application – 1604 Swann Avenue

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#### Background:

- 1. On July 12, 2024, the applicant submitted a variance application and the required paperwork.
- 2. Letters to the abutting property owners were mailed within 300 feet of the subject property on August 13, 2024.
- 3. A Notice of Public Hearing legal advertisement was placed in the Orlando Sentinel on August 17, 2024.

The Board may adopt all, some, or none of these determinations as part of its findings of fact and add any additional findings of fact presented at the public hearing. The Board must determine if the criteria outlined in Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-64(1) of the Land Development Code have been met and approve, approve with conditions, or deny this request.

#### SAMPLE MOTION TO APPROVE:

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#### SAMPLE MOTION TO DENY:

"I MOVE, PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE 42-64 AND 50-102 (A) (2),, HAVING NOT BEEN MET, **TO DENY** [use only if NONE of the justifying criteria have been met] the requirements of, Subsections: [state only the subsections below that are not satisfied] having NOT been met; [may be used in addition to above or alone] A COVERED SCREEN ENCLOSURE IN THE FRONT YARD CONTRARY TO THE PERMITTABLE SCREEN ENCLOSURE LOCATIONS IN THE SIDE AND REAR YARDS, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSEPH ALLEN ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER JAMES LAPIN, LOCATED AT 1604 SWANN AVENUE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #25-23-29-5884-19-090.

Or the Board can request that it be tabled to a date certain to allow for revisions as discussed.

SUBSECTION (D), a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.

SUBSECTION (E), personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

SUBSECTION (F), the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

SUBSECTION (G), the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.



## City of Belle Isle

1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809 Tel 407-851-7730 \* Fax 407-240-2222 \* www.belleislefl.gov

## Variance and Special Exception Application

City Code Chapter 42, Art. II, Sec. 41-61 thru 41-72 AND Sec 42-64 Land Development Code

APPLICANT Joseph Allen	OWNER Simmy Lag	nt		
ADDRESS 717 COMOVIA AVE-	PROJECT ADDRESS 1604 5	wann Ave.		
CONTACT NUMBER 407-924-6572	OWNER'S CONTACT NUMBER 40	Wann Ave. 7-288-0644		
EMAIL joe@floridaprecisionscreen.com PARCELID# 257329588419 090	OWNER'S EMAIL			
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LAND USE CLASSIFICATION	ZONING DISTRICT			
SECTION OF THE CODE VARIANCE REQUESTED ON				
DETAILED VARIANCE REQUEST RE: Section 50-102 (A)(2) Respectfully, I relied on the permitting and engineering process to ensure my company and the homeowner were in compliance with this project. I received approval and permitting to move forward with the structure prior to installation.				
<ul> <li>The applicant hereby states that the property for which this hearing is requested has not been the subject of a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Beard of the kind and type requested in the application within nine (9) months. Further, the requested user does not violate any deed restriction of the property.</li> <li>By applying, I authorize City of Belle Isle employees and members of the P&amp;T Board to enter my property during reasonable hours to inspect the area to which the application applies.</li> <li>The applicant shall provide a minimum of ten (10) sets of three (3) photographs in support of this application as follows: at least one (1) picture of the front of the property and at least two photos (from different angles) of the specific area of the property to which the application applies.</li> </ul>				
APPLICANTS SIGNATURE	OWNER'S SIGNATURE			
	P&Z CASE NUMBER	DATE OF HEARING		
EXCEPTION OTHER	8024-07-014	8/27/24		

Sec. 42-64. - Variances. The Board shall have the power to approve, conditionally approve or deny applications for a variance from the terms of the Land Development Code.

Criteria. The Board shall not approve an application for a variance from terms of the Land Development Code unless and until:

- a. A written application for a variance is submitted to the city manager or the city manager's designee on a form provided by the city clerk setting forth all of the special conditions and circumstances that exist in favor of the granting of the variance and addressing the requirements of subsections (1)d—g of this section of the criteria set forth in this section. Upon submission of the properly completed application and the appropriate fee, the city manager or the city manager's designee shall refer the application to the board.
- Notice of public hearing for the variance shall be given as required by the article for hearing before the board.
- c. The public hearing on the application for the variance shall be held. The applicant, the applicant's agent as evidenced by a signed writing or the applicant's attorney shall appear before the board.
- d. It is determined that literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.
- e. It has been determined that personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Land

The board shall find that the preceding requirements have been met by the applicant for a variance.

(2) Violations of conditions.

- a. In granting any variance, the board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to ensure compliance with the Land Development Code. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Land Development Code and punishable in accordance with this article. At the discretion of the board, such variance may be revoked for violation of the condition and/or safeguards.
- b. The board may prescribe a reasonable time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be begun or completed or both. Under no circumstances, except as permitted above, shall the board grant a variance to permit a use not generally or by special exception permitted in the zoning district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of the Land Development Code in the zoning district. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district, and no permitted use of land, structures or buildings in other zoning districts, shall be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance.

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OWNER'S SIGNATURE

FEE: \$300.00 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Determination Appealed to City Council: 
Yes 
No **Council Action:** 

# Property Record - 25-23-29-5884-19-090

Orange County Property Appraiser • http://www.ocpafl.org

## Property Summary as of 08/14/2024

#### **Property Name**

1604 Swann Ave

Names

Lapin James

#### **Municipality**

BI - Belle Isle

### Property Use

0103 - Single Fam Class III

## Mailing Address

2009 Nela Ave Belle Isle, FL 32809-6100

Physical Address

1604 Swann Ave Belle Isle, FL 32809 For Mobile Phone



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July 25, 2024

RE: 1604 Swann Avenue, Variance Case

To the City of Belle Isle's Planning and Zoning Board,

This letter is to outline the reasoning for the request of a variance on the above referenced property.

The structure in question is a white covered screen room porch for the front of the house with an elite insulated roof secured by a footer around the perimeter of the existing paver deck, as noted on the City of Belle Isle Building /Land Use Permit Application approved on 5/15/2024.The structure was properly permitted and engineered however there was an oversight with the original survey which has delayed completion of the project and we must request a variance from the City of Belle Isle in hopes of allowing this structure to be completed and remain for the property owners to enjoy.

Back in March the permit application to the City of Belle Isle was submitted for this project, which included adding both footer and screen room. Please see attached documentation which identifies the specific measurements of the structure and how it would be designed and built. The permit was approved and sent to Universal Engineering. I secured an engineering packet of my plans submitted by the engineering company which was sent back to the City of Belle Isle for final approval. I was given permission to build this structure and began at the end of May. We started with the footer, it was poured, inspected and approved. Then the screen room was installed nearly to completion. I was then contacted by the City and told that the structure did not meet the set back requirements and the entire structure would need to be torn down.

The request for this variance is for multiple reasons including financial hardship and also for the reason that the screen room was specifically and specially designed to provide a covered outdoor sitting area for the homeowner James Lapin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sacco. The design of this structure was not created to purposely be noncompliant with Land Development codes. It was my full understanding as the project continued to be approved, permitted, engineered and passed inspections that I was in accordance and compliance with the City of Belle Isles Planning and Zoning regulations.

