Notice of Public Hearing City of Chesterfield Board of Adjustment



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Adjustment of the City of Chesterfield will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the City of Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.

The Board will consider the following:

B.A. 01-2017 13 Chesterfield Lakes Rd (David and Rebecca Carpenter): A request for a variance from the City of Chesterfield Unified Development Code for Lot 7 of Chesterfield Lakes to maintain a front yard setback of 35 feet in lieu of the 50 foot setback requirement for a tract of land zoned "NU" Non-Urban district. (19T530085)



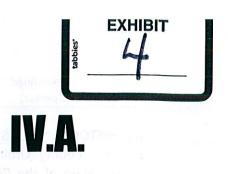
All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the hearing.

Copies of the request are available for review at City Hall Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you should need additional information about this project, please contact Jessica Henry, Senior Planner by telephone at 636-537-4741 or by email at jhenry@chesterfield.mo.us.

City of Chesterfield

Jessica Henry, AICP Senior Planner





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Board of Adjustment Staff Report

Variance Type:

Area or Bulk

Meeting Date:

June 15, 2017

From:

Jessica Henry, AICP Senior Planner

Location:

13 Chesterfield Lakes Road

Applicant:

David and Rebecca Carpenter

Description:

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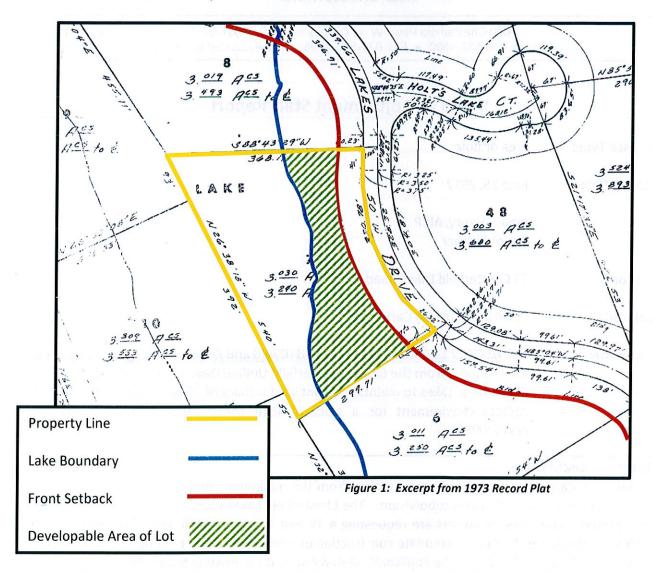
PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are requesting a variance from the minimum side yard setback requirement required for the Chesterfield Lakes subdivision. The Chesterfield Lakes subdivision is zoned "NU" Non-Urban District. The property owners are requesting a 35 foot front setback in lieu of the required 50 foot front setback in order to accommodate construction of a new home. The existing home on the site is in poor condition, as detailed in the applicant's statement, and the existing home also encroaches 35 feet into the front setback.

An application, along with photos of the site and letters from adjacent property owners, is attached hereto which includes an explanation of the above referenced request and statement of unnecessary hardship. Also attached for your reference is a copy of the Application for Municipal Zoning Approval which was rejected by the Department of Planning and Development Services.

SITE HISTORY AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

St. Louis County Ordinance zoned the subject property "NU" Non-Urban District prior to the incorporation of the City of Chesterfield. A Record Plat was approved for the Chesterfield Lakes subdivision in 1973. An excerpt from the Record Plat is shown below.



As shown in the Record Plat excerpt above, Lot 7 is 3.03 acres in size and the developable area of the lot is sandwiched between the lake and front building setback along Chesterfield Lakes Road.

According to St. Louis County records, the current home on the subject site was constructed in 1976 and remodeled in 1982. The contemporary style home is frame and brick construction with total living area totaling over 4,800 square feet according the St. Louis County records. The home features an unusual footprint, as shown in the image on the following page from the St. Louis County Real Estate Information records. The property owners purchased the lot in 2016 with the intent of renovating the existing home to make it suitable for habitation; however, due to the condition of the home, renovation is not feasible.

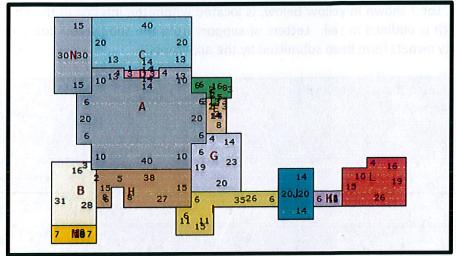


Figure 2: Property sketch from St. Louis County Records

In May of 2017, an Application was submitted to the Department of Planning and Development Services requesting to construct a new home on the subject site. The proposed construction showed an encroachment into the required front yard setback and the request was therefore denied.

It should be noted that the current home on the property encroaches approximately 35 feet into the front yard setback; it is assumed that St. Louis County approved this encroachment prior to the incorporation of the City of Chesterfield as the City records do not indicate that any permits for construction or alteration to the home have been approved since incorporation.

The proposed new home will reduce the current encroachment from 35 feet to 15 feet. This will result in a reduction of the encroachment from 1,292 square feet to 545 square feet. The existing large home on the property would be replaced by a smaller home that allows for the property to remain in use while preserving natural features and utilizing the existing site features, such as the retaining wall and driveway, which are in good condition.



Figure 3: Aerial indicating area of encroachment

The subject site, Lot 7 shown in yellow below, is located within the interior of the Chesterfield Lakes subdivision, which is outlined in red. Letters of support from the subdivision Board of Trustees and adjacent property owners have been submitted by the applicants.



