

# ATTACHMENT 6

Dear Board of Variance,

We humbly request a Development Variance Permit for section 57 (6) (a) - side yard setback of a principal building. There is an existing addition on the side of our house that was done a long time ago without permits in the form of an enclosed deck. By doing this it stretched the structure of the principal building over the side yard setback. As this is an old unpermitted addition, we would like to bring it up to modern building standards to ensure it is safe and to improve the structure into a useful living space. We would like to turn it into a garage with a 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition above.

Our first goal with this project is simply to make the structure safe. According to anecdotes from our neighbours this was likely built around thirty years ago. It has stood since then but how much life does it have left? By granting this variance we'll be able to bring the structure up to modern building code ensuring its safety. Our vision is to expand the building sideways to entire width of the existing deck and forward to be level with the house. This footprint will allow the construction of a single car garage for safe storage of a vehicle and valuable living space above. This will also greatly improve the overall aesthetic of the building and property.

This project should have little to zero effect on the surrounding properties. Any neighbours with a current view of the structure should benefit from the improved aesthetic of the new building. Any shadows cast on the adjacent property should be negligible as there's already a line of trees and shrubs on the property line that are taller than the existing structure. We have spoken in depth to this particular property owner who is in favour of our proposal.

We have also spoken to most of the neighbours that surround the property and those living in the cul de sac to inform them of our proposal. All of them echoed a similar narrative to us. They're happy to see a young couple move into the area willing to work hard to restore the property up to good working order after the previous owners let it fall into a state of such disrepair. They like having neighbours who take some pride of ownership in where they live and create a positive impact on the community.

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