APPLICATION INFORMATION

Zoning Board of Adjustment Case ZBA22-0007 7305 Smithfield Road, North Richland Hills, Texas

The following information was submitted with the application on the NRH E-SERVICES PORTAL on December 28, 2022.

DESCRIPTION

Variance from the 20% rear yard open space requirement

1. List the pertinent section(s) of the zoning ordinance and indicate the specific variances being requested. If necessary, use a separate sheet.

20% rear yard open space requirement

2. State the grounds for the request and describe any special conditions that cause hardships that, in your opinion, justify the variance(s) being requested. Examples of special conditions are: topography, creeks, utility lines, irregular lot or tract shapes, etc. The Zoning Board of Adjustment must determine that special conditions exist before making a motion to approve a request. If it is determined that special conditions do not exist, the motion must be to deny the request.

Lot 6 Block 1 is the smallest lot in Lee's Crossing with a total square footage of 12,496 SF. The private access, drainage, utility, and landscape easement (PADULE) is 3,408 square feet or 27% of the total lot area. The PADULE is unbuildable/unusable area but is included in the calculation and creates a challenge in meeting the rear yard open space requirement.

With the PADULE, the rear yard open space calculation is 16%. Without the PADULE, the calculation is 21.5%.

3. Explain any special circumstances, if applicable, not considered by the zoning ordinance. Examples: (1) if the subdivision plat was approved prior to the current zoning ordinance requirements; or (2) the zoning ordinance was amended or a policy change was adopted after submitting an application for a building permit or other phase of the development process.

The city requires that all residences have a 20% rear yard open space. However, all residences don't have a PADULE consuming 27% of the usable area of the lot.