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Enforcement of the provisions on the zoning ordinance would cause unnecessary hardship including removal of the screen room structure, removing the entire perimeter of 8"x8" concrete footer with rebar and replacing fascia board. The special conditions and circumstances in regards to this structure were not self created as I submitted very specific plans including measurements, property descriptions, example photographs of what the structure will look like and again received a passing inspection on the footer that was required to be able to secure the screen enclosure. In regards to Minimum Possible Variance Section 42-64(1)f, the City of Belle offered another way to provide a screen enclosed room for the homeowner, however that would not meet the needs of the homeowner occupants as the enclosure needs to accommodate wheelchair access and dimensions. Additionally redesigning would require the homeowner to remove and redesign a pre existing paver deck that was installed with the intentions of building the screen room around the deck. (An additional financial hardship)

Approval of this variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood or detrimental to public welfare. In fact, on several occasions while I was working on the property multiple neighbors approached me commenting on how fantastic the structure looked, asked for business cards and suggested interest in discussing similar screen enclosure structures for their homes in the neighborhood. So it is my firm belief that the neighborhood and public would not encourage removal of this structure.

I am respectfully requesting that your review of the documentation submitted on this structure may be approved for the variance and the structure may stand.

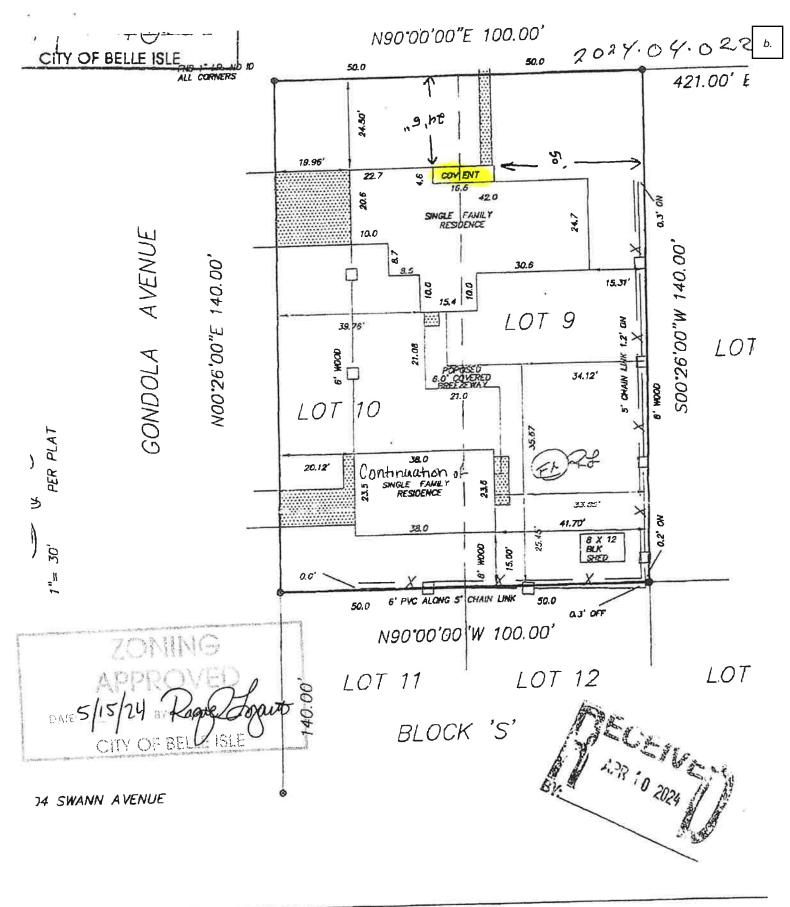
Sincerely,

Joseph Allen Owner, Florida Precision Screens, LLC Joe@floridaprecisionscreen.com 407-924-6572

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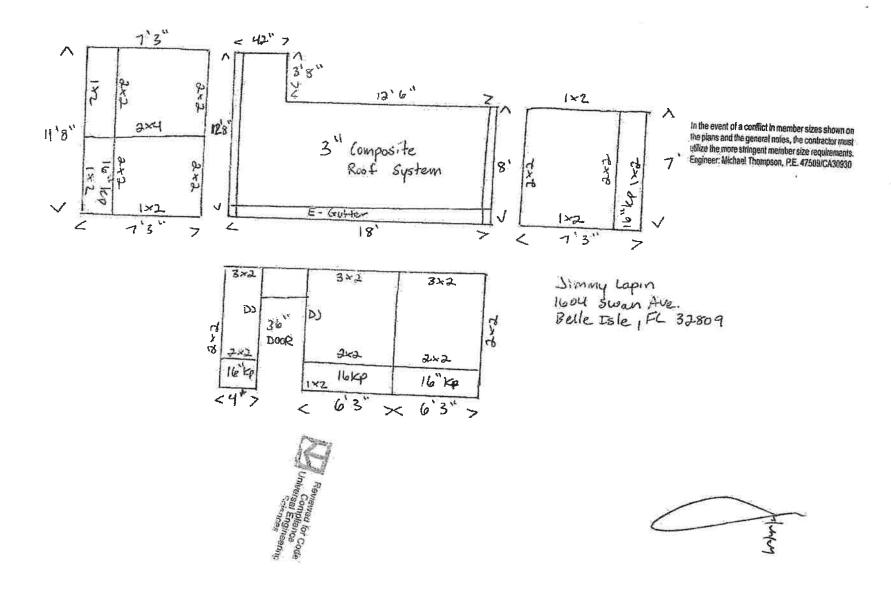
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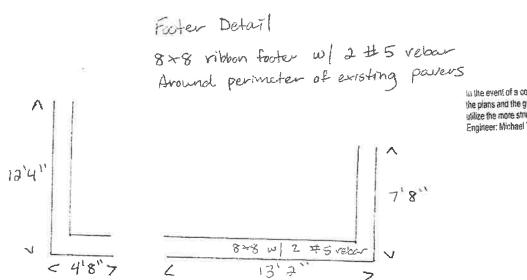
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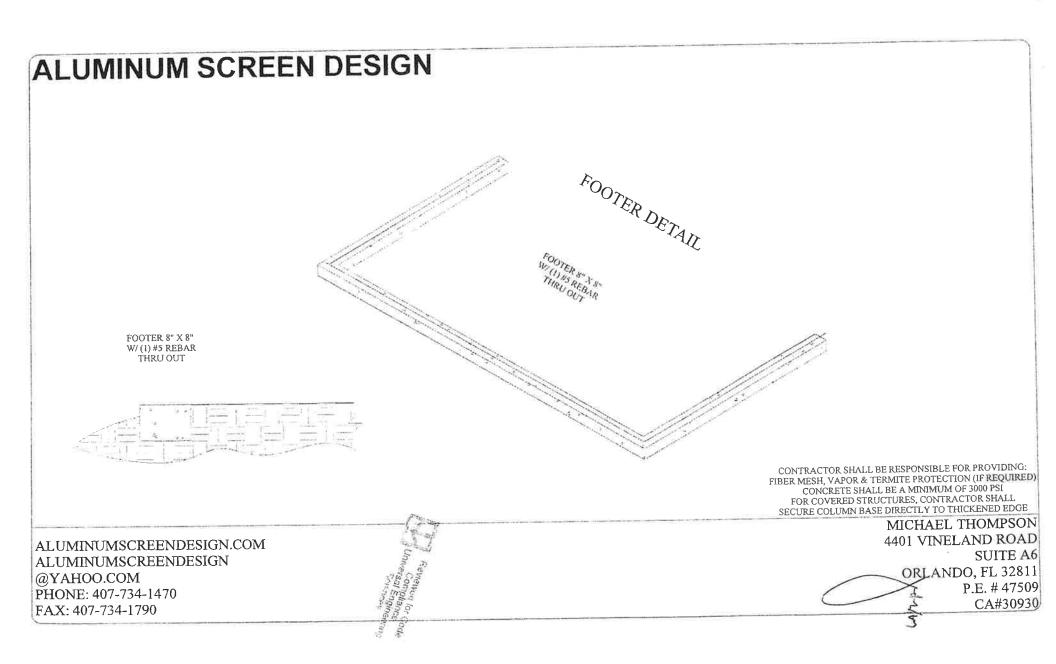


