Interoffice Memorandum



AGENDA ITEM

October 22, 2018

TO:	Mayor Jerry L. Demings -AND- Board of County Commissioners
FROM:	Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director Community, Environmental and Development Services Department
CONTACT PERSON:	David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager Environmental Protection Division (407) 836-1405
SUBJECT:	December 4, 2018 – Consent Item Environmental Protection Commission Recommendation for a an After-the-Fact Request for Waiver for the Gregory Moore

Gregory Moore is requesting approval of an after-the-fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b) (side setback). The project site is located at 3788 North Econlockhatchee Trail on Lake Irma. The Parcel ID number is 01-22-30-4948-00-321. The subject property is located in District 5.

Dock Construction Permit BD-17-08-083

On September 6, 2017, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued Dock Construction Permit BD-17-08-083. On February 20, 2018, EPD received the as-built survey for the constructed dock. During review of the as-built survey, staff noted that the side setback distance from the dock to the south projected property line was 24.01 feet instead of 25 feet as required by Orange County Code (Code). In order to keep the dock as constructed, an after-the-fact waiver is required. On February 26, 2018, EPD received an Application for Waiver in order to attempt to permit the dock in the constructed location.

Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b) of the Code states, "On lots or parcels having a shoreline frontage of seventy-five (75) feet or greater, docks shall have a minimum side setback of twenty-five (25) feet from the projected property line, unless such requirement is reduced by an appropriate waiver which shall be reviewed by the environmental protection division." The shoreline measures 77 feet; therefore, the side setback requirement is 25 feet from the projected property lines.

Pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2), "the applicant shall also describe (1) how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment, and (2) the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners."

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Environmental Protection Commission Recommendation for an After-the-Fact Waiver Request for the Gregory Moore Dock Construction Permit BD-17-08-083

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To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), the agent for the applicant states, "This boat dock is not affecting the adjacent abutting shoreline owners on either side. The side setback on the south shore side is 32' and it is 38' on the north side at the shore."

A Notice of Application for Waiver was sent to the affected property owners to the south, Eloida and Jose Rivas of 3778 North Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando, Florida 32817, on June 20, 2018. On July 27, 2018, EPD received a written objection from Mr. and Mrs. Rivas. The letter states that the dock, "blocks the North side view of the Lake from my backyard as we use to have." The letter also states, "It depreciates our property value." On July 30, 2018, EPD also received an objection letter from Sanchez Law Group, P.A., who represents Mr. and Mrs. Rivas. The letter from the Rivas' counsel states, "the 24-foot side setback will negatively affect not only their view of the lake, but the value of the home they intend to retire in...In addition to the obstruction of our Client's view to the lake, our Clients were considering constructing a dock of their own, and if they were to agree to Mr. Moore's Waiver, our Clients would be forced to offset their dock, resulting in possible issues with the adjacent home."

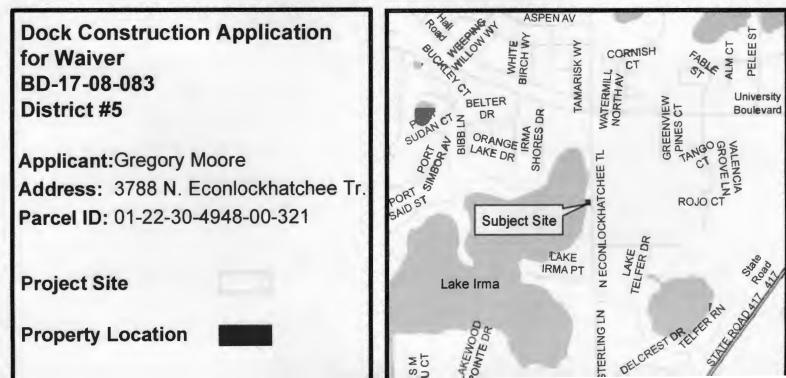
EPD staff presented the proposed waiver request to the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) during the September 26, 2018 public hearing. The dock only encroaches into the required setback by 0.99 foot, and staff would have typically recommended approval for such a *de minimis* encroachment; however, since EPD received an objection from the adjacent neighbor, the recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) was to deny the after-the-fact request for waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback).

