

SPECIAL REVIEW #1271 DETERMINATIONS

The Board of Adjustment shall make the following determinations prior to granting a variance:

- 1. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, the lot or something inherent in the land which causes the hardship, and which are not applicable to other lands in the same district;**

There are no special conditions or circumstances with the land that create a hardship. In this situation, the structures were built prior to the current zoning requirements.

- 2. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of this Chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other tracts in the same district;**

The subject property is in a subdivision where most homes were built from 1920 forward. There have been many variances granted to date in the surrounding subdivisions. Denying the variance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other tracts in the same district.

- 3. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Chapter to other land in the same district;**

Granting this variance would not confer a privilege to this applicant that others in the subdivision do not have. The variance will not allow the applicant any special privileges. Similar variances have been granted in the area and other properties are developed with smaller lot area without the benefit of a zoning variance.

- 4. That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Chapter and with the Growth Policy;**

The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and the growth policy.

- 5. In granting any variance, the Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this Chapter. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms upon which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Chapter;**

Staff is recommending the following conditions for the variance request:

1. The variance from 27-308 requiring a minimum lot area of 9,600 square feet for 2 existing single family dwellings to allow a lot area of 8,028 square feet in a Residential 7,000 (R-70) zone. No other variance is intended or implied with this approval.
2. The variance is limited to Lot 3 & that part of Lot 2 north of the alley, Block 1 of Rickman Subdivision and the 5 feet of the abandoned adjacent alley on the west generally located at 802/804 Lewis Avenue.
3. Any future re-construction of the existing structure will require compliance with all other zoning regulations and city ordinances that apply at the time of re-construction.
4. These conditions of variance approval shall run with the land described in this authorization and shall apply to all current and subsequent owners, operators, managers, lease holders, heirs and assigns.

- 6. The Board shall prescribe a time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be begun or completed, or both. Failure to begin or complete such action within the time limit set shall void the variance; and**

The requested variance is to ensure the future opportunity to rebuild the existing structures. There is no proposal to rebuild at this time; therefore it is not appropriate to place a time limit on this variance approval.

- 7. Under no circumstances shall the Board grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Chapter in the district involved. A variance shall not be a grant of special privilege inconsistent with limitations placed upon other property in the district.**

The granting of this variance would not allow a use that is not already allowed in the zoning district – two single family dwellings on a single lot are allowed in the R-70 zone.