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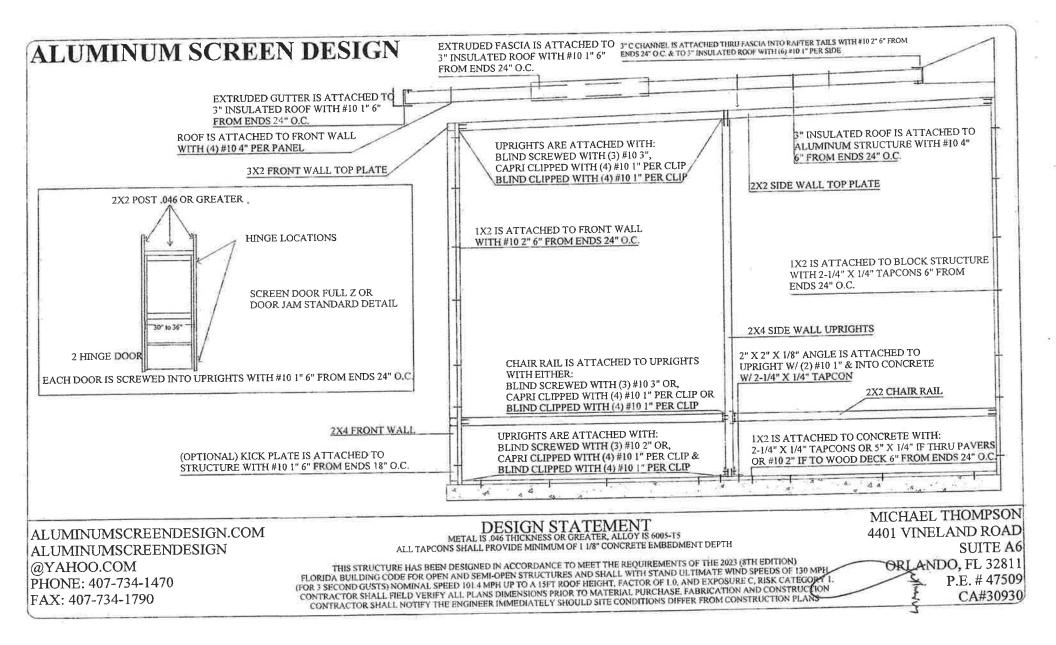




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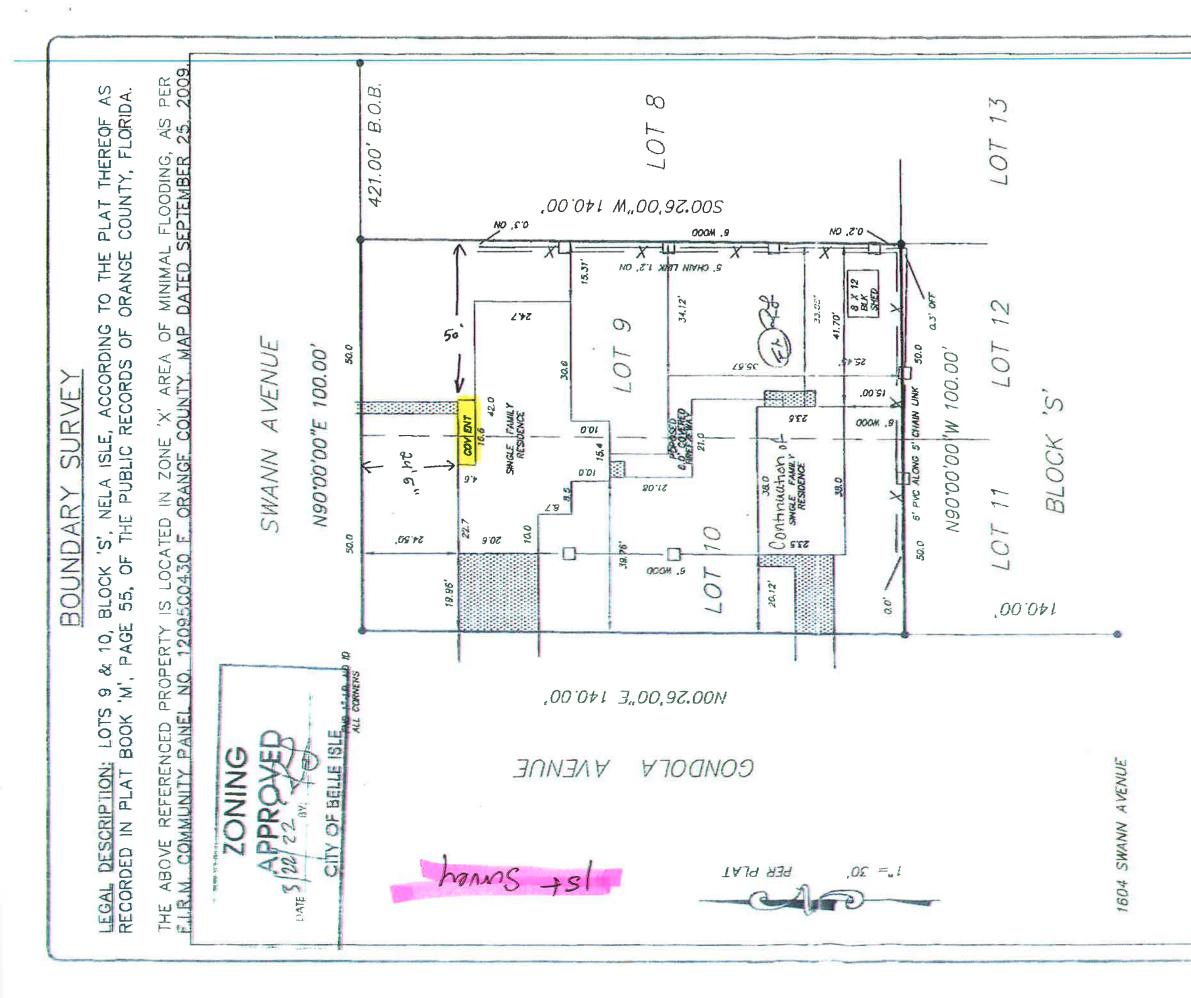
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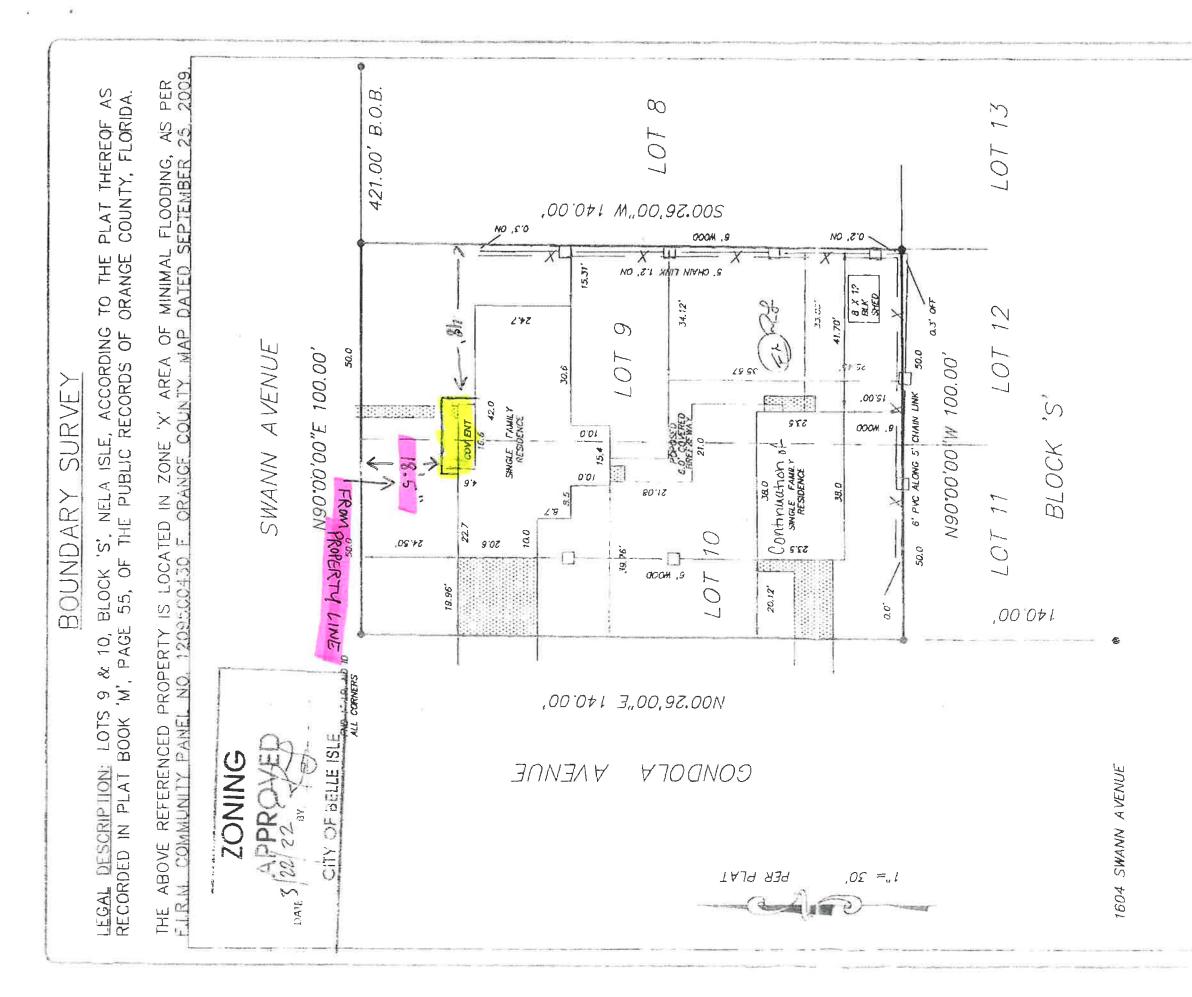






