

Date: June 9th, 2022

To: Hernando County Zoning Division

From: David Bratcher, the Property owner

Subj: Request for Variance

Ref: (a) Hernando County Zoning Division Zoning Variance Application

Encl: (1) Application

(2) Property Appraiser proof of request for Sketch and property owners within 500 ft

(3) Proof of ownership

(4) Copy of site survey

(5) Copy of proposed garage enclosure

(6) Copy of Current front elevation

(7) Copy of Proposed Front elevation

1. Per Ref (a) the following statement for hardship justifying granting the variance is provided.
2. I am enclosing the garage to provide extended living space for my 80-year-old mother-in-law that is handicapped and in a wheelchair. Simply closing in the space will provide the needed space along with an accessible shower for her. However, in case of a fire, she would become trapped. The only exit would be through the laundry room or the bedroom that would pass by the laundry room and the kitchen. According to the National Fire Protection Association, there are nearly 17,000 house fires started by the dryer each year, and 48% of all house fires start in the kitchen.
3. By adding this door in this location will provide the safest and most direct route should the safety need arise. She does not have the ability to open a window to escape. This door also allows for as much independence as possible when she has visitors, i.e., friends and family, and health care workers to name a few.
4. There are several homes within a ¼ mile that have entry doors facing the street along with the "Main Front Door"
5. Thank you in advance for supporting this request.

Respectfully,

David Bratcher

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State of: FLORIDA

County of: HERNANDO

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me 9th day of June, 2022

Raymarie Affth
Your Name Here, Notary Public

My Commission Expires 8/10/25

David Lee Bratcher

verified FL DL - 2150 for identification