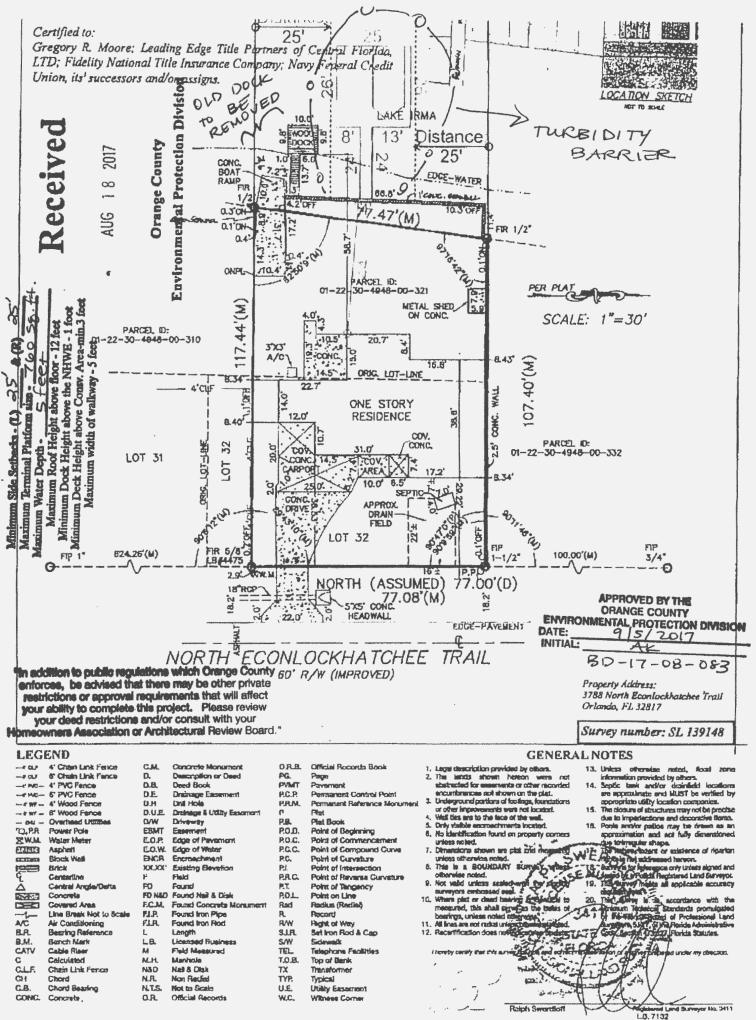
At the hearing, the EPC members agreed that the dock contractor was to blame for the dock being constructed almost one foot into the required 25-foot setback. After seeing photos of the constructed dock and after hearing testimony from the Rivas' counsel and Mr. Moore, the EPC decided the impact to the neighboring property owner was minor. A motion was made to reverse the decision of the EPO and approve the request. All members present voted to approve the after-the-fact waiver for side setback.

ACTION REQUESTED: Acceptance of recommendation of the Environmental Protection Commission to approve the after-the-fact request for waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b) (side setback) for the Gregory Moore Dock Construction Permit BD-17-08-083. District 5

# **Dock Construction Application for Waiver**







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# September 13, 2018

To: Environmental Protection Commission

From: David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager Environmental Protection Division

Subject: Gregory Moore Request for an After-the-Fact Waiver for Dock Construction Permit BD-17-08-083

## **Reason for Public Hearing**

Gregory Moore is requesting approval of an after-the-fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b), side setback.

## Location of Property/Legal Description

The project site is located at 3788 North Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando, Florida 32817. The Parcel ID number is 01-22-30-4948-00-321. The subject property is located on Lake Irma in District 5.

#### **Public Notifications**

The applicant, agent, and objectors were notified of the September 26, 2018 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission in accordance with the requirements of Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX.

#### **History**

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#### Side Setback Waiver

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Pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2), "the applicant shall also describe (1) how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment, and (2) the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners."

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#### **Objection**

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#### **Enforcement Action**

A \$200 penalty has been assessed for the dock not being constructed according to the permit specifications.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

The dock is only encroaching into the required setback by 0.99 foot, and staff would typically recommend approval for such a *de minimis* encroachment; however, since EPD has received an objection from the adjacent neighbor, the recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer is to deny the after-the-fact request for waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback).

ACTION REQUESTED: Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(b), deny the after-the-fact request for waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b), for the Moore Dock Construction Permit BD-17-08-083.

