

ZBOA Agenda Item # 2 FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Variance Request by Keith Quarles File #: APP-2020-01

Keith Quarles is requesting a Variance to LDR Section 214-1, Table 3 as it pertains to the minimum heated floor area for a single-family dwelling in R-15 zoning. The subject property consists of 15,006 square feet (0.344 acres) and is located at 16 Bellemeade North. The property contains an existing building (977-sf) that was designed and built as a simple "clubhouse" for the Bellemeade North neighborhood. The property is still owned by the Bellemeade North Property Owners Association, Inc. who no longer wants to maintain it as a clubhouse and has been marketing it to be sold and converted to a residence. The applicant has the property under contract and is proposing to simply renovate the interior of the building for conversion to a single-family residence. However, the building does not meet the minimum 1,200 square feet heated floor area requirement for dwellings in R-15 zoning, and the applicant is not proposing any building expansions.

The clubhouse reportedly consists of 977 heated square feet, although it is listed by the Lowndes County Tax Assessor (tax card) as being 1,125 square feet. This is likely due to a difference between a simplified interior measurement, and an exterior measurement of the enclosed building. But either way, the building is a little short of meeting the minimum heated (gross) floor area for dwellings, and it cannot be converted into a dwelling without a sufficient building addition, or obtaining a Variance. As a comparison with the other 15 existing dwellings in Bellemeade North, based on tax card data they each range from 1,454 to 3,192 square feet with the overall average being 2,222 square feet.

It should be noted that this building also has a covered porch on both the front and rear (each being 222-sf). Enclosing even just the rear porch, as a heated floor area addition, would likely be sufficient. Therefore, staff can find no legitimate hardship supporting this Variance, and is concerned about approving a dwelling unit size that is only about half the size of the average dwelling unit in the neighborhood.

The only extenuating circumstances here, are that the neighborhood collectively desires to see this building sold and converted to a dwelling and is supportive of the Variance request, that this is an isolated building site in the very rear of the development, it has existed here for more than 30 years, and that this particularly building design seems to fit in well with the neighborhood. The only other possible argument in favor of the request is that most of the parcel is heavily encumbered by various easements that greatly limit other options for building expansion – other than enclosing one or both (or portions) of the existing porches.

Variances are intended to relieve situations in which strict application of the regulations prohibits reasonable development or usage of the property. Although there is no legitimate hardship here and the logical solution is to simply enclose some existing porch space, a Variance approval in this case should carry the stipulation that it be for this existing building ONLY. This would preclude the possibility of a future owner from demolishing this building and replacing it with another smaller dwelling that would not fit in as well with the neighborhood.

Staff Recommendation: Find inconsistent with the Variance Review Criteria and deny the Variance request.

Variance Review Criteria

The following criteria shall be applied in evaluating and deciding any application for a Variance. No application for a Variance shall be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals unless satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been made concerning each of the following criteria, all of which are applicable to each application.

(1) The need for the variance arises from a condition that is unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings involved.							
Applicant:	nt: Request for single family home variance at existing square footage						
Staff:	There is nothing unusual about the property to merit granting the variance. The applicant can enclose the porches and meet the minimum square footage for R-15 dwellings.						
conditions	(2) The variance is necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical conditions of the specific property involved would result in unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee or occupants; as distinguished for a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of the LDR are literally enforced.						
Applicant:	Bellemeade North homeowners have no objection to the requested variance.						
Staff:	No. The variance is not necessary. There is nothing unique about the property that provides hardship.						
	(3) The condition requiring the requested relief is not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property.						
Applicant:	Clubhouse currently has 977 square feet heated and cooled and 444 square feet of covered porches.						
Staff:	No. There is nothing unusual about this property.						
	ndition is created by the regulations of Title 2 of the LDR and not by an action or actions of the vner or the applicant.						
Applicant:	True.						
Staff:	The condition is created by the applicant rather than the LDR.						
(5) The granting of the variance will not impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, nor impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, endanger the public safety or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.							
Applicant:	True						
Staff:	There will be no direct impact on adjacent properties.						
(6) The variance requested is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures.							
Applicant:	True.						
Staff:	The variance requested is 223 square feet of living space, which is not a small amount.						
(7) The requested variance will not be inconsistent with the general spirit and intent of the LDR or the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan.							
Applicant:	The clubhouse was built by the original developers on conformity withal of the other structures in Bellmeade North. Applicant seeks to maintain the exterior of the clubhouse as it always existed and currently exists. If the variance is granted, there will be no change to the exterior of the building.						
Staff:	The request is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.						

Relevant Development Standards in the LDR that are "Significant" to the Proposal

LDR Section 214-1 TABLE 3: Minimum Heated Floor Area per Dwelling Unit by Zoning District

* All minimum floor areas are depicted in "square feet"

Zoning District	Single Family Detached ¹	Single Family Attached ² or Duplex	Multi-Family ³
R-E	3,000	n/a	n/a
R-25	2,300	n/a	n/a
R-15	1,200	n/a	n/a
R-10	1,000	n/a	n/a
R-6	800	800	n/a

Staff Review Comments:

Engineering & Stormwater Department: No comments

Fire Department: No comments Landscape: No comments

Plan Review: No comments Public Works: No comments

Police: No comments Utilities: No comments

Attachments:

Letter of Authorization
Zoning Location Map
Aerial Map
Survey
Survey – zoomed (as site plan)
Tax card floor area sketch

LETTER of AUTHORIZATION

To: Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA)

