Orange County Zoning Division

VA-19-03-010 APPLICANT: DR. FRANCELIS GONZALEZ APPELLANT: FERNANDO MARIANO

JULY 2, 2019



CASE:	VA-19-03-010
APPLICANT:	DR. FRANCELIS GONZALEZ
ZONING:	R-L-D, Residential Low Density District
FUTURE LAND USE:	LDR, Low Density Residential (4 du/ac)
ADDRESS:	8701 Scenic Oak Ct., Orlando, FL 32836
LOCATION:	East end of Scenic Oak Ct., north of Boca Point Dr. and west of S. Apopka Vineland Rd.
TRACT SIZE:	124 ft. x 222 ft. (avg.)/.57 acres
DISTRICT:	1
REQUEST:	Variance in the R-L-D zoning district to allow a rear (north) setback of 31 ft. in lieu of 50 ft.



















- September 1994 Property was re-zoned from R-CE to R-L-D
- November 1994 Turtle Creek R-L-D Development Plan approved by the DRC
- April 1996 Turtle Creek PSP approved by the DRC
- 2004 The existing home was constructed
- May 2004 The applicant purchased the property





Proposed Building Elevations



























Staff Findings and Analysis

- The property is located in the R-L-D zoning district. This district is intended to encourage creative and innovative design techniques to provide a variety of both detached and attached residential development with the low density residential Future Land Use designation, and to provide for compatibility with adjacent development.
- The lot was platted in 1996, as lot 4 in the Turtle Creek Subdivision and is considered to be a conforming lot of record. There is a 7,978 sq. ft. (gross area) 5,401 sq. ft. (living area) single family home and swimming pool on the lot, which was constructed in 2004. The applicant purchased the property in 2004.
- The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,112 sq. ft. two story addition to the rear of the house, which will be 31 ft. from the rear property line. The existing home sits at the 50 ft. setback line.

Staff Findings and Analysis

- The request constitutes a 38% deviation from code. Per code, the required rear setback for the R-L-D District is 15 ft., however in an effort to match the R-CE zoning to the north, a 50 ft. setback was required by the Development Review Committee for lots 4-21 which abut the R-CE zoning district.
- There are other options for the applicant to build an addition to the property without the need for a variance.



- Mailed 58 notices to property owners within 500 ft. radius of the property:
- Staff received 0 letters in support of the request.
- Staff received 2 letters in opposition to the request.





Variance Criteria Section 30-43 (3), Orange County Code

VARIANCE CRITERIA

Section 30-43 of the Orange County Code Stipulates specific standards for the approval of variances. No application for zoning variance shall be approved unless the Board of Zoning Adjustment finds that all of the following standards are met:

- 1. <u>Special Conditions and Circumstances</u> Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the property and which are not applicable to other properties
- 2. <u>Not Self-Created</u> The special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant
- 3. <u>No Special Privileges Conferred</u> Approval will not confer on the applicant any special privilege
- 4. <u>Deprivation of Rights</u> Literal interpretation of the provisions contained in this Chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district
- 5. <u>Minimum Possible Variance</u> The minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structure
- 6. <u>Purpose and Intent</u> Approval will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Chapter and will not be injurious to the neighborhood



- The 50 ft. rear setback only applied to properties along the north perimeter of the subdivision. Interior properties in the same subdivision were not subjected to this setback.
- The property abuts recreation area/tennis courts to the east (no neighbor).
- R-L-D zoning encourages creative innovative design.



BZA recommended approval of the request with a 6-1 vote.



 Approve the applicant's request; or
Approve the applicant's request with modifications and/or conditions; or
Deny the applicant's request.

*Any approval is subject to standard conditions of approval.

Conditions of Approval

- 1. Development in accordance with the site plan and elevations dated January 16, 2019, and all other applicable regulations. Any deviations, changes, or modifications to the plan are subject to the Zoning Manager's approval. The Zoning Manager may require the changes be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for administrative approval or to determine if the applicant's changes require another BZA public hearing.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 125.022, Florida Statutes, issuance of this development permit by the County does not in any way create any rights on the part of the applicant to obtain a permit from a state or federal agency and does not create any liability on the part of the County for issuance of the permit if the applicant fails to obtain requisite approvals or fulfill the obligations imposed by a state or federal agency or undertakes actions that result in a violation of state or federal law. Pursuant to Section 125.022, the applicant shall obtain all other applicable state or federal permits before commencement of development.
- 3. Any deviation from a Code standard not specifically identified and reviewed/addressed by the Board of County Commissioners shall be resubmitted for the Board's review or the plans revised to comply with the standard.