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# **CITY OF BELLE ISLE, Florida**

# **Planning and Zoning: Staff Report**

August 15, 2024

Variance Request: 2104 Homewood Drive

Application Request: Public Hearing #2024-06-048 - PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64, 50-102 (B) (5) (A), AND 50-102 (B) (5) (B), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUESTED VARIANCES TO ALLOW TWO WALLS ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY, AND ALLOW ONE WALL TO BE TEN FEET IN HEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF EIGHT FEET, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSE PINTO, LOCATED AT 2104 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #19-23-30-5888-06-330.

## Existing Zoning/Use: R-1-AA / Single-Family Home

## **Background**

The applicant seeks to build two walls along the property's side lot lines. Each proposed wall acts as a barrier from the abutting property owner and the city right-of-way. The property is currently undeveloped, or vacant, except for a predated boat dock structure. Under section 50-102(B)(5), fences and walls are permitted only in the side and rear yards. Front yard fences are not allowed.

The homeowners seek to construct these two walls before or during the construction of their new singlefamily residence. The applicants have submitted a separate SFR permit application to the City's building department, pending zoning approval. City staff can only determine the lot's applicable front, side, and rear yards with an existing residence located on the property.

The proposed landscape wall abutting Nela Avenue has a peak height of ten feet from the property's grade. The design includes a maximum height of five feet and four inches of masonry wall with a five-foot aluminum railing fence embedded on top of the wall. As detailed on the MRC building sheet, the fence extends 127 feet and four inches abutting the right-of-way. From its peak height, the landscape wall steps down one foot and four inches for every 31 feet and three inches.

The proposed retaining wall abutting 2112 Homewood Drive has a peak height of four feet. In response to the City Engineer comments about the proposed lot grading plan, the applicant provided details for a retaining wall to address stormwater drainage issues that may accumulate on this property. Under section 10-152(D), any property's drainage from roofs and paved areas must not discharge in a manner that negatively impacts another property or creates a nuisance.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff provides an evaluation based on the variance criteria for the application below.

1. Special Conditions and/or Circumstances (Section 42-64 (1) d):

For the requested height variance, the literal enforcement of the code does not result in an unnecessary hardship. The lot features unique physical and topographic conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land. However, the City's maximum height allowance is eight feet with the consent of the neighboring property owners within 50 feet of the wall site.

For the requested two wall installations before or during the construction of the principal building, the literal enforcement of the code results in an unnecessary hardship. The retaining wall impacts the applicant's current SFR building permit application, presenting one type of solution to the proposed lot grading plan for administrative zoning approval, and the landscape wall seeks to address erosion, safety, and privacy concerns.

2. Not Self-Created (Section 42-64 (1) e):

The request to build a landscape wall to exceed the City's maximum height allowance is a personal hardship. A personal hardship is not an allowable basis for granting a variance approval. An unnecessary hardship results from the special conditions or circumstances of the property and structures.

The request to build two walls prior to or during the construction of the principal building is not a selfcreated hardship. The landscape wall addresses erosion, privacy, and safety concerns from the abutting roadway, and the retaining wall prevents stormwater drainage from negatively affecting the adjacent property owner.

3. Minimum Possible Variance (Section 42-64 (1) f):

The request to build a landscape wall to exceed the City's maximum height allowance makes reasonable use of the land due to the difference in grade between the property and the abutting public sidewalk.

The request to build two walls before the construction of the principal building makes reasonable use of the land, given the site's proximity to a main city roadway and the grade differences between the city right-of-way and the neighboring property.

4. Purpose and Intent (Section 42-64 (1) g):

The request to build a wall exceeding the City's maximum height requirement of eight feet is not in harmony with the purpose and intent of the land development code.

The variance request to build two walls before or during the construction of the principal building is not injurious to the neighborhood.

#### Pursuant to section 50-102(B)(16):

- a. In the event the applicant wishes to construct a fence or wall different from any of the provision of this subsection (b), a variance must be applied for to the planning and zoning board, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 42, article III. The board in granting an application for the variance may consider as justifying criteria, the following:
  - 1. A difference in grade between the property upon which the fence will be installed and the immediately adjacent property;
  - 2. The height or construction materials of already existing abutting walls or fences; and/or
  - Conditions existing upon or occupational use of adjacent property creating an exceptional privacy or security need of applicant.
- b. The requirements of section 42-64(1) except for subsections 42-64(1)d and (1)f shall otherwise be met.