JR/NT/TMH/ERJ/DJ: gfdjr/mg

Attachments



# AFFECTED ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION TO BOAT DOCK

As required by Section 15-343 of Orange County Code, the Environmental Protection Officer shall send notices by certified mail to the owners of the shoreline properties abutting the property on which the proposed boat dock is to be located. In cases where the nature of the shoreline is such that additional property owners will be affected, the environmental protection officer may send notices to those property owners as well. In the alternative, the applicant, at his option, may supply notarized letters of no objection from each of the affected adjacent property owners.

The following is to be completed by the affected adjacent property owner as required by Section 15-343, Orange County Code.

I, Eloida Rivas or Jose Rivas Sr. (Affected Adjacent Property Owner Name)	residing at, on, Address)			
Lake <u>Lake Irma</u> , have reviewed my adjacent property owner's propose (Name of Lake) boat dock construction plan and have no objection to the project. Request to reduce side setback from 25' t				
boat dock construction plan and have no objection	to the project. Request to reduce side setback from 25 to 24.			
(Signature)	(Date)			
(Print Name)				
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:	NEVER SIGNED			
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF				
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of 01, by				
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(NOTARY SEAL) (Signature of	Notary Public – State of Florida)			
Personally Known OR Produced Identification				
Type of Identification Produced				

LEGAL DESCRIPTION THE NORTH 77.00 FEET OF LOT 32, LAKEWOOD PARK, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "Q", PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SURVEY REPORT

1. THIS ASBUILT SURVEY WAS PREPARED BY THOMAS L. CONNER, 5424 SOUTH BRACKEN COURT, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER.

2. THIS SURVEY IS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF REFLECTING THE ASBUILT LOCATION AND ELEVATION OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BOAT DOCK. THIS SURVEY IS BASED ON SURVEY BY OTHERS AS RECOVERED IN THE FIELD. NO EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN LOCATED OR SHOWN.

3. NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY, ASBUILT SURVEY ONLY. ALL BOUNDARY INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON IS TAKEN FROM A BOUNDARY SURVEY BY SWERDLOFF & PERRY SURVEYING, INC. DATED 04/09/14 AS PROVIDED TO THE UNDERSIGNED AND RELIED UPON IN ITS ENTIRETY AS RECOVERED IN THE FIELD. THE BOUNDARY DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE THE "MEASURED" DIMENSIONS REPORTED BY SAID SURVEY.

4. NO UNDERGROUND FEATURES, INCLUDING UTILITIES AND FOOTERS HAVE BEEN SHOWN.

5. BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE NORTH LINE OF THIS PARCEL AS BEING ASSUMED S90'00'00"E. THE REMAINING BOUNDARY BEARINGS ARE DERIVED FROM THE INTERIOR ANGLES SHOWN ON THE BOUNDARY SURVEY REFERENCED ABOVE.

6. ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON THE NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988 (NAVD88) AS PERPETUATED BY ORANGE COUNTY BENCHMARK A1575011 HAVING A PUBLISHED ELEVATION OF 56.44 (NAVD88).

7. THE LAST DAY IN THE FIELD WAS FEBRUARY 16, 2018.

8. THE NORMAL HIGH WATER LINE FOR LAKE IRMA WAS TAKEN FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA "LAKE FACT SHEET" FOR LAKE IRMA FOUND IN THE COUNTY ON-LINE DATABASE.

9. THIS SURVEY MEETS THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE SET FORTH IN FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 5J-17.05 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 472, FOR AN AS ASBUILT OR RECORD SURVEY.

10. THIS SURVEY IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE AND ORIGINAL RAISED SEAL OF A FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER (EXCEPT WHERE ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND SEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE STATUTE).

