

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STAFF REPORT

FOR: City of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals

ZONING BOARD APPEALS DATE: January 12, 2016

REGARDING: VOJTIKOFSKY (CASE NO. PZ15-0045),

BY: Charles Boulard, Building Official

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant

The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 5.11.A.ii to allow installation of a fence in the exterior side yard of an existing residence.

Variance Type

Dimensional Variances

Property Characteristics

Zoning District: Site Location: Parcel #: R-1, One Family Residential 25687 Cody Lane, east of Beck Road and south of 11 Mile Road 50-22-21-179-011

<u>Request</u>

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 5.11.A. to allow construction of fencing within the exterior side yard of an existing home located on a corner lot.

II. ZONING AND LAND USE:

The table below lists the zoning district, existing land use and future land use for the subject site and surrounding parcels.

Parcel	Zoning District	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use
Subject Property	R-1 One Family Residential	Single Family Residential	Single Residential
North	R-1 One Family Residential	Single Family Residential	Single Residential
South	R-1 One Family Residential	Single Family Residential	Single Residential
East	R-1 One Family Residential	Single Family Residential	Single Residential
West	R-1 One Family Residential	Single Family Residential	Single Residential

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Site Conditions

The subject property consists of a single lot located on a corner in an existing residential development. The applicant is requesting approval to extend the yard fencing into the exterior side yard setback. It is important to note that the fence will extend adjacent to a curving portion of the street and vehicle visibility will be important.

IV.RECOMMENDATION:

The Zoning Board of Appeals may take one of the following actions:

1. Grant I move that we grant the variance(s) in Case No.PZ15-0045, sought by ,for _____ because the Petitioner has established that causes a practical difficulty

relating to the property, including some or all of the following criteria:

(a) Petitioner has established that property is unique the because or that the physical condition of the property creates the need for a variance because

And, the condition is not a personal or economic hardship.

- (b) The need for the variance is not self-created, **because**
- (c) Strict compliance with dimensional regulations of the Zoning Ordinance, including _____, will (either):
 - 1. unreasonably prevent Petitioner from using the property for the permitted purpose as a _____, because_____ and/or,
 - 2. will make it unnecessarily burdensome to comply with the regulation because_____
- (d) Petitioner has established that variance is the minimum variance necessary because a lesser variance would not
- (e) The requested variance will not cause adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or zoning district, because .
- (f) The variance granted is subject to the conditions that:

2. Deny I move that we deny the variance in Case No.PZ15-0045, sought by , for _____ because the Petitioner

has **not** established a practical difficulty because:

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- (a) Petitioner has shown no unique circumstance or physical condition of the property because petitioner can reasonably comply with the ordinance by_____.
- (b) The difficulty described by the Petitioner is a personal or economic difficulty only in that Petitioner stated ______.
- (c) The need for the variance is self-created because Petitioner
- (d) Conforming to the ordinance would not (either):
 - 1. be unnecessarily burdensome because _____, or,
 - 2. unreasonably prevent petitioner from using the property for _____, because_____.
- (e) A lesser variance consisting of ______would do substantial justice to Petitioner and surrounding property owner's because_____.
- (f) The proposed variance would have adverse impact on surrounding property because ______.

Should you have any further questions with regards to the matter please feel free to contact me at (248) 347-0415.

Charles Boulard Building Official City of Novi

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

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APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

I. PROPERTY INFORMATION (A	Application Fee: \$200.00				
PROJECT NAME / SUBDIVISION	1.12.11				
Walden Woods II ADDRESS		LOT/SIUTE/SPACE #	Meeting Date: _	11210	
25687 Cody Lane		21	704 0 11 07	15-0045	
SIDWELL # 50-22- <u>21</u> - <u>179</u>		obtain from Assessing nent (248) 347-0485	ZBA Case #: PZ	10 0010	
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DOES YOUR APPEAL RESULT FROM A	NOTICE OF VIOLATION OR	CITATION ISSUED?	I YES 🗹 NO		
II. APPLICANT INFORMATION				1.1.	
A. APPLICANT	EMAIL ADDRESS		CELL PHONE NO.		
NAME	Ryan.Vojtkofsky@gma	aii.com	734-679-6943 TELEPHONE NO.		
Ryan Vojtkofsky					
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY			FAX NO.		
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
25687 Cody Lane		Novi	MI	48374	
B. PROPERTY OWNER CHE	CK HERE IF APPLICANT IS ALSO	O THE PROPERTY OWNER			
Identify the person or organization to owns the subject property:	hat EMAIL ADDRESS	t EMAIL ADDRESS		CELL PHONE NO.	
NAME			TELEPHONE NO.		
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY			FAX NO.		
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
III. ZONING INFORMATION			the second second	-	
A. ZONING DISTRICT		1			
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B. VARIANCE REQUESTED			1		
INDICATE ORDINANCE SECTION (S)	ND VARIANCE REQUESTED		5		
	Variance requested	Allow fence to extend towards from	nt of the lot beyond minimum front ya	ard set back distance	
2. Section 2515 3.1.2		reduce minimum sid	le yard setback		
3. Section					
4. Section					
IV. FEES AND DRAWNINGS					
A. FEES				Cartala -	
Single Family Residential (Exi					
Multiple/Commercial/Indust	rial \$300 🛛 (With Viole	ation) \$400 🗌 Signs \$	300 🗌 (With Violation	\$400	
House Moves \$300		leetings (At discretion o	of Board) \$600		
B. DRAWINGS 1-COPY & 1 I Dimensioned Drawings and PI Site/Plot Plan	DIGITAL COPY SUBMITTED ans	 Existing & propo 	osed distance to adjac sting & proposed signs,		
 Existing or proposed buildings Number & location of all on-si 	or addition on the prope te parking, if applicable	erty • Floor plans & el			