Based on the variance criteria of sections 42-64, city staff recommends that the Board not approve the requested variance to build a wall at a maximum height of ten feet as the request is a self-created hardship and does not meet the purpose and intent of the city code. Staff recommends that the Board approve the requested variance to build a landscape wall and retaining wall four feet in height before or during the construction of the principal building, with the condition that the two walls meet all other zoning requirements per section 50-102(B).

#### Additional Notes

Please note that the Board may approve the proposed variance application as it is presented to them, approve with specific conditions, continue the application if additional information is being requested for consideration, or deny the application, citing which variance criteria are not met. A decision by the Board may be appealed by an aggrieved person to the City Council pursuant to Code Sec. 42-71.

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning and Zoning Board

DATE: August 27, 2024

RE: Variance Application – 2104 Homewood Drive

PUBLIC HEARING #2024-06-048 - PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64, 50-102 (B) (5) (A), AND 50-102 (B) (5) (B), THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUESTED VARIANCES TO ALLOW TWO WALLS ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY, AND ALLOW ONE WALL TO BE TEN FEET IN HEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF EIGHT FEET, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSE PINTO, LOCATED AT 2104 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #19-23-30-5888-06-330.

#### Background:

- 1. On June 24, 2024, the applicant submitted a variance application and the required paperwork.
- 2. Letters to the abutting property owners were mailed within 300 feet of the subject property on August 13, 2024.
- 3. A Notice of Public Hearing legal advertisement was placed in the Orlando Sentinel on August 17, 2024.

The Board may adopt all, some, or none of these determinations as part of its findings of fact and add any additional findings of fact presented at the public hearing. The Board must determine if the criteria outlined in Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-64(1) of the Land Development Code have been met and approve, approve with conditions, or deny this request.

#### SAMPLE MOTION TO APPROVE:

"I MOVE, PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE 42-64 AND 50-102 (B) (5) (A) and 50-102 (B) (5) (B), **TO APPROVE** TWO WALLS ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY, AND ALLOW ONE WALL TO BE TEN FEET IN HEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF EIGHT FEET, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSE PINTO, LOCATED AT 2104 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #19-23-30-5888-06-330.

#### SAMPLE MOTION TO DENY:

"I MOVE, PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE 42-64 AND 50-102 (B) (5) (A) and 50-102 (B) (5) (B), HAVING NOT BEEN MET, <u>TO DENY</u> [use only if NONE of the justifying criteria have been met] the requirements of, Subsections: [state only the subsections below that are not satisfied] having NOT been met; [may be used in addition to above or alone] TWO WALLS ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY, AND ALLOW ONE WALL TO BE TEN FEET IN HEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF EIGHT FEET, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT JOSE PINTO, LOCATED AT 2104 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE COUNTY TAX PARCEL ID #19-23-30-5888-06-330

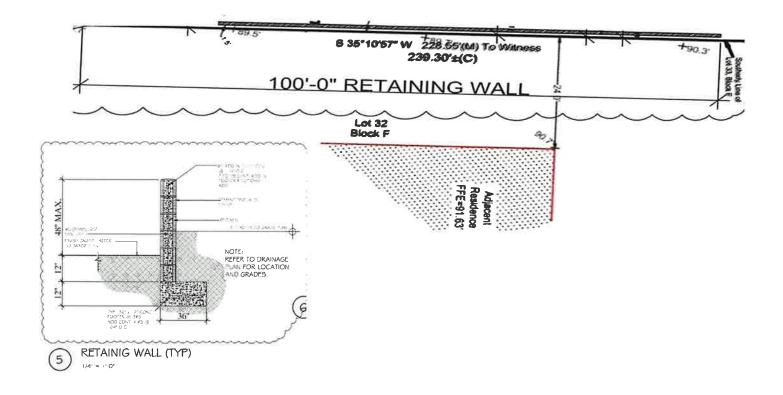
Or the Board can request that it be tabled to a date certain to allow for revisions as discussed.

SUBSECTION (D), a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.

**SUBSECTION (E)**, personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

**SUBSECTION (F)**, the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

**SUBSECTION (G)**, the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.





## City of Belle Isle

1600 Nela Avenue, Belle isle, FL 32809 Tel 407-851-7730 \* Fax 407-240-2222 \* www.belleislefl.gov

## Variance and Special Exception Application

City Code Chapter 42, Art. II, Sec. 41-61 thru 41-72 AND Sec 42-64 Land Development Code

APPLICANT JOSE PINTO	OWNER Jose and Elizate Pinto
ADDRESS 122: Mabbette St. Kissimmee, FI 34741	PROJECT ADDRESS 2104 Homewood Dr. 32809
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Sec. 42-64.- Variances. The Board shall have the power to approve, conditionally approve or deny applications for a variance from the terms of the Land Development Code.

Criteria. The Board shall not approve an application for a variance from terms of the Land Development Code unless and until:

- a A written application for a variance is submitted to the city manager or the city manager's designee on a form provided by the city clerk setting forth all of the special conditions and circumstances that exist in favor of the granting of the variance and addressing the requirements of subsections (1)d—g of this section of the criteria set forth in this section. Upon submission of the properly completed application and the appropriate fee, the city manager or the city manager's designee shall refer the application to the board.
- Notice of public hearing for the variance shall be given as required by the article for hearing before the board.
- c. The public hearing on the application for the variance shall be held. The applicant, the applicant's agent as evidenced by a signed writing or the applicant's attorney shall appear before the board.
- d. It is determined that literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.
- e. It has been determined that personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Land

### Revised 08/13/2024

Owners: Jose and Elizete Pinto Property Address: 2104 Homewood Dr. Belle Isle, Florida 32809

Fence/Wall Permit - Variance

#### 1. WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES UNIQUE TO YOUR PROPERTY?

Landscape Wall: I believe our situation is unique because our lot is located on the corner of a main road (Nela Ave.) which has a lot of traffic. For this reason, we would like to build the landscape wall for privacy, safety, and protection from erosion. Neighboring Wall: Our neighbor's elevation is lower than ours which creates specific drainage needs.

#### 2. WHAT WOULD BE THE UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP?

Landscape Wall & Neighboring Wall: Without the landscape wall and neighboring retention wall, it could cause erosion between the homes and the right of way.

#### 3. HOW WERE THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS NOTED ABOVE CREATED?

The special conditions were created when the community was developed. The main road (Nela Ave.) was built at a higher elevation than the lot and the neighboring home was built at a lower elevation. Special conditions were not done by owners Jose and Elizete Pinto. The street and lot were already built before purchasing.

#### 4. CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR OBJECTIVE IN ANOTHER WAY?

No, a landscape and retention wall would be the best possible way to create a safer yard space from the main road (Nela Ave.) and stop erosion from happening to both our home and the neighboring home.

LIST ALTERNATIVES YOU HAVE CONSIDERED AND EVIDENCE AS TO WHY THEY ARE NOT FEASIBLE. There is no other alternative.

5. WHAT EFFECTS WILL APPROVAL OF THE VARIANCE HAVE ON ADJACENT PROPERTIES OR THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD? (FOR EXAMPLE, ADEQUATE LIGHT, AIR, ACCESS, USE OF ADJACENT PROPERTY, DENSITY, COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES, TRAFFIC CONTROL, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, ETC).

Landscape Wall: I don't believe the building of a landscape wall will affect the surrounding area since we are a corner lot and we are not requesting for the wall to meet the corner crossroads (Nela Ave. and Homewood Dr.). This will allow the corner to be visible to cars turning onto Homewood dr. from Nela Ave. or Visevirsa.