Figure 4: Aerial image of Subject Site within Chesterfield Lakes & Surrounding Developments

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In consideration of a request for a variance, the Board of Adjustment is required to follow Missouri State Statute and Chesterfield City Code requirements. Missouri Revised Statute Chapter 89.090 requires that a Board of Adjustment may only grant variances when the Applicant has established the necessary "practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship" and when "the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured and substantial justice done".

In determining if a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship has been established by the Applicant, the Board must determine if relief is necessary due to an unusual or unique character of the property or lot. The burden of proving this is on the Applicant and an individual cannot create a situation and then claim he needs a variance. (Wolfner v. Board of Adjustment of City of Warson Woods, 114 S.W.3d 298 Mo.App.E.D, 2003).

APPLICANT REQUEST

The Applicant has stated that unique physical characteristics exist due to the lot's topography, irregular shape, heavy tree coverage, and location of the lake within the lot. Please refer to the attached application for full statement from the Applicant. The variance is necessary in order for the lot to remain in use as a residential lot, as the existing home is in poor condition and has been vacant for five years. The Applicant has also submitted letters of support from adjoining property owners.

The Applicant is requesting a variance to maintain a 35 foot front yard setback in lieu of the 50 foot front yard setback requirement along the front of Chesterfield Lakes Road in order to accommodate the construction of a new home on the property. The new home will be smaller than the existing home and will reduce an existing front yard setback encroachment from 35 feet to 15 feet. Further, the area of the encroachment will be substantially reduced. The new home will be constructed within the existing flat, cleared area of the lot, permitting for preservation of the mature trees along the lake's edge which are seen as an asset of the subdivision.

REVIEW OF VARIANCE REQUEST

The Department of Planning and Development Services has reviewed the request and submits the following information for the Board's consideration during review.

Under the "NU" Non-Urban District regulations, a minimum 50 foot front yard setback is required. The side and rear yard setbacks are 20 feet.

Chapter 89 of the Missouri Revised Statutes states, "In passing upon appeals, where there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of such ordinance, to vary or modify the application of any of the regulations or provisions of such ordinance relating to the construction or alteration of buildings or structures or the use of land so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured and substantial justice done..." (emphasis added).

In reviewing the statement of practical difficulty, several factors are to be considered by the Board:

- 1. <u>How substantial the variation is in relationship to the requirement</u>. The requested variance would permit a house to encroach 15 feet into a 50 foot required yard setback.
- 2. <u>The effect, if the variance is allowed, on available governmental facilities</u>. Staff does not anticipate an effect on governmental facilities.
- 3. Whether a substantial change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or substantial detriment to adjoining properties or neighbors. After reviewing the request submitted by the Applicant, Staff is of the opinion that granting a variance for the proposal would not result in a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood. Rather, the variance would preserve the character of the neighborhood by preserving the large, mature trees that border the lake and which are viewed as an asset by the neighborhood. Further, the variance would reduce the existing encroachment and a smaller, single family home will enhance the private, secluded, nature-oriented character of the neighborhood.
- 4. Whether the difficulty can be obviated by some feasible method other than the variance. Review of the plot plan by Staff indicates that the site topography, existing tree coverage, and location of the lake within the lot substantially limit the developable area of this lot. The variance would permit for the new home to be constructed in the most suitable area of the lot.

5. Whether the interest of justice will be served by allowing the variance. Staff has reviewed the documents related to this petition and has found that the interest of justice would be served by allowing the variance. If the property owner constructs the home closer to the lake, the disturbance and removal of trees will be a detriment both to the property owner and to the neighborhood.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Upon review of the Application submitted by the Applicant, Staff believes that the burden of proof for granting an area variance as required by State Statute has been met. Staff recommends approval of the area variance request submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Henry, AICP Senior Planner

Exhibits

- 1. City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance (not in packet)
- 2. Notice of Publication
- 3. Affidavit of Publication (not in packet)
- 4. Staff Report
- 5. Copy of Recorded Record Plat
- 6. Petitioner's Application
 - a. Application to Board of Adjustment
 - b. Site and surrounding area photographs
 - c. Letters of support
 - d. Rejected Application for Municipal Zoning Approval

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has been approved by the St Louis County Planning
Commission this day of 1913 Beginning and seller Est J. Sugaron Planning Director

Order Nº: 72-1346 VOLZ Engineering And Surveying Inc. 1567 Warson Road, St Louis Mal, 63138 This is to certify that we have during the month of April 1773 by order of BURTON DURNKE CONSTRUCTION CO, made a survey and subdivision for A TRACT OF LAND IN FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 16 AND 17, T. 45 AL-E. ST. LOUIS COUNTY MISSOURI, and the results of said survey and subdivision are correctly represented on this plat. IN WITHESS WHEREOF, it has signed and sealed the foregoing this 29 day of 121 MIS

Robert N Volz, Mo Reg. L.S # 141 Richard W. Norvell, Mo Reg L S# 1437

The under signed owners of the tract of land platted and described in the surveyor's certificate have coused the same to be surveyed and subdivided in the manner shown on this plat, which soldivision shall hereafter be known as "CHESTERFIELD LAKES." Chesterfield Lakes Drive 50 feet wide, Hoths Lake Court 30 feet wide, to pether with out as asses and invading series for private streets. The private streets and all easterments shown on this plat are declicated to think Electric Company of Missouri, Southwastern Bell Talephone Contrary, Lacked Gas Company and St. Louis County Water Company, and to the trustees of the subdivision, the successor or assigns, at their interests may appear for public utilities and inquest and streets. Essements are breaky created for tennis courts and two (2) takes as shown by the sheded areas on this plat. Said essements are granted to all tol owners in Chesterfield ake, their families, heirs and assigns to provide secess to said tennis courts and these for recreational purposes. Butding lines as shown are hereby established. The 10 Dediction of the subdivision is subject to conditions and restrictions to be fired.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have signed and sealed the foregoing this ... day of 100. 1973.