THOMAS L. CONNER FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER NUMBER LS4340

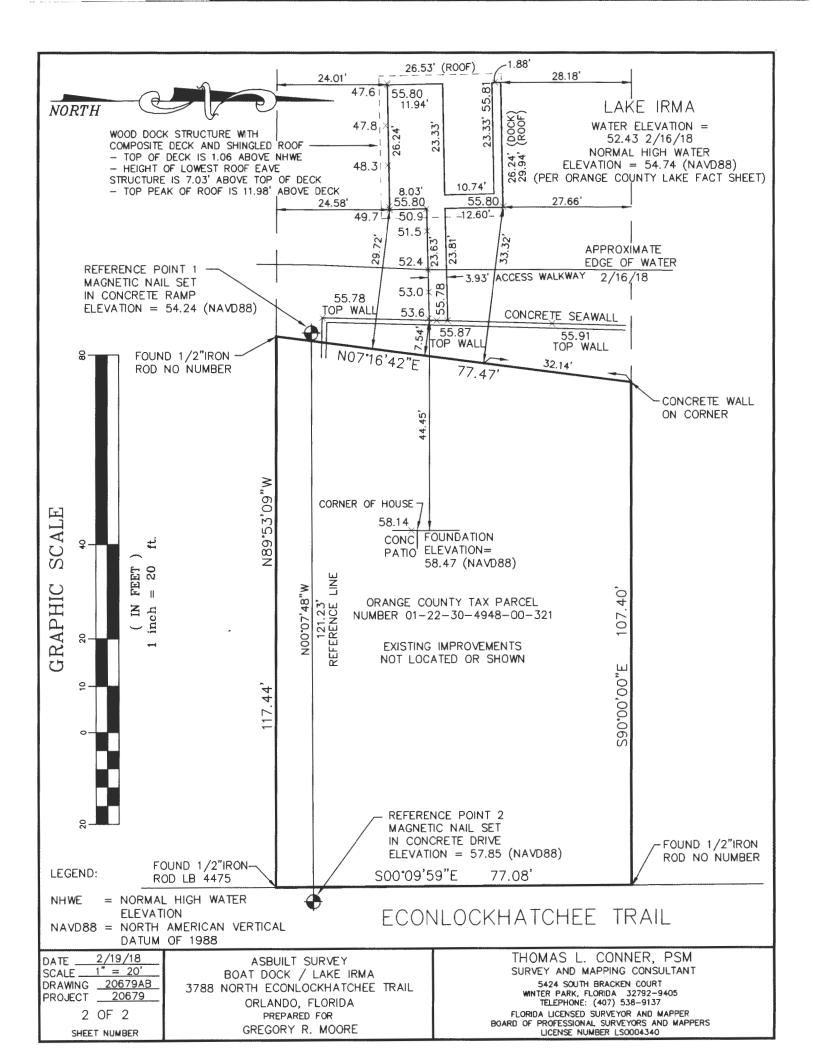
This item has been electronically signed & sealed by Thomas L. Conner Florida Licensed Surveyor and Mapper on the date and time shown. Printed copies of this document are not considered signed and sealed and the signature must be verified on any electronic copies.

SEE SHEET 2 OF 2 FOR MAP OF SURVEY.



The seal appearing on this document was authorized by Thomas L. Conner.

DATE <u>2/19/18</u> SCALE <u>1" = 20'</u>	ASBUILT SURVEY BOAT DOCK / LAKE IRMA	THOMAS L. CONNER, PSM SURVEY AND MAPPING CONSULTANT
DRAWING <u>20679AB</u> PROJECT <u>20679</u>	3788 NORTH ECONLOCKHATCHEE TRAIL ORLANDO, FLORIDA	5424 SOUTH BRACKEN COURT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA 32792-9405 TELEPHONE: (407) 538-9137
1 OF 2 SHEET NUMBER	PREPARED FOR GREGORY R. MOORE	FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS LICENSE NUMBER LS0004340





# APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT DOCK APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

(Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2))

Mail orOrange County Environmental Protection DivisionDeliver To:800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4Orlando, Florida 32808(407) 836-1400, Fax (407) 836-1499

I <u>Heidi Nezuh</u> on behalf of <u>Greg Moore</u> (if applicable) pursuant to Orange County Code Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) am requesting a waiver to section (choose and circle from the following: 15-342(b), 15-343(b), 15-344(a) and 15-345(a)) of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance.

1. Describe how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment:

The Side Setback being 24.01' from the adjacent property owner to the South instead of 25' is not negatively impacting the environment or the adjacent property owner.

2. Describe the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners:

This boat dock is not affecting the adjacent abutting shoreline owners on either side. The Side setback on the South shore side is 32' and it is 38' on the North side at the shore.