**Neighboring Wall:** Approval of this retention wall won't negatively affect the neighboring property. We believe it will benefit them by preventing stormwater runoff from going to their lot.

#### 6. Proposed Height?

Landscape Wall: The overall height of the metal fence will not exceed the 8 feet restriction. Per the plans provided the landscape wall at the beginning point (closest to the water/bridge) will be 8 feet with the fence installed on top. In this first section, most of the wall will be buried as we will fill it with soil to level it with the right-away side. The landscape wall will mostly be visible from our side and not the cities.

Neighboring Wall: Height will be 48" Max (details on D-1)

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Good afternoon Elizete, it was a pleasure meeting you today and welcome to the neighborhood. We reside at 2224 Homewood Dr. and would support your request for a variance to fence your property. When I moved here in 2011 and our property had an existing fence grandfathered in, we did not realize how much of a blessing it is for the safety of our pets and children. The additional security a fence will provide for your property would be another feature a homeowner would want as your property is in a high traffic area for boats and pedestrians. We hope your variance request is approved and wish you and your family a happy holiday! Thank you, Daniel Botyos.

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**None 1** Variance fence request

Dec 28, 2023 at 9:25:12 AM

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## Elizete,

I met you guys at Brandon's Christas Party(arm in a sling guy ...). My next door neighbor Dan and Stacey said you guys were looking at a variance for a fence for your lot. I'm the peach color house at 2230 Homewood and I will also support your need for a variance. Let me know if you need anymore info. I look forward to you guys getting everything going. I sent your husband all of my info couple weeks ago but let me know if you need help with this or anything else. Thanks,

Dave Jordan 2230 Homewood Dr 4<mark>07-46</mark>6-4325

Dave@orlandopubcrawl.com

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New Neighbor

Dec 28, 2023 at 8:24:26 PM

epinto@prestigecontractorservices.com

Hello Elizete,

First, welcome to the the neighborhood! Both Colleen and Danny explained your fencing scenario to me and gave me your information. I don't have any issues with you fencing in your yard, and hope you are able to easily get the variance. Please let me know if need anything else.

Kindly, Lisa Davis 2103 Homewood Drive 407-470-6322 Dear Belle Isle Leadership,

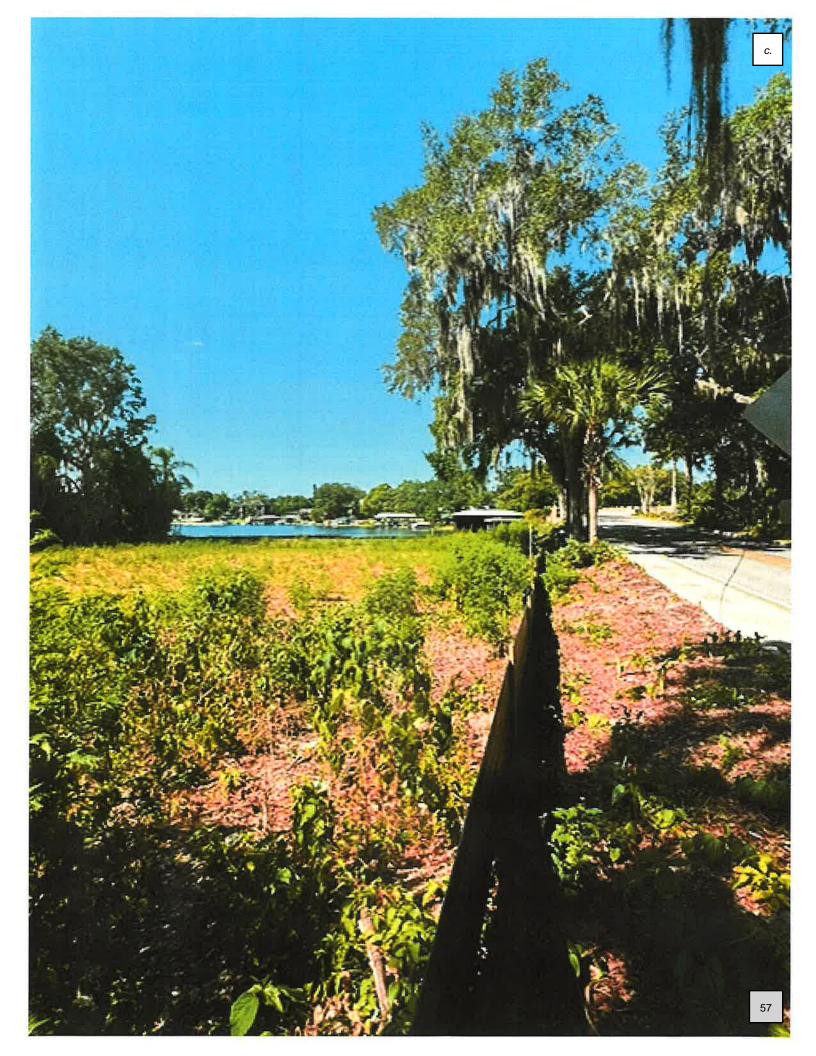
I am the homeowner of 2112 Homewood Drive. I am writing this letter to inform you that I approve Jose Pinto's proposal to install an iron fence around his property. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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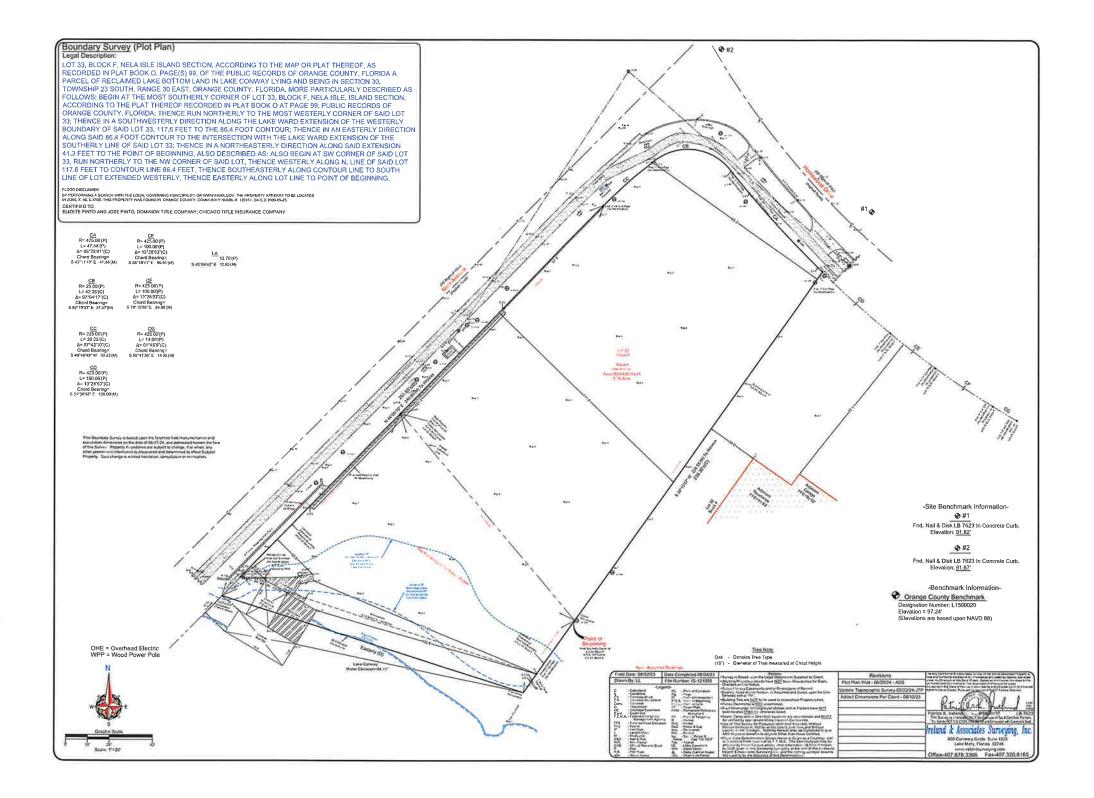
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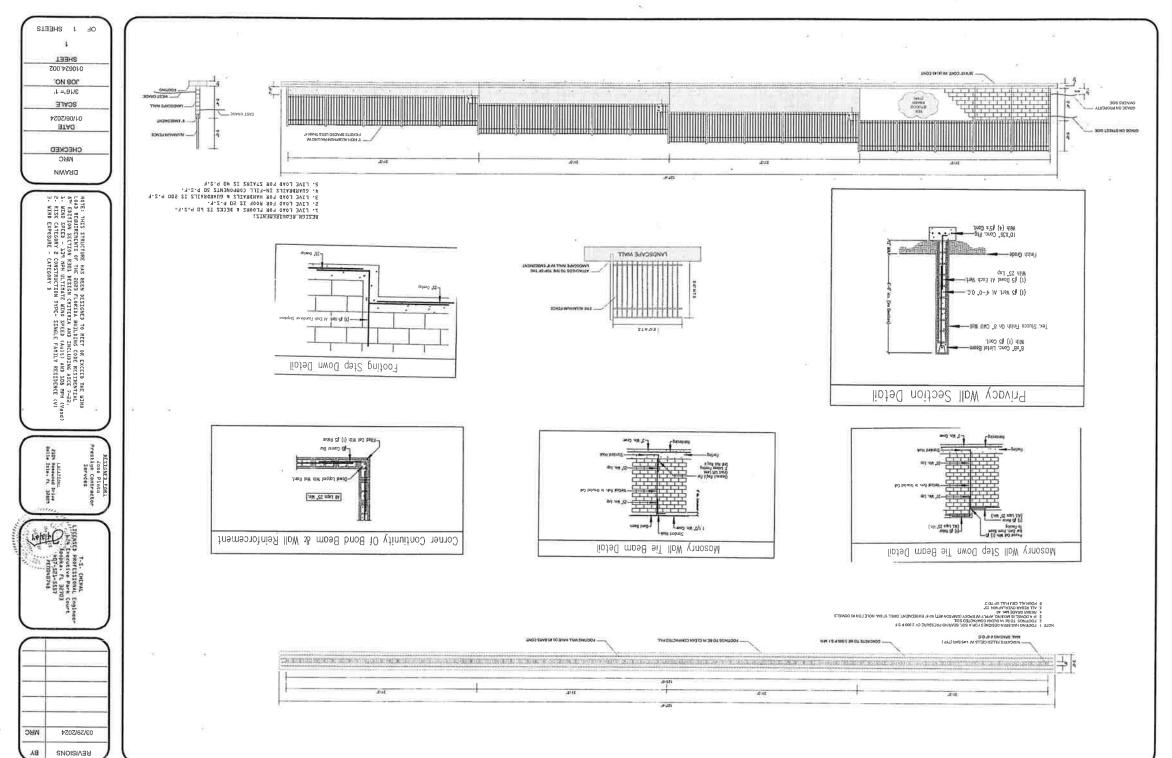