BURTON DUENKE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Vice - President

On this take of 1913, before me personally appeared G. W. MEFFERD, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is the Vice President of Burton Durine Controlled Controlled on the State of Missouri, and that the seal of fixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that the seal of said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of seal corporation by authority of its Board of Princetors, and the said G. W. MEFFERD declared said instrument to be the free act, and dead of said corporation IN WITHESS WHEREOF, I have signed and scaled the foregoing the day and year last above written. Notary Public Helan Barenous My Commission Expires 11. Act 1 178 The undersigned holder or legal owner of notes secured by deed recorded in Book in Page it of the St. Louis, County Recorders hereby joins in and approves in every detail this subdivision of "CHESTERFIELD LAKES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF it has signed and sealed the foregoing this day of 11th 1973.

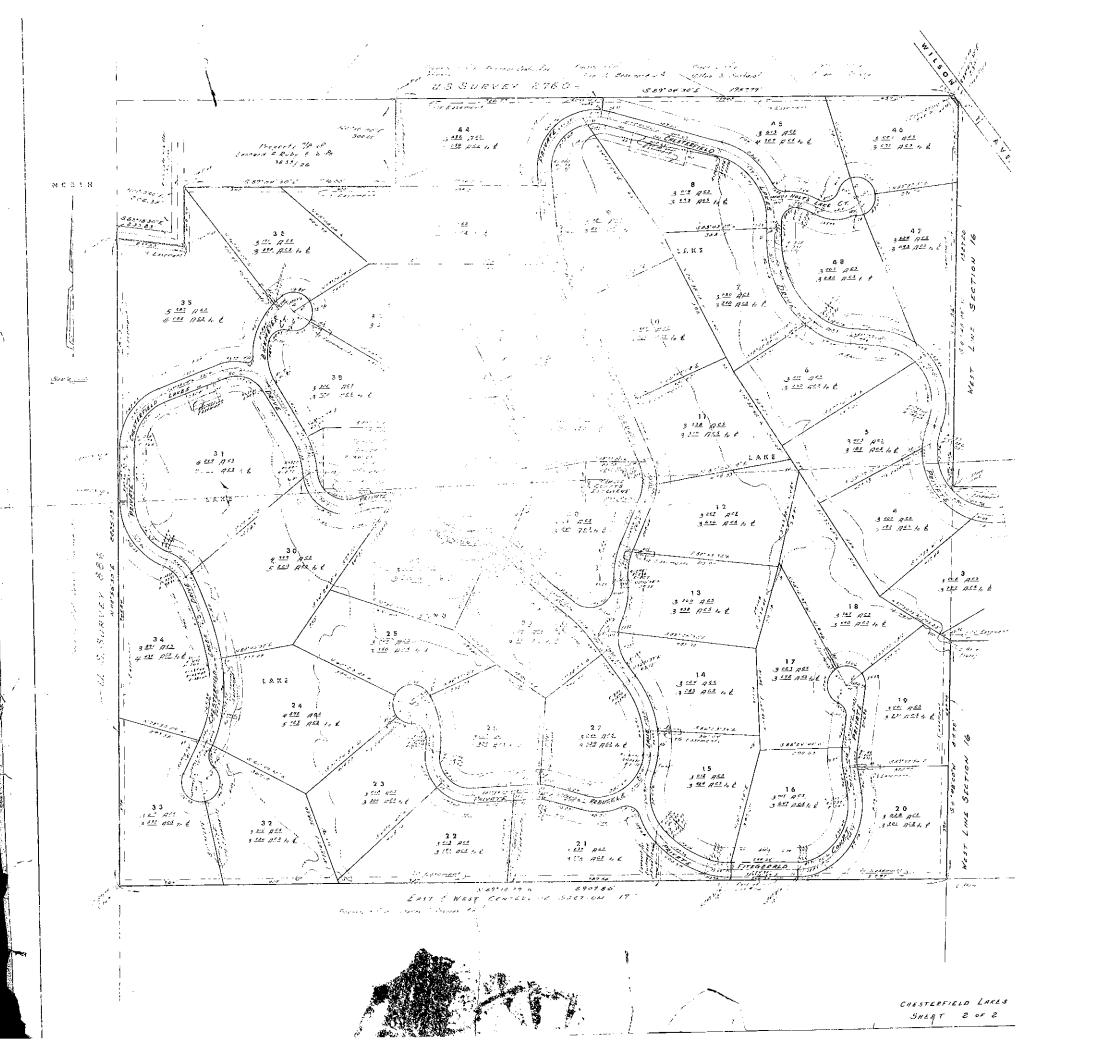
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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

The Board of Adjustment is a local body consisting of volunteers appointed by the May

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT

hears requests for variances and appeals of administrative determinations. A variance from the zoning ordinance requirements for a specific parcel. The types of variances heard before the Board of Adjustment are Use, Area, and Bulk Variances. A variance is granted only upon demonstration of a hardship such as lot size, topography, or other issues not created by the lot owner.