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V. VARIANCE

A. VARIANCE (S) REQUESTED

DIMENSIONAL USE SIGN

There is a five-(5) hold period before work/action can be taken on variance approvals.

B. SIGN CASES (ONLY)

Your signature on this application indicates that you agree to install a **Mock-Up Sign** ten-(10) days before the schedule ZBA meeting. Failure to install a mock-up sign may result in your case not being heard by the Board, postponed to the next schedule ZBA meeting, or cancelled. A mock-up sign is **NOT** to be actual sign. Upon approval, the mock-up sign must be removed within five-(5) days of the meeting. If the case is denied, the applicant is responsible for all costs involved in the removal of the mock-up or actual sign (if erected under violation) within five-(5) days of the meeting.

C. ORDINANCE

City of Novi Ordinance, Section 3107 - Miscellaneous

No order of the Board permitting the erection of a building shall be valid for a period longer than one-(1) year, unless a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within such period and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

No order of the Board permitting a use of a building or premises shall be valid for a period longer than one-hundred and eighty-(180) days unless such use is establish within such a period; provided, however, where such use permitted is dependent upon the erection or alteration or a building such order shall continue in force and effect if a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within one-(1) year and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

D. APPEAL THE DETERMINATION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The undersigned hereby appeals the determination of the Building Official / Inspector or Ordinance made

□ CONSTRUCT NEW HOME/BUILDING □ ADDITION TO EXISTING HOME/BUILDING □ SIGNAGE

ACCESSORY BUILDING

VI. APPLICANT & PROPERTY SIGNATURES

Α.	APPLICANT		
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Applicant Signature

11/20/2015

B. PROPERTY OWNER

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If the applicant is not the owner, the property owner must read and sign below: The undersigned affirms and acknowledges that he, she or they are the owner(s) of the property described in this application, and is/are aware of the contents of this application and related enclosures.



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REVIEW STANDARDS DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will review the application package and determine if the proposed Dimensional Variance meets the required standards for approval. In the space below, and on additional paper if necessary, explain how the proposed project meets each of the following standards. (Increased costs associated with complying with the Zoning Ordinance will not be considered a basis for granting a Dimensional Variance.)

Standard #1. Circumstances or Physical Conditions.

Explain the circumstances or physical conditions that apply to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zoning district or in the general vicinity. Circumstances or physical conditions may include:

a. Shape of Lot. Exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific property in existence on the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance or amendment.
 Not Applicable Applicable If applicable, describe below:

Our lot is a corner lot where much of the usable area of the rear yard is considered as the second front yard which falls under the front set back restrictions.

and/or

b. Environmental Conditions. Exceptional topographic or environmental conditions or other extraordinary situations on the land, building or structure.

Not Applicable Applicable

If applicable, describe below:

There is a protected welland area nearby (50ft) from the house and around our subdivision. This causes wild animals to enter into the subdivision and allows for wild life traffic through our yard. Considering that wild animal excrement can be hazardous to our family and house pets, a fence would provide protection from these Dangers. Our older Husky has already suffered from these hazards a few years back and almost lost her life. We would prefer to protect as much space as possible from these intrusions.

and/or

c. Abutting Property. The use or development of the property immediately adjacent to the subject property would prohibit the literal enforcement of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance or would involve significant practical difficulties.

 Not Applicable
 Applicable
 If applicable, describe below:

Standard #2. Not Self-Created.

Describe the immediate practical difficulty causing the need for the Dimensional Variance, that the need for the requested variance is not the result of actions of the property owner or previous property owners (i.e., is not self-created).

The shape of and location of our lot is such that a large portion of space falls along the side frontage of the house. The fence is requested to contain our pets and to provide them with adequate space for use as well as to keep out wildlife from the surrounding wetlands. Our dogs are medium to large breed dogs which require a larger area for use. On top of that, the subdivision does not provide any street lighting so walking the dogs at night poses risks for both the home owner, the dogs, and the surrounding neighborhood. Many of the neighborhood animals are generally left unattended in their yards behind an electric fence of no fence at all. While we all trust our animals there is always a risk from any animal if they are frightened.