The environmental protection officer and the board may require of the applicant information necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

By signing and submitting this application form, I am applying for a waiver to the Section indicated of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance identified above, according to the supporting data and other incidental information filed with this application. I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and represent that such information is true, complete, and accurate. I understand this is an application and not a permit, and that work conducted prior to approval is a violation. I understand that this application and any permit issued pursuant thereto, does not relieve me of any obligation for obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits prior to commencement of construction. I understand that knowingly making any false statements or representation in this application is a violation of Sections 15-341 & 15-342, Orange County Code.

Name of Applicant: Hei	idi Nezuh		
Signature of Applicant/Agent	Heidí Nezuh	Date: 02/26/2018	
Corporate Title (if applicable):			



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#### CERTIFIED MAIL: 91 7199 9991 7037 1901

June 20, 2018

Eloida and Jose Rivas 8944 Lake Irma Point Orlando, FL 32817-1661

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

In accordance with the rules and regulations that have been adopted by Orange County, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) hereby notifies you that an application to construct a dock has been received for the following property:

Applicant: Gregory Moore Subject Site Address: 3788 N Econlockhatchee Trail Dock Construction Permit: BD-17-08-083 Lake Name: Irma Orange County Commission District: 5

The applicant, Gregory Moore, is requesting an after-the-fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343 (b) (side setback). He is requesting approval to keep his dock constructed with a 24 foot side setback instead of 25 feet as required by the permit.

Any objections must be <u>in writing</u> and must be received by the Orange County EPD located at 3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200, Orlando, Florida 32803, within thirty-five (35) calendar days of receipt of this notice.

All permits and permit applications are public documents that are available for examination by citizens. You are welcome to view any of these records during regular business hours at EPD or you can view these records online at <u>https://fasttrack.ocfl.net</u>. If you choose to come to the EPD office to view records it may be convenient to call in advance to arrange an appointment.

If you should have any questions concerning this review, please contact me at (407) 836-1496.

Sincerely,

Aimee Krivan Senior Environmental Specialist

(J) gfdjr

C: Albert Cichra Builders, cichra@bellsouth.net

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# JOSE & ELOILDA RIVAS

O.C. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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July 23, 2018

Orange County EPD 3165 McCrory Place Suite 200, Orlando Florida 32803

#### Re: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

This letter is in response to your Certified Mail dated June 20, 2018; my husband and me are the owners of the property located at 3778 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando 32817. "Affected Adjacent Property Owners".

Our property is next to the residence of the Applicant Gregory Moore, Dock Construction Permit: BD-17-08-083. He is requesting an after-the- fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343 (b) (side setback). He is requesting **APPROVAL** to keep his dock constructed with a 24-foot side setback instead of 25 feet as required by the permit.

We have a reasonable objection to this APPROVAL, and the reason is that it blocks the North side view of the Lake from my backyard as we use to have. (Pictures of views you have on record were not taken from my property because she said had no permission to go in. She never asked either, the backyard has no fence, and it was a testimony of an officer from your department when I inquired about the pictures.

#### Its depreciates our property value.

We have already discuss with the Applicant about our OBJECTION when REFUSED to sign THE AFFIDAVIT OF AFFECTED ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION TO BOAT DOCK.

We bought this property 14 years ago as a project for our retirement home. Actually we are working on it.

Enclosed is a copy of the APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT DOCK, APPLICATION FOR WAIVER, filled on February 26, 2018, from a person named Heidi Nezuh, where she testifies that the difference of the South side Setback is not negatively impacting the environment or the adjacent property owner.

#### Could you investigate this APPLICATION FOR WAIVER?

How could a person that understand that knowingly making any false statements or representation in this application is a violation of Section 15-341 & 15-342, Orange County Code. And even after the applicant Gregory Moore came to my house forcing me to sign the NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION TO BOAT DOCK.