For questions about this application, please contact the Division of Planning & Development Services at 636-537-4746. For information about this and other projects under review by the Division, please visit "Active Projects" at www.Chesterfield.mo.us .							
Check (✓) the type of variance for which you are applying:							
Area or Bulk variance: A request to allow deviation from the dimensional (i.e. height, bulk yard) requirements of a zoning district.							
Sign variance: A request to allow Appeal of Administrative Determination deviation from dimensional/quantity regulations							
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) HEARING DATE							
CITY OF CHESTERFIELD)							
Petition for Appeal from Zoning Regulations							
I. APPLICANT INFORMATION							
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II. PROPERTY INFORMATION
Project Address: 13 CHESTERFIELD LAKES ROAD, CHESTERFIELD MO. C
Locator Number(s): 19T530085
(List additional locator numbers on separate sheet and attach to petition)
Acreage: 3 Ac. (To the nearest tenth of an acre)
Subdivision Name (If applicable): CHESTERFIELD LAKES
Current Zoning District: N()
Legal Description of Property:
LOT 7 OF CHESTERFIELD LAKES
PLAT BOOK: 150 PAGE (5): 78-80
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO.
(Attach additional sheets as necessary)
III. NATURE OF REQUEST FOR VARIANCE
(Attach additional sheets as necessary)
Description of the necessity of the proposed improvement:
SEE ATTACHED LETTER
Ordinance Number and section to which a variance is sought:
ARTICLE 3 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE
(Attach additional sheets as necessary)
Do deed restrictions or subdivision trust indentures for the property prohibit the use or construction which is requested by this petition? Check (<) one Yes No
690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, MO 63017-0760

Ph. (636)537-4746 Fax (636)537-4798 www.chesterfield.mo.us

SEE	ATTACHED	LETTER	

690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, MO 63017-0760 Ph. (636)537-4746 Fax (636)537-4798 www.chesterfield.mo.us

D	escription of the effect or im	pact on neighboring properti	es:			
	SEE ATTAC	HED LETTER				
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Fe	or Area or Bulk Variance Re	quests, complete the following	section:			
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		The Petitioner(s) request the following setback(s):	City of Chesterfield Regulations require the following setback(s) for this			
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Pr	ovide the following:					
1.	A \$70.00 fee. (Checks/mon	ey orders to be made payable to	the City of Chesterfield)			
2.	Two completed copies of the Chairman's signature and the Board	is application with original sign 's decision will be returned to you.	atures. Please note: A copy with the			
3.	Twenty-five (25) copies of	the following for inclusion in the	e packet:			
	A site plan showing the dimensions and location (including distance from property lines) of all existing and proposed buildings and structures.					
	☐ Letters from abutting property owners stating their position.					
	☑ Copies of the completed					
	The City of Chesterfield	•				
	☐ Any other information as re	equired by the City of Chesterfield				

690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, MO 63017-0760 Ph. (636)537-4746 Fax (636)537-4798 www.chesterfield.mo.us

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	IV. COMPLIANCE
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Yes No.	If no, please explain:
Is property in com	pliance with all Zoning, Subdivision, and Code requirements?
Yes No.	If no, please explain:

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V. STATEMENT OF CONSENT

STATEMENT OF CONSENT
I hereby give CONSENT to Dick Busch Alchetects (type, stamp or print clearly full name of agent) to act on my behalf to submit this application and all required material and documents, and to attend and represent me at all meetings and public hearings pertaining to the application(s) indicated above. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party designated above to agree to all terms and conditions which may arise as part of the approval of this application.
I hereby certify I have full knowledge of the property and I have an ownership interest and/or am the owner under contract in the subject of this application. I further certify the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me or my agent will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permits. I acknowledge that additional information may be required to process this application. I further consent to the City of Chesterfield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted document submitted as a part of this application for any third party. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the City of Chesterfield, Missouri, and will not be returned. I further agree to all terms and conditions which may be imposed as part of the approval of this application.
OWNER/CONTRACT PURCHASER INFORMATION:
I am the owner contract purchaser. (check () one)
DAVIS M CARPENTER / M My
(Name- type, stamp or print clearly)
2281 Ke Hington & Chester Cial & Mio
(Name of Firm) (Address, City, State, Zip) 63017
Note: Attach additional sheets as necessary.
NOTARY PUBLIC INFORMATION: STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF CHESTERFIELD
The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May 20 17 .
Signed Marilyn K. Vale Print Name: Marilyn L. Vale
Seal/Stamp: MARILYN L. VALE My Commission Expires
My Commission Expires: Jan. 1, 2021 St. Louis County Commission #12511050

INSTRUCTIONS : To be completed by individual submitting application (property owner, petitioner with consent, or authorized agent).
Project Name: 13 CHESTERFIELD WILLS ILD Submittal Date:
STATEMENT OF COMPLETION AND ACCURACY I hereby certify the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that all property owners have full knowledge that the property they own is the subject of this application. I understand that any knowingly false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permit and further certify that all owners and petitioners have been provided a complete copy of all material, attachments and documents submitted to the City of Chesterfield relating to this application. I acknowledge this application, related application material and all attachments become official records of the City of Chesterfield, Missouri and will not be returned. I further acknowledge that additional information may be required by the City of Chesterfield to process this application. No arrangement has been made to pay any commission, gratuity, or consideration, directly or indirectly, to any official, employee, or appointee of the City of Chesterfield with respect to this application.
Check () one: I am the property owner. I am the contract purchaser. I am the duly appointed agent of the potitioner.
(Name- type, stamp or print clearly) (Signature)
2281 Kettington Ct Chesterfield, Mr. 6301
(Name of Firm) (Address, City, State, Zip)
Note: Attach additional sheets as necessary.
NOTARY PUBLIC INFORMATION: STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF CHESTERFIELD
The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this
Signed Marilyn L. Vale Print Name: Marilyn L. Vale Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Seal/Stamp: MARILYN L. VALE My Commission Expires January 1, 2021 St. Louis County Commission #12511050

VI. AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY

Project Name: Ward: Address: Locator:

VII. CITY OF CHESTERFIELD LIENS AND FINES CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

I do hereby certify to the Council of the City of Chesterfield that:				
There are no fines and/or liens of record on the property by or owed to the City of Chesterfield.				
There are the following fines and/or liens owed to the City of Chesterfield:				
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Finance Director City of Chesterfield Date

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This petition	is granted / denied	(circle one)	on the	day of	20
Signed:					
•	Chairman				

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Dick Busch Architects 16678 Old Chesterfield Road Chesterfield, MO 63017

Board of Adjustment City of Chesterfield Planning and Development Services Division 690 Chesterfield Parkway West Chesterfield, MO 63017

Reference: Variance Request

David and Rebecca Carpenter Residence

13 Chesterfield Lakes Road



Dear Board Members:

A 15 foot variance in the front yard setback is requested for the subject property.