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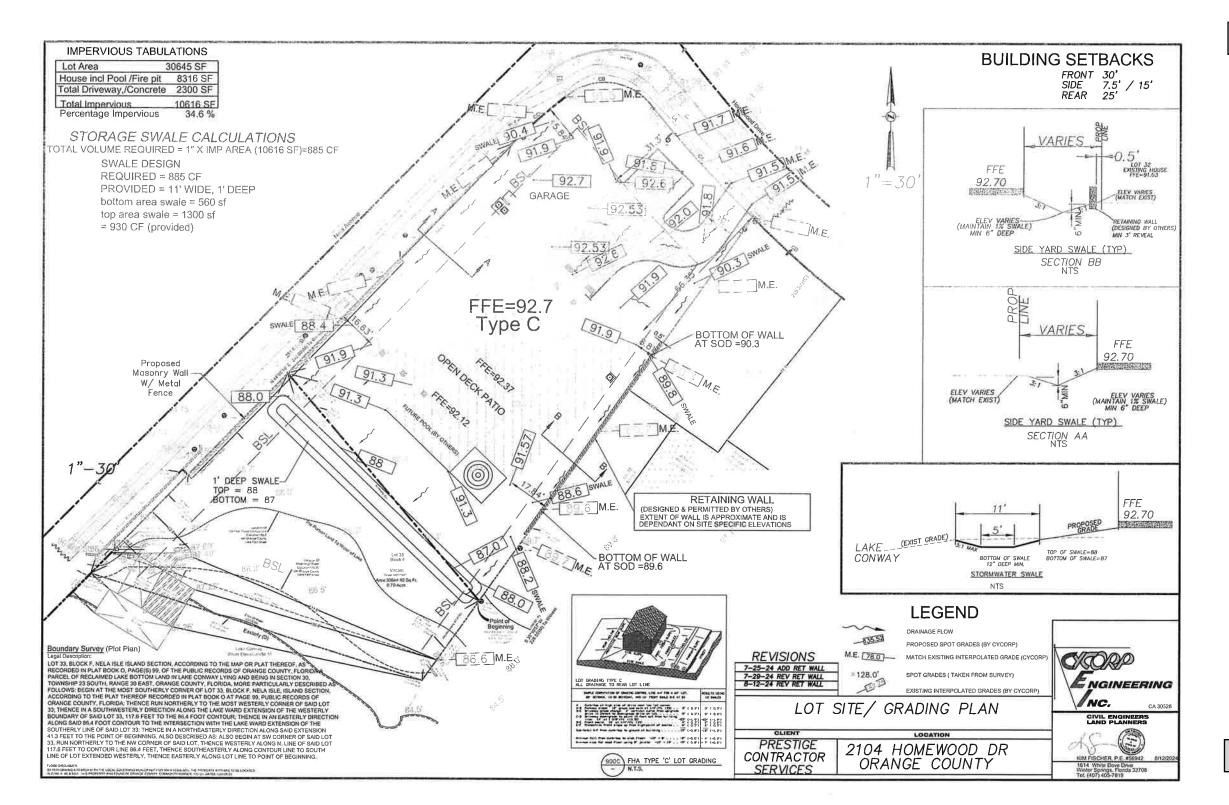


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ORDINANCE NO. XX-XX 1 2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 50-102 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO ALLOW THE 3 INSTALLATION OF FENCES AND WALLS IN FRONT YARDS WITHIN CERTAIN DEFINED 4 5 OVERLAY AREAS AND CREATING RESTRICTIONS FOR SUCH FENCES AND WALLS: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 6 7 WHEREAS, the City of Belle Isle Land Development Code currently restricts fences 8 9 in front yards; and 10 WHEREAS, the City wishes to allow fences and walls in front yards, set height 11 12 restrictions for such fences and walls, and create rules for the installation of 13 such fences and walls that will enhance the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and 14 property owners; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the City further wishes to add additional fence and wall requirements 17 specific to the Hoffner Avenue overlay district, Lake Conway Estates sub-overlay 18 district, and the Daetwyler Drive overlay district due to those districts' unique 19 nature; and 20 WHEREAS, the City finds that this Ordinance advances the interests of public 21 22 health, safety, and welfare. 23 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS: 24 25 ORD 23-05 - 1 OF 8