We will really appreciate your prompt assistance in this case, do not hesitate to contact me with any further information you might have. Thanks (407) 9271104 Sonabuc5@aol.com

Sincerely, Eloilda Rivas ATTORNEYS Desiree Sanchez Admitted in New York & Florida

> Daniel C. De Liguori Vanessa Thomas



ORLANDO (MAIN OFFICE) REPLY TO THIS ADDRESS 605 East Robinson St, Suite 650 Orlando, FL 32801 Telephone: (407) 236-0502 Fax: (407) 236-0444

#### KISSIMMEE

417 Bryan Street Kissimmee, FL 34741 Telephone: (407) 933-4357 Fax: (888) 224-0664

July 24, 2018

#### VIA USPS PRIORITY MAIL

Orange County EPD 3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200 Orlando, Florida 32817

#### RE:

#### **Objection to Application for Waiver**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our firm represents the interests of Mr. Jose Rivas, and Mrs. Eloida Rivas, hereinafter ("Clients"), in regards Mr. Gregory Moore's, ("Mr. Moore"), Application for Waiver as it pertains to the above-mentioned property. Our office is in receipt of the Orange County Environmental Protection Division, ("Orange County EPD"), letter dated June 20, 2018. The letter from Orange County EPD's office was received by our Client's on June 30, 2018, thus receipt of our Client's objection to the Application for Waiver is timely. A copy of the letter has been enclosed.

As you are aware our Client's are the owners of the property located at 3778 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando, Florida 32817. Please allow this letter to serve as our Client's formal objection to Mr. Moore's Application for an after-the-fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343 (b) (side setback). Though Mr. Moore is only requesting approval to keep his dock constructed with a 24-foot side setback instead of the required 25 feet, our Clients feel that the 24-foot setback will negatively affect not only their view of the lake, but the value of the home they intend to retire in.

In addition to the obstruction of our Clients' view to the lake, our Clients were considering constructing a dock of their own, and if they were to agree to Mr. Moore's Waiver, our Clients would be forced to offset their dock, resulting in possible issues with the adjacent home. Therefore, Mr. & Mrs. Rivas respectfully object to Mr. Moore's Request for Waiver, and request that Mr. Moore be ordered to comply with the Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343 (b) (side setback).

If you have any questions in regards to this matter, please contact our office. Please govern yourself according.

Best Regards, Daniel C. De Liguori, Esquire



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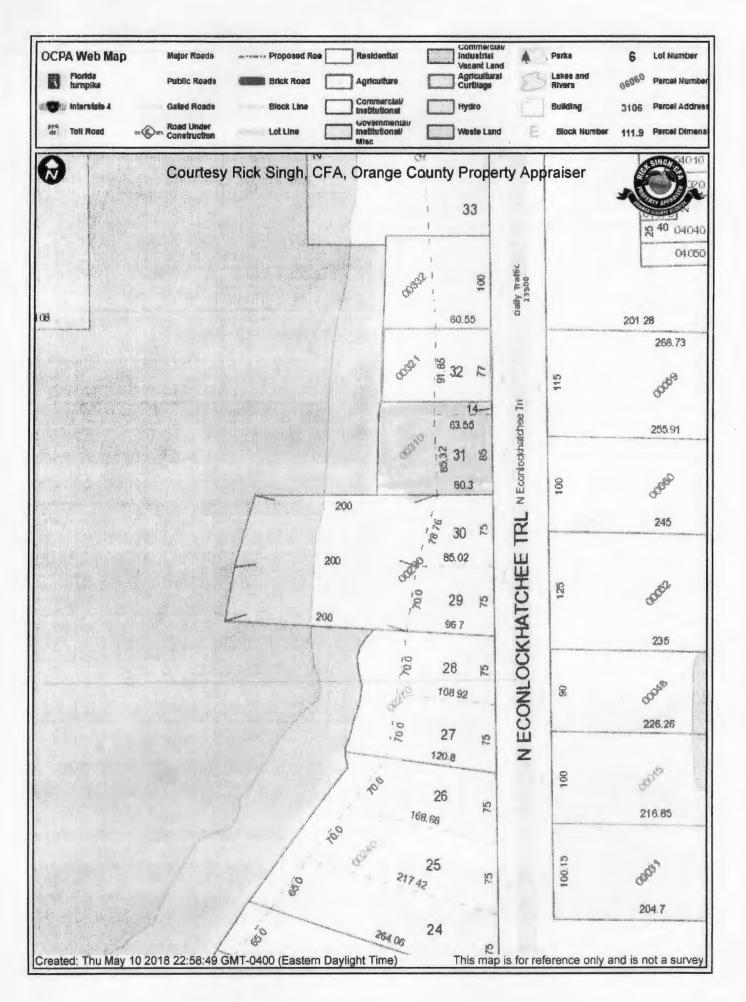
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