The request is made in order to:

- address hardships and potential safety hazards created by the lot's shape and steepness
- · reduce the existing encroachment, and
- save trees.

An outline summary of the project background, existing conditions, proposed plan and variance request follows:

Background

- Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter purchased the home in August 2016.
- At the time of purchase, the home had been for sale and vacant for approximately 5 years.
- The Carpenters hired Dick Busch Architects to renovate the home and bring it up to current code
- After several design schemes were explored, the Carpenters decided renovation was not feasible.
- They plan to demolish the existing house and replace it with a new home.

Existing Site/Topography

- The house is on a winding, hilly street with lots of varying sizes. Neighboring houses are positioned in varying locations on their respective lots.
- The subject lot is very steep and narrow. It drops- off quickly and drastically from the street down to the lake.
- The topography and irregular shape of the lot are unique. A large part of the property is in the lake.
- A small parking area is located at the top of the drive near the street, due to the steep driveway.
- The driveway leads downhill to a paved parking/ turnaround area.

- This parking/turnaround area is supported by a two-tier, modular block retaining wall that is approximately 11 feet tall.
- Mature trees and landscaping buffer the view of the retaining wall from the lake.

Existing House

- The existing house was built in 1975.
- A large addition was constructed in 1980 that encroaches by 35.5 feet into the 50 front yard setback.
- The 1980 addition was built before the City of Chesterfield was incorporated.
- Previous owners report that variances were granted by St. Louis County for what was built.
- Approximately 1292 square feet of existing construction encroaches into the required front yard.
- Part of the encroaching structure is two stories tall.

Proposed Plan

- The existing, distressed house and garage will be demolished.
- A new home, that is <u>smaller</u> than the existing house, will be constructed.
- The new garage is designed and located in order to reuse the existing retaining walls and parking/ turnaround area.

Variance Requested / Impacts

- A variance is requested to allow the new garage to encroach by only 15 feet into the 50 front vard setback.
- This variance allows the existing parking area to be reused.
- Reusing the existing parking area allows the existing retaining walls to remain in place, along with the mature trees that provide a visual buffer of the walls.
- The new garage would encroach less into the front yard setback than the existing garage. (15 feet, instead of 35.5 feet).
- The new garage is *less visually intrusive than existing garage*, because it is one–story, rather two-stories.
- The area of the encroachment is reduced (from 1292 square feet to 545 square feet).
- The newly proposed encroachment is not visible, as the property slopes steeply down from the road.

Without the Variance

- The garage would need to be pushed farther down the hill; this means that the driveway would have to be relocated, causing large, mature trees to be removed. Also, more retaining walls would need to be built with steep drop-offs on the lake-side of the driveway.
- The existing, mature trees would need to be removed to allow for construction of new taller retaining walls to support a driveway turnaround area. New, taller, retaining walls would be clearly visible from the lake.

 Without an appropriately-sized driveway turnaround, cars would not be able to turn around at the bottom of the hill, and would have to back-up on a steep driveway with dangerous dropoffs.

Conclusion

The shape, size and topography of the lot create practical difficulties and hardships in safely accessing the new garage. The 15' front yard variance is requested to address these difficulties and hardships.

The variance <u>enhances safety</u> by avoiding construction of a new driveway and driveway turnaround with dangerously steep drop-offs.

It <u>reduces the existing encroachment</u> in distance, height and area, and <u>it maintains/improves appearance</u> by saving mature trees and by avoiding the need for new, larger retaining walls.