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APP-2020-01 Zoning Location Map **Keith Quarles** 200 100 16 Bellemeade North **Variance Request** Tax Map 0107A, Parcel 071 ** Map Data Source: VALOR GIS, January 2020 **Lake Laurie Drive SUBJECT PROPERTY** Bellemeade Drive **Valdosta** Country Club

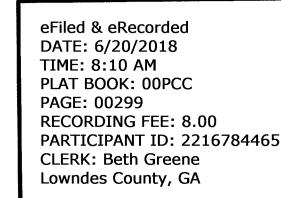
APP-2020-01 Tax Parcels Aerial



Keith Quarles Variance Request

16 Bellemeade North Tax Map 0107A, Parcel 071 50 25 0 50 Feet





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LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	S 10°37′32″ E	1.14'
L2	N 78°13′23″ E	9.86′
L3	S 11*19'31" E	20.03′
L4	S 72°36′06″ E	8,36′
L5	S 49°25′12″ E	2.09′
L6	N 41*18′58" E	5.28′

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| S 60'42 41 E 111.00 LEGEND AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (d) of O.C.G.A. SECTION 15-6-67, THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A LAND SURVEYOR AND APPROVED PVC = PLASTICBY ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR RECORDING AS EVIDENCED BY APPROVAL CERTIFICATES, SIGNATURES, STAMPS, OR STATEMENTS HEREON. SUCH APPROVALS OR AFFIRMATIONS

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SIGNATURES BELOW WITH THE DATE OF SIGNATURE. PURSUANT TO TITLE 3 OF THE CITY OF VALDOSTA LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL HAVING BEEN FULFILLED, THIS FINAL PLAT WAS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY:

THE PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, VALDOSTA, GA

6-18-2018 M. Martine PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LOWNDES COUNTY, GA 18 MIL CHARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

THE CITY ENGINEER, VALDOSTA, GA 018/18/10

THE APPROVAL SIGNATURES ABOVE WERE NOT IN PLACE WHEN THIS SURVEY WAS ISSUED, AND ARE TO BE PROPERLY OBTAINED PRIOR TO Stan + aprom DATE:

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CITY ENGINEER 29 MARCH 2018

NORTH BELLEMEADE DRIVE (PRIVATE) LOCATION MAP -NOT TO SCALE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

NOTES ZONED R-15. PER RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS DEED BOOK 5485 PAGE 68 ARTICLE II SECTION 13 THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A BLANKET UTILITY EASEMENT.

THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED AT THE REQUEST OF THE BELLEMEADE NORTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC., REPRESENTED BY MRS. MARIAN BELANGER, PRESIDENT.

- LOT #1 IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY CITY OF VALDOSTA WATER & SANITARY SEWER UTILITIES, AS SHOWN ON THIS

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

LOT #15

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NOW OR FORMERLY

POWELL PROPERTY

DEED BOOK 1665

CHARLES H. & JERRY S.

PLAT BOOK F PAGE 49

LOT #14 NOW OR FORMERLY BETTY H. BOWEN PROPERTY DEED BOOK 3679 PAGE 140

PLAT BOOK F PAGE 49 APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF

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E = ELECTRIC METER

W = WATER METER

G = GAS METER BULLARD A/K/A GUARD POST

= CONCRETE PARKING BUMPER

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BASED RECORDS PROVIDED BY ATLANTA GAS LIGHT CO. -W — W — = APPROXIMATE WATER LINE SCALED GRAPHICALLY FROM UTILITY AS-BUILT DRAWING OF BELLEMEADE NORTH PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF VALDOSTA UTILITY DEPARTMENT

- = 1 1/4" PLASTIC NATURAL GAS LINE -

MATERIAL & APPROXIMATE LOCATION

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APPROXIMATE LOCATION

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DEED BOOK 1861 PAGE 309

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PLAT 7 of ADDITION ONE

CATHERINE DEWAR KERNS

PLAT BOOK E PAGE 33

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PLAT BOOK F

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LOT #1 15,006

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> SURVEY DATA NOTE:
> THE SOURCE OF THE TITLE DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES HEREON IS DEED BOOK 1861 PAGE 309; GRANTEE THEREIN IS BELLEMEADE NORTH PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

UTILITY NOTE:

FOLSOM SURVEYING LLC CONTACTED THE GA UTILITIES PROTECTION CENTER AND REQUESTED UTILITY LOCATION FOR THIS PROJECT 16 AUGUST 2016 (LOCATE REQUEST #08166-217-006).

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT PROVIDED RECORD DRAWINGS OF THEIR GAS LINE AT THE PROJECT LOCATION, AND GEORGIA POWER COMPANY & MEDIACOM MARKED BURIED LINES AS SHOWN HEREON, ALL OTHER UTILITYS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON ABOVE GROUND EVIDENCE LOCATED IN THE FIELD BY FOLSOM SURVEYING LLC IN AUGUST OF 2016.

FOLSOM SURVEYING, LLC ROLAND STAN FOLSOM GA RLS #2284 LSF000218 1311 HASTINGS DRIVE REMERTON, GA. 31601

folsom22@bellsouth.net

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BELLEMEADE NORTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

LOCATED IN LAND LOT #36 of the 11th LAND DISTRICT of THE CITY OF VALDOSTA LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA

FIELD SURVEY: 26 AUGUST 2016 PLAT DATE: 26 FEBRUARY 2018 PLAT REVISED: 29 MARCH 2018 - REVISED LOT 40 20 1" = 20' GRAPHIC SCALE DRAWING J2672-BELLE CLUB 2018-1A.dwg COORDS: J2475-BELLE TOPO.crd