Standard #3. Strict Compliance.

Explain how the Dimensional Variance in strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

The yard directly behind the house is a small percentage of the total property with most of our usable property slated along the south side and front of the house. To follow strict conformance with the zoning ordinance would mean that we would give up a large percentage of our property to a side yard which would be not be usable by of family because of vehicle traffic on the side street, human and pet foot traffic that already has the tendency for pets to use the yard as a rest stop, and the wildlife intrusion from the neighboring wetlands.

Standard #4. Minimum Variance Necessary.

Explain how the Dimensional Variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district.

Visually a fence reaching to the sidewalk is more appealing than putting a fence through the middle of the rear yard. If the fence is placed at the minimum front set back per the ordinance, it will cause us to remove the existing rear structures and foliage to allow access to the fenced in portion of the yard. Extending further into the front set back would allow us to keep the existing area intact and allow access from the rear of the house to the yard.

Standard #5. Adverse Impact on Surrounding Area.

Explain how the Dimensional Variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or zoning district.

Considering that we currently have a pool fence installed, we are asking to extend the fence to encompass the entire rear and side yard up to 1 foot from the side walk. This does not add an additional visual impact to the community as our pool fence is currently visible from the road. The fence will be decorative and the appearance will be softened using foliage to ensure minimal visual affect. There is currently a existing defined tree line along the side yard and the rear of the property which forms a rough perimeter from the road side view. The fence will not restrict the view of road traffic at the corner intersection, therefore the fence would pose no traffic flow issues of safety. The Homeowners Association has already provided signed approval of the proposed fence which are attached. Many of the neighbors have expressed their support for the fence.

HOA Signed Approvals

WALDEN WOODS II HOMEWONERS ASSOCIATION

Re: 25687 Cody Lane, Novi, MI **Modification of Existing Wrought Iron Fence**

In compliance with the Bylaws of Article VI, Sections 11 and 14, I hereby approve the modification of the existing wrought iron fence (which currently encompasses the existing pool and pool area only) to be expanded to encompass the entire rear yard of the home and not to exceed said property line. The newly added fence must be the same material and color as the existing wrought iron fence.

Board of Director Cysthia Ann Kolis

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Board of Director

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9-29-15

Date

Gloria J. Wubber

REASURER GLORIA A. WEBBER

10-31-15

DATE





PE- ORDINANCE



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VARIANCE







Nearby Corner Lots

With fence in front yard set back

Walden Woods Subdivision Entrance



View for entrance to Walden Woods from 11 mile





Lochmoor (Connecting Subdivision)

Lochmoor (Connecting Subdivision)



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Current lot photos 25687 Cody Lane

Current view from side street





View from rear corner of lot



Lost space per ordinance

Lot view from driveway





Existing structure and foliage blocking access to ordinance area



City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

CITYGATE MARKETPLACE (CASE PZ15-0032), DORAID MARKUS ON BEHALF OF CITYGATE MARKETPLACE, 27200 BECK ROAD, NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND EAST OF BECK ROAD, PARCEL # 50-22-16-176-033. The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, to allow construction of a 5,908 sq. ft. building with a retail space and two fast food restaurant spaces: 1) a variance from Section 3.1.23.D to reduce the required north yard building setback by 34 feet (50 feet required, 16 feet proposed); and 2) a variance from Section 5.3.11.A, B to reduce the required north yard parking setback (20.0 feet required, 0.0 feet proposed) to allow construction of a drive-through lane.

<u>VOJTIKOFSKY (CASE NO. PZ15-0045). RYAN VOJTIKOFSKY, PARCEL #: 50-22-21-179-011, 25687 CODY LANE, EAST OF BECK ROAD AND SOUTH OF 11 MILE ROAD. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 5.11.A.ii to allow installation of a fence in the exterior side yard of an existing residence.</u>

AIRTIME (CASE NO. PZ15-0046). NEW GENERATION SIGNS FOR AIRTIME, 44255 TWELVE MILE ROAD, UNIT A, WEST OF DONELSON DRIVE AND SOUTH OF 12 MILE ROAD, PARCEL#: 50-22-15-200-112. The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; 28-5 (3)f and 28-5(2)b 1(a)(i)d to allow installation of (3) additional wall signs (1 sign allowed) with a total additional area of 281 square feet. Published: December 24, 2015

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTIFICATION

45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375-3024 (248) 347-0415

December 23, 2015

Ryan Vojkofsky 25687 Cody Lane Novi, MI 48374

Zoning Board of Appeals Case No. PZ15-0045, 25687 Cody Lane

Enclosed herewith please find the Notice of Public Hearing for your case. The City of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on <u>Tuesday, January 12</u>, <u>2016 at 7:00 p.m.</u> to consider your variance request. It is mandatory that you or your representative be present at this meeting.

The agenda will be available on the website at <u>www.cityofnovi.org</u> one week before the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (248) 735-5638.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Ramsay Customer Service Representative