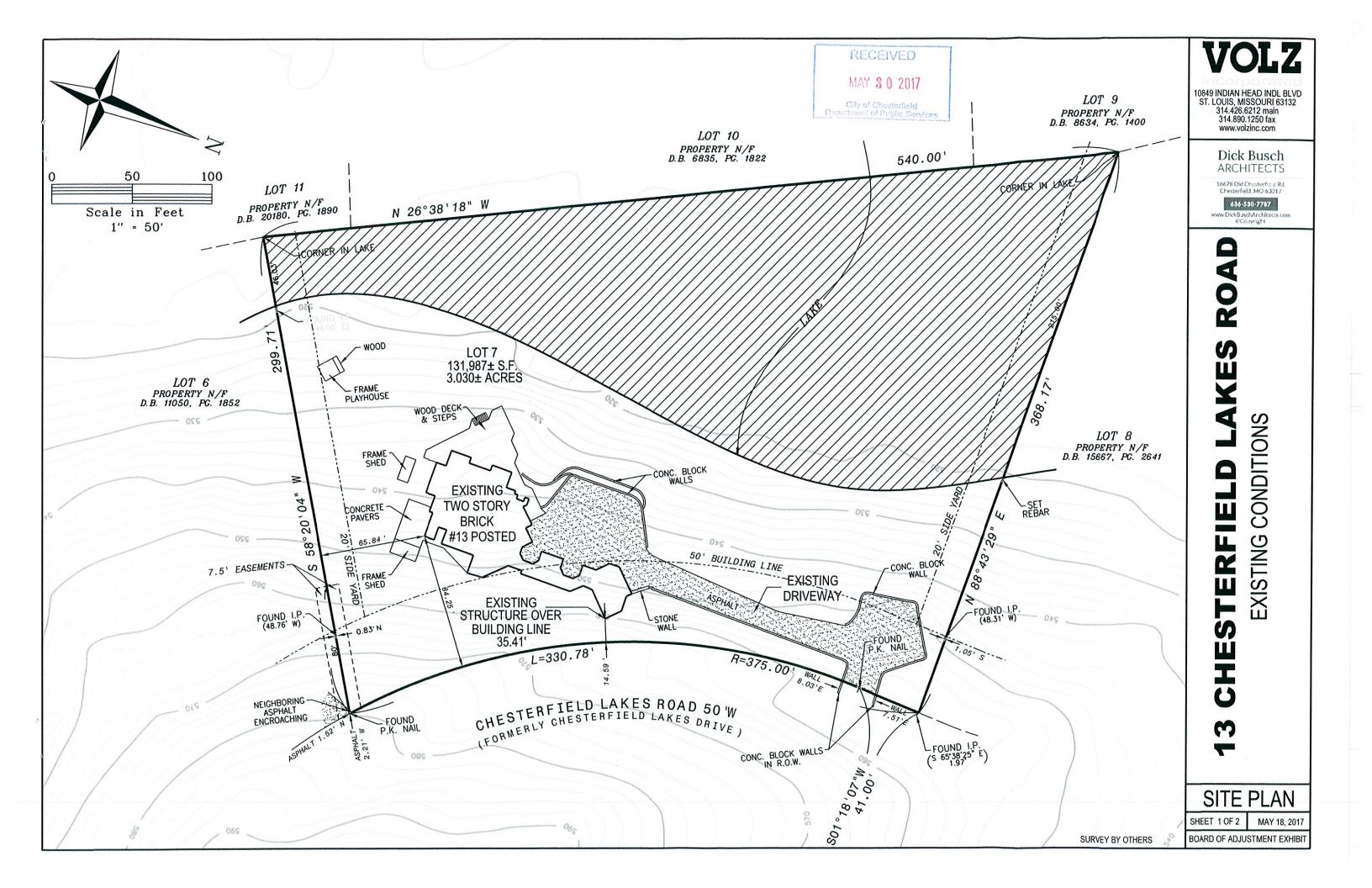
This variance will not adversely affect any adjoining property owners or the public welfare.

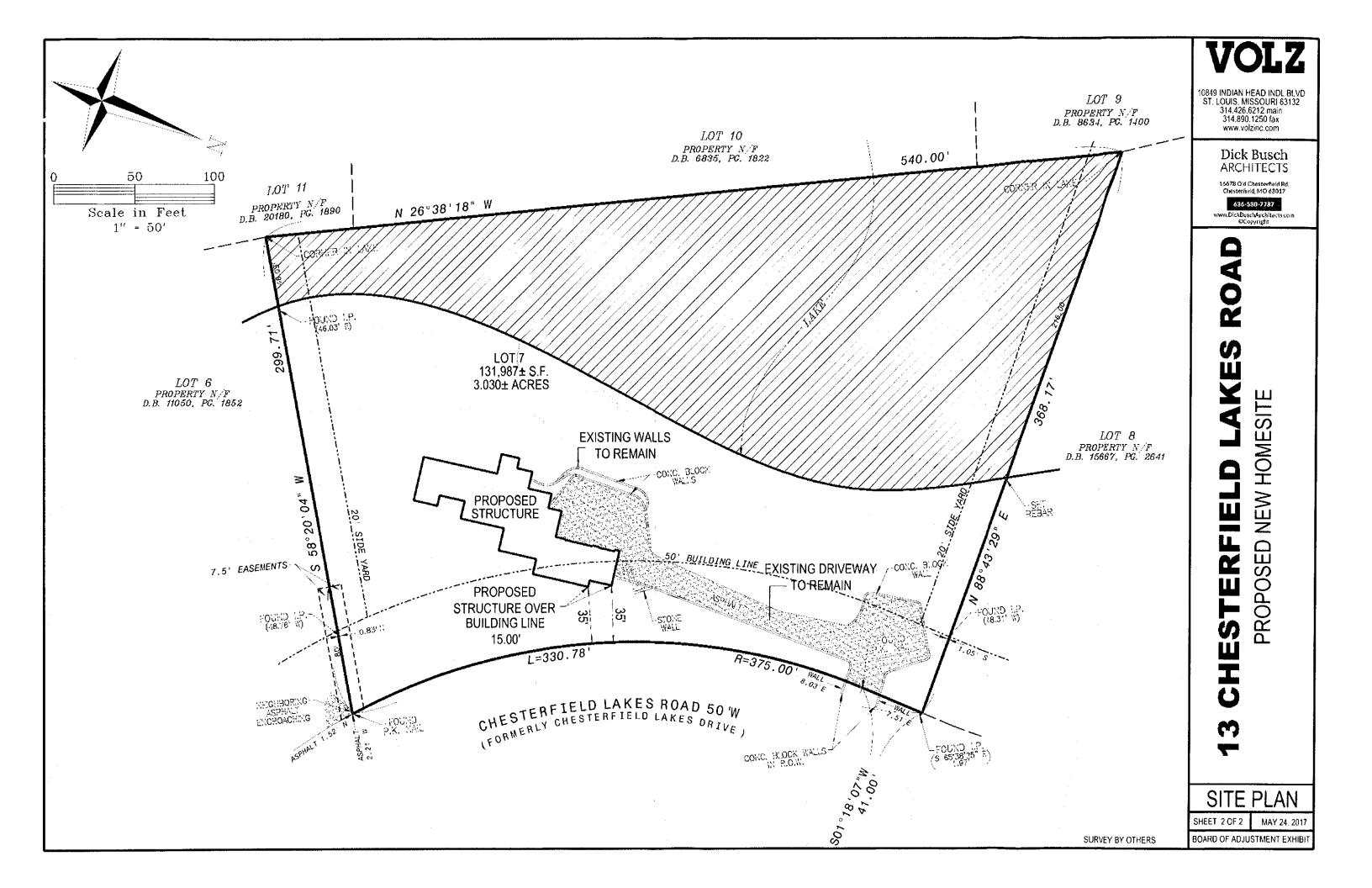
Therefore, we respectfully request that the variance request be granted.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Busch

