

# CITY OF MADISON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### VARIANCE APPLICATION

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Address of Subject Property: 2701 Van Hise Ave. Madison, WI 53705			
Name of Owner. David and Kari Gordon			
Address of Owner (if different than above):			
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Name of Applicant (Owner's Representative): Owners - David and Kari Gordon			
Address of Applicant: 2701 Van Hise Ave. Madison, WI 53705			
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Email Address: davidgordon716@gmail.com			
Description of Requested Variance:			
We are applying for a rear yard setback variance to 2701 Van Hise Ave to allow construction of a new			
home on the vacant lot to the west of our existing house.			
(See reverse side for more instructions)			
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Hearing Date:			
Receipt: 48611-0007 Published Date:			
Filing Date: 8/29/18 Appeal Number:			
Parcel Number: 0709-212-2130-8 Code Section(s): 28.043 (2)			
Zoning District: TR-C2 Alder District: 5 - Na Wa Ridon - Sieloff			

#### **Standards for Variance**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant a variance unless it finds that the applicant has shown the following standards are met:

1. There are conditions unique to the property of the applicant that do not apply generally to other properties in the district.

We have an existing house that was built in the 1940s with a vacant lot to the west side/rear. It's clear by the development of the neighborhood that there should be a house on this lot as it would be the same size as other lots on the Van Hise cul-de-sac. If the existing house was intended to take up both lots it would have been built much further to the west.

2. The variance is not contrary to the spirit, purpose, and intent of the regulations in the zoning district and is not contrary to the public interest.

We are not changing the existing home on the lot. We are improving the public interest by removing the illegal fence from previous owners on the vacant lot. Furthermore, we will be completing the development of the neighborhood and help to create a more inclusive feel with the 2701 home on the corner with the other homes on the block. We at 2701 feel isolated being on the corner with a vacant lot separating us from the neighborhood.

3. For an area (setbacks, etc) variance, compliance with the strict letter of the ordinance would unreasonably prevent use of the property for a permitted purpose or would render compliance with the ordinance unnecessarily burdensome.

We would be left with an undevelopable vacant lot without variance being approved and there would be no change to the existing home. Splitting the lot will help create an additional home and lot that is then comparable to all the other homes and lots in the neighborhood. The new home will make the block look consistent and will finish off the development of the neighborhood.

4. The alleged difficulty or hardship is created by the terms of the ordinance rather than by a person who has a present interest in the property.

The 2701 Van Hise property as originally developed on the existing lot would have met the ordinances setback requirement, however the prior owner created an addition which needed the extra lot to meet the ordinance.

5. The proposed variance shall not create substantial detriment to adjacent property.

We are the owners of both lots so any detriment would be felt by us.

6. The proposed variance shall be compatible with the character of the immediate neighborhood.

There will be no design change to the neighborhood. If approved the two lots that are created will be comparable to the rest of the neighborhood. The house directly across the street (202 Farley Ave.) has less of a rear yard setback than the variance we are applying for.

## **Application Requirements**

Please provide the following information: Incomplete applications could result in referral or denial by the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Maximum size for all drawings is  $11'' \times 17''$ .)

	M	<b>Pre-application meeting with staff</b> : Prior to submittal of this application, the applicant has met to discuss the proposed project and submittal material with the Zoning Administrator.
	<b>S</b>	Site plan, drawn to scale. A registered survey is recommended, but not required. Show the following:  □ Lot lines □ Existing and proposed structures, with dimensions and setback distances to all property lines □ Approximate location of structures on neighboring properties adjacent to variance □ Major landscape elements, fencing, retaining walls or other relevant site features □ Scale (1" = 20' or 1' = 30' preferred)
		□ North arrow  Elevations from all relevant directions showing existing and proposed views, with notation showing the existing
NIA		structure and proposed addition(s).  Interior floor plan of existing and proposed structure, when relevant to the variance request and required by Zoning Staff (Most additions and expansions will require floor plans).
NIA		<b>Front yard variance requests only.</b> Show the building location (front setback) of adjacent properties on each side of the subject property to determine front setback average.
NIA		<b>Lakefront setback variance requests only.</b> Provide a survey prepared by a registered land surveyor showing existing setbacks of buildings on adjacent lots, per MGO 28.138.
MIA		Variance requests specifically involving slope, grade, or trees. Approximate location and amount of slope, direction of drainage, location, species and size of trees.
		Digital copies of all plans and drawings should be emailed to: zoning@cityofmadison.com
		CHECK HERE. I understand that in order to process my variance application, City Staff will need access to my property so that they can take photographs and conduct a pre-hearing inspection of the property. I therefore give City Staff my permission to enter my property for the purpose of conducting a pre-hearing inspection and taking photographs.
	M	CHECK HERE. I acknowledge any statements implied as fact require supporting evidence.
	U	CHECK HERE. I have been given a copy of and have reviewed the standards that the Zoning Board of Appeals will use when reviewing applications for variances.
	Own	Date: 8-28-18 (For Office Use Only)
		DECISION  Board, in accordance with its findings of fact, hereby determines that the requested variance for  (is) (is not) in compliance with all of the standards for a variance.  Her findings of fact are stated in the minutes of this public hearing.
	The 2	Zoning Board of Appeals: Approved Denied Conditionally Approved
	Zonii	ng Board of Appeals Chair: Date:











