



To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
From: Commissioner Victoria P. Siplin, District 6  
Date: June 21, 2018  
Re: Waiver of Application Fee for Variance

I would like to discuss a request for one of my constituents, George Tiedemann, to waive an application fee for a Variance during the July 10, 2018 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Tiedemann has resided at his property for over twenty-seven years and has parked his small RV there since 1993. Mr. Tiedemann wasn't informed of code violations until 2012 and again in 2017. Previously, in 1990 Mr. Tiedemann had a boat on the property but was never fined by Code Enforcement. Currently, the RV's location on the premises exceeds the front setback by ten feet and has a vegetative buffer. Despite exceeding the setback, the RV does not block the road or view from the road. Neighbors on adjacent properties signed a petition stating that they do not have any objection to the RV being parked on the side lot of Mr. Tiedemann's property and are in agreement to an exception being granted on behalf of Mr. Tiedemann. Mr. Tiedemann approached my office at staff's recommendation to seek a waiver of application fees for a Variance due to financial hardship and previous code violations. In addition, I have included the petition along with this request memo. A variance would address the ten foot difference between the current setback and requirements in the county code.

Furthermore, Mr. Tiedemann made previous attempts to make adjustments to his property. However, due to cost restraints, these adjustments were not feasible. Moving the side lot/ backyard vegetation, pavers and leveling the yard will cost a minimum of \$10,000. As a retiree, Mr. Tiedemann's only income is social security which will not afford him the opportunity to make a \$10,000 adjustment on his property or pay the required variance fee of \$630. Also, storing the RV offsite would cost an additional \$150-200 monthly.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to a discussion of this fee waiver request at the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Cc: Board of County Commissioners  
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Jon Weiss, Community, Environmental and Development Services Director

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