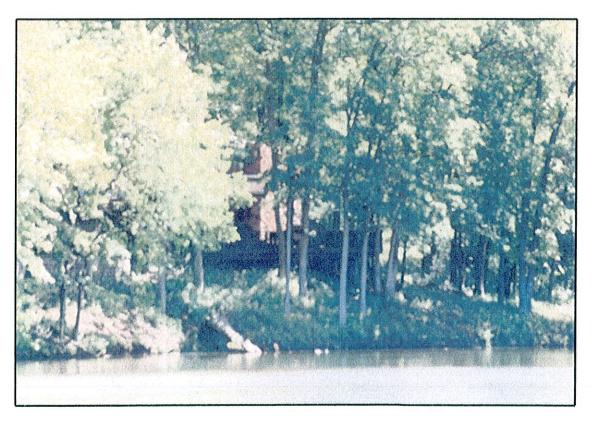
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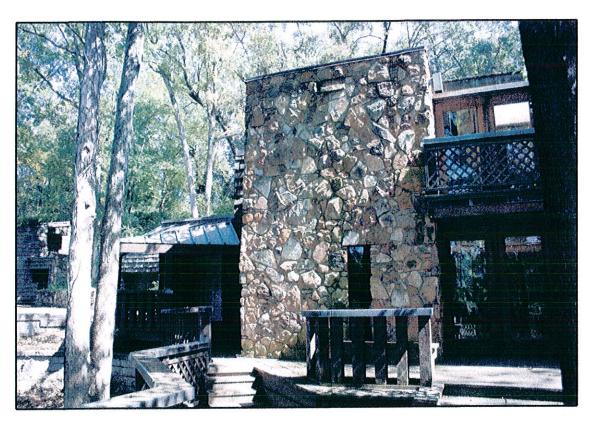




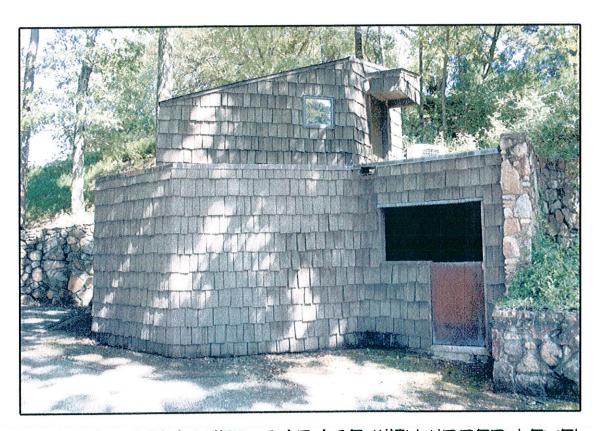
VIEW OF EXISTING HOUSE FROM LAKE (HOUSE IS IN CENTER OF PHOTO)



CLOSER YIEW OF EXISTING HOUSE FROM LAKE



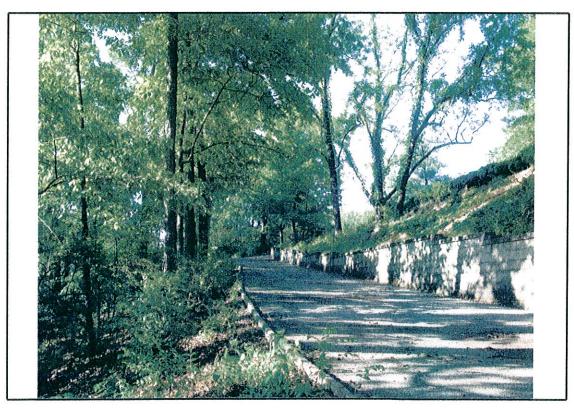
EXISTING HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED



EXISTING ATTACHED GARAGE WITH UPPER LEVEL
TO BE DEMOLISHED: LANDSCAPING ALONG ROAD IS VISIBLE
IN UPPER LEFT CORNER OF PHOTO



YIEW FROM STREET LOOKING TOWARDS HOUSE



YIEW FROM DRIVEWAY LOOKING UPHILL



VIEW OF LAKE FROM EXISTING DRIVEWAY TURNAROUND



YIEW OF RETAINING WALLS AT EXISTING DRIVEWAY TURNAROUND

From: Dave Carpenter [mailto:redlucy49@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Lauren Strutman < laurens@lsa-stl.com>

Cc: DMC < redlucy49@gmail.com > Subject: Fwd: 13 chest lakes

This is from the President of the board of Trustees for Chesterfield Lakes

See positive comments below.

Dave Carpenter

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Lee <ple@deltaenergy.com>

Subject: RE: 13 chest lakes

Date: June 7, 2017 at 10:27:33 AM CDT
To: Dave Carpenter < redlucy49@gmail.com >
Cc: Geckeler < wgeckeler@sbcglobal.net >

Yes,

I just have everyone in agreement that you should go ahead and you do not need any input from us on the tree removal etc. Variance is approved.