1	Section 1. <u>Recitals</u> . The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and	
2	confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance	
3	as legislative findings.	
4	Section 2. <u>City Code Amendment</u> . Section 50-102 in Chapter 50, Article IV	
5	of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, all as follows (words that are	
6	stricken out are deletions; words that are underlined are additions; stars * * *	
7	* indicate breaks between sections, subsections, or paragraphs and do not indicate	
8	changes to the City Code; provisions not included are not being amended):	
9	Sec. 50-102 Accessory structures.	
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11	(b) Fences and walls.	
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13	(5) Maximum height and permitted locations of fences, walls, and privacy	
14	screens.	
15	a. Except as provided in subsection (b)(5)b of this section, fences and walls	
16	shall be limited to a maximum height of six feet above the natural grade in the	
17	rear and side yards. <del>No fences or walls shall be permitted in front yards.</del> <u>The</u>	
18	maximum height for a front yard fence or wall shall be four feet above the natura	1
19	grade. In the front yard, chain link fences shall be prohibited.	
20	1. All gates shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the edge of the	
21	roadway. Roadway shall indicate the improved or paved portion, but does not	
22	include the entirety, of the right-of-way.	
23	b. A maximum fence height of eight feet shall be permitted in the following	
24	situations:	
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a.

The property line along which the fence will be installed abuts a boat ramp
 facility, public park, or commercially zoned property.

3 2. The property owner constructing the fence has obtained the written consent 4 of all owners of property that either share a property line and property corner 5 along which the fence or wall will be installed and of any owner of the property 6 with a property line within 50 feet of the fence or wall to be installed.

7 c. Residential property owners shall not construct an additional fence or wall 8 that abuts any subdivision or commercial screening wall and can be viewed from the 9 abutting public right-of-way, street, sidewalk, or abutting other public access 10 areas.

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12 (7) Construction of fences or walls near Lake Conway. No fence or wall located 13 within 35 feet of the 86.9 contour line of Lake Conway's normal high water line 14 shall exceed four feet in height.

15 (8) Location along lot lines. A structural fence or wall shall be erected so 16 that the entire fence and all supporting structures are entirely on the owner's 17 property. Fence posts and all other supporting structures, as well as the rough 18 side of the fence, if any, shall face the owner's property, except when said fence 19 separates a residential lot from a business or industrial lot. No inspection or 20 any permit issued by the city shall be any evidence or guarantee that the fence 21 has been so correctly located on the subject property.

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(13) Obstruction of visibility. No fence or wall shall be constructed, nor shall anything be placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to obstruct or

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impair visibility of oncoming vehicular or pedestrian traffic from any intersecting
street, driveway or alley way.
a. An area clear of sight obstructions shall be provided between the height of 2.5
and 8 feet.
b. A clear view triangle for a driveway is formed on each side of the driveway by
measuring the distance of 70 feet along the right-of-way and 10 feet along the edge
of the driveway.
(14) Existing fences. Any fence or wall which is erected and in violation of this
chapter at the time of its passage shall be exempt from the requirements of this
chapter, excluding those requirements of 50-102(b)(11), unless such fence or wall
is deemed a traffic or safety hazard.
(15) Nonconforming fences. All fences, walls, or privacy screens in violation of
this chapter at the time of its passage shall be governed by the following
conditions: Any fence, wall, or privacy screen that is in violation of the section
and is determined to be a traffic or safety hazard shall be made to conform to
this chapter three months from such determination. No <u>portion of a</u> nonconforming
fence, wall, or privacy screen shall be enlarged, extended, or structurally
altered except to make it conform to this chapter.
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(17) Overlay Districts.
a. Hoffner Avenue
1. Fences and walls abutting Hoffner Avenue shall be limited to a maximum
height of six feet above the natural grade in the front yard.
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1	2. All gates shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the right-of-way	
2	line abutting the private property line.	
3	3. Lake Conway Estates Sub-overlay	
4	i. Masonry walls within Lake Conway Estates adjoining Hoffner Avenue shall be	
5	limited to a maximum height of eight feet above the natural grade within the	
6	right-of-way, provided the wall conforms to the Belle Isle approved wall materials	<u>s</u>
7	and design requirements.	
8	ii. A masonry wall may encroach within the northerly five feet and southerly	
9	five feet of the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way in Lake Conway Estates, or a maximum	
10	encroachment of ten feet with the City Council approval, providing that the wall	
11	accommodates existing trees and utilities in the surrounding area and aligns with	
12	the existing subdivision wall.	
13	iii. All privately owned fences and walls shall be located on such private	
14	property, shall not encroach into the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way, and must meet	
15	all other requirements of this section.	
16	b. Daetwyler Drive	
17	1. Property owners may build an opaque fence or wall in the front yard at a	
18	maximum height of six feet from the grade as it abuts the Daetwyler Drive right-	
19	<u>of-way.</u>	
20	2. All gates shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the right-of-way	
21	line abutting the private property line.	
22	Section 3. <u>Codification</u> . Section 2 of this Ordinance will be incorporated into	
23	the Belle Isle City Code. Any section, paragraph number, letter and/or any	
24	heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing.	
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Grammatical, typographical, and similar or like errors may be corrected, and 1 2 additions, alterations, and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning of this Ordinance and the City Code may be freely made. 3 4 5 Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or 6 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, 7 procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, 8 9 distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the 10 validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. 11 Section 5. Conflicts. In the event of a conflict or conflicts between this 12 13 Ordinance and any other Ordinance or provision of law, this Ordinance governs and 14 controls to the extent of any such conflict. 15 16 Section 6. Effective Dates. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately 17 upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Belle Isle, Florida (the 18 "Effective Date") and shall apply to all applications for permits received on or 19 after the Effective Date. 20 21 22 First Reading held on September 3, 2024. Second Reading held on . 23 24 25

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1	ADOPTED at a regular me	eting of the Cit	y Commis	sion of the	City o	f Belle Isle,
2	Florida, held in City H	all, Belle Isle,	on this	day	of	/
3	2023.					
4		YES		NO		ABSENT
5	Ed Gold		-		-	
6	Anthony Carugno		-			
7	Karl Shuck		-		-	
8	Randy Holihan		-		-	
9	Beth Lowell		-		-	
10	Stanley Smith		-		-	
11	Jim Partin		-		-	
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13	ATTEST:			CITY OF BE	LLE ISL	E
14	Yolanda Qui	ceno, CMC-City C	Clerk			
15				Nicholas F	'ouraker	, Mayor
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17	Approved as to form and	legality				
18	For use and reliance by					
19	Giffin Chumley, City At	torney				
20	STATE OF FLORIDA					
21	COUNTY OF ORANGE					
22	I, Yolanda Quiceno, Cit	y Clerk of the C	City of B	elle Isle,	do here	by certify that
23	the above and foregoing	document ORDINA	NCE XX-X	X was duly	and leg	ally passed by
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1	the Belle Isle City Council, in session assembled on the day of
2	2024. At this session, a quorum of its members was present.
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