Paul

From: Dave Carpenter [mailto:redlucy49@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 1:56 PM

To: Lauren Strutman < laurens@lsa-stl.com >; dickb@dickbuscharchitects.com

Cc: DMC < redlucy49@gmail.com >

Subject: 13 chesterfield lakes Update letter

Below is the letter sent to neighbors:



Dear XXXX

My name is David Carpenter. Late last year, my wife and I purchased the house at 13 Chesterfield Lakes Drive (It was previously owned by Darcy Fox)
It is our desire to tear down and build a smaller but elegant home on this lot.

In 1980, the existing home was built 35 feet over the building line. We will be reducing that encroachment by 20 feet; to only 15 feet past the building line.

We are seeking this variance to keep the residence secluded by mature trees. Without a variance, we would need to remove many trees and build

a new retaining wall closer to the lake.

I have attached our site plan and variance letter to Chesterfield Board of Adjustments for your perusal.

If you could please reply to this email that you agree with our proposal, we will present this to the Chesterfield board

occurring JUNE 15th. An immediate response would be appreciated!

If you have further questions, you may reach me at my cell number below or at this email.

Thank you very much for helping us become your future neighbors!

Dave and Beck Carpenter

David M Carpenter H Rudolph Co LLC 2281 Kettington Ct Chesterfield, MO 63017

516 567 0033 redlucy49@gmail.com The following 4 responses have been received from the neighbors to date:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jitendra k Gupta <guptajs1103@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: 13Chesterfield lakes update Date: June 6, 2017 at 6:12:25 PM CDT

To: Dave Carpenter < red lucy 49@gmail.com>

To, Dave Carpenter
From, Jitendra k Gupta
23 Chesterfield Lakes Rd
Subject: Changing encroachment at 13 Chesterfield Lakes Rd

I live directly across you on the opposite side of the lake. I think it is a great idea to reduce encroachment by 20 feet; to only 15 feet past the building line. That will preserve the beauty of the lake otherwise our view will be significantly affected.

Jitendra K.Gupta, MD, FACC, FCCP, FACP

(Home) 636-532-2349

(Cell) 314-941-2507

guptais 1103@gmail.com

Begin forwarded message (from 26 Chesterfield Lakes):

From: Wendy Geckeler <wgeckeler@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: 13 Chesterfield Lakes update Date: June 6, 2017 at 6:33:26 PM CDT

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To: Dave Carpenter < redlucy49@gmail.com >

Dave, thanks for sharing your plans with the neighbors. I am so thrilled that your plans are sensitive to preserving the large trees on your property and maintaining the green buffer around the lake. We will be fortunate to have you as a neighbor and hope the Board of Adjustment grants the variance to make this natural preservation possible. Best regards, Wendy Geckeler

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Zweig <<u>zweigmd@yahoo.com</u>>
Subject: Re: 13 Chesterfield Lakes update
Date: June 5, 2017 at 7:59:33 PM CDT

To: Dave Carpenter < redlucy49@gmail.com >

After reviewing your site plans, recognizing it will actually reduce the encroachment and provide a more usable and likely aesthetic structure, I am in agreement with your plan.

Welcome to the neighborhood.

Doug & Dee Zweig #21 Chesterfield Lakes Rd

Response from Kraemer #10 Chesterfield Lakes:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gerda Kraemer < gerdakraemer@yahoo.com >

Date: June 6, 2017 at 9:14:55 PM CDT

To: Dave Carpenter < red lucy 49@gmail.com >

Hello Dave,
Welcome to the neighborhood!
Just received your Email.
I agree with your proposal
and wish you good luck
with building your home.
Hope to meet you soon.
Gerda Kraemer



Rejected

MZA_170566	Date: 6/8/2017
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David and Reb	ecca Carpenter		
Applicant	···		
Dick Busch			
Comments			

6/2/2017 - Incomplete - KKelley - The application is missing both property owner signature areas, plans, escrow fee and form.

6/2/2017 - Rejected - jhenry - Structure encroaches on front yard setback.

6 /8 /2017 by Jessica Henry, Senior Planner Status Rejected

ADVISORY:

Applications for Municipal Zoning Approval that are not approved may be resubmitted once changes have been made. Please note that relief from some requirements, in the form of a variance, may be requested via application to the Board of Adjustment; please call the Department of Planning, Public Works and Parks at (636) 537-4746.

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Subdivision: 107 119

II. MUNICIPAL ZONING APPROVAL APPLICATION (MZA)			
Please type or print legibly in ink, complete all parts, and sign and date application. Please type or print legibly in ink, complete all parts, and sign and date application. Planning and Development Services Division.			
Planning and Development Services Division. Project Address: 13 CHESTERFIELD LAKES RD. Zip: 63005			
Property Owner Name(s): DAYID M. & REBECCA CARPENTER			
Property Owner Address (if different than above): 2281 KETTINGTON COURT City: CHESTERFIELD State: MO Zip: 63017 E-mail: DMCARPCO CHARTER. NET			
Tenant Name (if different than above):			
Existing Tenant Proposed Tenant			
Applicant Name: DICK BUSCH, DICK BUSCH Attn: Applicant Address: 16678 OLD CHESTERFIELD ROAD City: CHESTERFIELD State: MO Zip: 63017 Phone Number: 636-530-7787 Fax: 636-530-0316 E-mail: DICKB@ DICKBUSCHARCHITECTS. COM			
Description of Work:			
NEW, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE			
FOR EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL WORK ONLY, PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING:			
As the Property Owner of the above-referenced address, I have notified all subdivision trustees and adjacent property owners of said application.			
Signature			

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING PLANS IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT I WILL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE LAWS OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY. (Note: Applicant or Tenant applying for Municipal Zoning Approval cannot sign on behalf of the Property Owner.)

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

(If other than Property Owner)

DATE:

DATE:

