CITY OF APALACHICOLA

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SPECIAL MEETING Thursday, JANUARY 23RD, 2020 The Holy Family Center- 203 7th St.

<u>AGENDA</u>

- I. Public Hearing & Special Meeting- 6:00 P.M.
- The Apalachicola <u>Board of Adjustment for the City of Apalachicola</u> will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 a 6:00 P.M. at The Holy Family Center, 203 7th St. (Dr. Frederick Humphries St.), Apalachicola, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is for making a clear statement of findings of "hardship" at the request of the City Commission regarding the Patricia McLemore Variance Hearing, for 101 Bay Avenue Apalachicola, FL 32320.

In our continuing effort to keep the citizens of Apalachicola informed, this agenda is posted on our website at www.cityofapalachicola.com prior to the scheduled meeting for public review. Additional information such as the City's Land Developent Code and related zoning maps, along with other development information is also available on the site for your convenience. Please direct any questions concerning items on this agenda or the Apalachicola Building Department to Kelly Simpson, (850) 653-1522, CityofApalachicola@gmail.com.

QUASI JUDICIAL VARIANCE DECISION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT -- MCLEMORE MAY 21, 2018

This Variance came on before the Board of Adjustment of the City of Apalachicola on May 21, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. as properly noticed and advertised. After the introduction of the subject matter, Anna Maria Cannatella agreed to perform the chairperson duties in light of the absence of chairperson Carrie Kienzle. Other members present were Atul Patel, Dennis Winterringer and Fonda Davis.

There was no objection to the Board Members hearing this matter after discussion of all extra judicial communication or inspection. The staff report with notices and communication on this subject was accepted into evidence and marked as Exhibit 1. The applicant/property owner presented the Variance request. There were no persons present during the evidentiary portion of the hearing who gave testimony or evidence in opposition to the Variance request.

The building is accepted as an Historic structure through documentation received from the Florida Master Site Plan. It is also uncontested that the building is nonconforming- extending into and beyond the required 15 feet side set back and into the City of Apalachicola, alley easement by approximately 2 feet for a total square foot of existing nonconformity of approximately 360 square feet. It is proposed through the Variance requested that the addition would extend the present nonconformity by an additional approximately 60 square feet to the nonconforming structure within the side set back and City alleyway.

The applicant advised that the applicant will, if the Variance requested is granted by the Board of Adjustment of the City of Apalachicola, (although not involved in the Variance process), return a smaller brick side building to original historic height (a one-story brick restroom facility) by removing a more recently added wood framed upper floor. Furthermore, the more recently added arched windows would be replaced with simple neo-Georgian rectangular windows, more in keeping with the original style of the original historic structure and represented on the adjacent house. The applicant would extend the length of the building by adding 8.5 feet as a screened porch addition to the rear of the building which building will be used as a small dressing area/studio for a proposed back yard swimming pool.

The staff planner notes and provides by testimonial evidence that Section 111.A.3.b. of Ordinance 1991-7 (as amended 2017-05) provides for a Variance "if there is sufficient grounds to determine that reasonable use of property would be denied without such Variance". "Variance from the terms of this code shall be granted only if the Variance is not contrary to the public interest and where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Code would result in unnecessary hardship." 111.A.3.b.

Furthermore, staff report notes that Ordinance 2017-05 amends Ordinance 91-7 and provides for limited relief for the restoration and renovation of historic and non-historic non-conforming structures. However, it is further stated in the staff re port that the intent of this Ordinance is "not to permit either historic or nonhistoric, nonconforming structures to be enlarged upon, expanded, or extended, except as allowed through the Variance process at section

111.A.3.b". "Existing nonconformities of a structure shall not be used as grounds for adding other structures prohibited elsewhere in the same district". (February 2, 2018 Staff Report Analysis). Staff recommendation was that the Variance should be denied due to failure to meet the hardship requirements for the expansion.

The question of whether the Variance should be granted under Ordinance 91-7 (as amended 2017-05) is determined by whether "there is sufficient grounds to determine that reasonable use of property would be denied without such Variance". Section 111.A.3.b. "Variance from the terms of this code shall be granted only if the Variance is not contrary to the public interest and where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Code would result in unnecessary hardship".

However, after consideration of the evidence, the Board finds and concludes by majority vote that the preservation of the historic building and return to historic features as much as possible during the course of the development outweighs the extension of the nonconformity for the present screened porch addition. It has been uncategorically stated by applicant at the hearing that the renovation of the building to return to its historic height and window appearance will not be possible and will not be done without the Variance allowing the additional screen porch extension of the nonconformity. The resulting expansion will continue the building footprint encroachment over the five foot set back and 2 feet into the alleyway for the additional 8.5 feet being added onto the length of the building and will not be seen from Bay Avenue. The across the alley closest neighbor was supportive and in favor of the variance being granted.

Board member, Dennis Winterringer voted no to the Variance stating that the evidence did not meet the requirements for establishment of a Variance citing in particular the failure to establish a hardship by the evidence submitted; that the denying of the Variance application would not deny reasonable use of the property; and, that the development proposal by the Variance would extend and enlarge the present nonconformity in the set back and alleyway.

Wherefore, the Variance is hereby granted by the Board of Adjustment. It should be noted that the additional encroachment into the City right of way (alleyway) must be approved by the City Commission as this is outside of the jurisdiction of the Board of Adjustment.

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Further information about this meeting may be obtained from Kelly Simpson at the City of Apalachicola Community & Development Administration Office, 192 Coach Wagoner Blvd. Apalachicola, Florida at (850) 653-1522.

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Hame: Patricia McLemore.

- relephone (850) 653 7110

Address: 101 Bay Ave. Apalachicola, FL 32320

Agent:

George Coon, Inc.

Telephone:

- **(**850**)** 227-6898

Address: 252 6th Street, Apolachicala, FL. 32320

PROPERTY GENERALINAL Legal description of property

Subdivision:

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Block(s)

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Parcel 108

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Address of Property.

101 Bay Ave Apalachicola, FL 32320

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Waterfrom Lot: Yes (No)

Historic Unitries: (Yes) No

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the existing main house is unique in its historic neo-Georgian appeal and large scale. The side building planned for renovation is set buck from the façade, but is presently visible from Bay Ave. because of the 2 stories. It would be a great improvement to the entire historic composition, if the upper floor were removed and the side building was returned to its original historic acide.

The addition will be a small extrusion of the original footpent by only 8.5 feet, important to the owner to make the screened porch feasible. Importantly what is proposed will add to the beauty of the view from Bay Avenue and will not be visible from other streets.

Are there special conditions and excumstances which do not assist from the action of the applicant such as pre-existing conditions relative to the property which is subject of the variance request?

The conting conditions have a side building originally built slightly into the Ally. Because the owner wishes to remove the non-historic upper floor of that building, the owner is planning to remove a large amount of poorly designed construction. The small addition proposed to the rear will not be seen from Bay Avenue or affect the alley use aequitively.

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Given the circumstances of this Historic property, granting this variance would be expected to be approved an other lots, buildings or structures in this zoning district due to the special situation of the buildings built many years ago (the Convent was built in 1901).

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the owner will remove a non-Historic second floor from a Historic building (which most likely was added without any review process). This action would definitely be in harmony with the intent and purpose of the Lawt Development Code. If granting this variance was demed, the owner will do nothing which will extend the detrimental effect of this panely designed from Pestoric C. Thor addition and the psueda palladium windows.

7. How will granting the variance be consistent with the Land Development Code?

Granting this variance will return the scale of a structure to its original size and changing the front arched windows will assist in bringing this important Apalachicola building in line with the intent of the Land Development code, and with the suggestions of the of the Historic Apalachicola Design Guidelines, The U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

8. Please provide any other Information which may be necessary for the Board of Adjustment to make an informed decision on this matter

The owner, Tricia McLemore, and designer, George Coon, will work to accommodate suggestions made by the Variance Board.

Signature of Property Owner

Signature of Property Owner

Printed Name of Property Owner

Printed Name of Property Owner

December 22, 2017

Date

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Parcel Summary

Parcel ID Location Address 01-095-08W-8330-0036-0010

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Owner Information

Primary Owner

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P.O. Box 183

Apotechicola, FL 32320

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Effective Flood Map, Has been effective since 2/5/2014

Geographical Information

Latitude/Longitude: 29.721792 / -84.984886

Address: ALLEY APALACHICOLA FL 32320

Parcel ID: 01-09S-08W-8330-0036-0010

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Flood information

Flood Zone Information

Geographic Entity

Location of Interest Parcel

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Base Flood Elevation*

13.0ft (Effective BFE)

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February 2, 2018

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Quasi Judicial Application Review Project: Patricia McLemore renovation

Reviewer: C. Clark

Site address: 101 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola

Summary: The applicant is seeking to expand the nonconformity of an already nonconforming historic structure by requesting permission to increase the size of a building that currently sits within the required setback and beyond the property line into the City alley. Historic eligibility of original nonconforming structure has been confirmed through documentation received from Florida Master Site File.

Nature of Existing Nonconformity: The structure is already nonconforming in that the footprint is currently encroaching into the required setback and even into the City alley casement by approximately 2 feet for a total square foot of existing nonconformity of approximately 100 square feet. (est. 2' encroachment x 52.1 length of existing building)

Nature of Proposed Nonconforming Expansion: The proposed addition would add an additional estimated 60 square feet to the nonconforming structure within the City alley and the required five foot setback. (7 x 8.5 \pm 59.5 \pm est. 2' city alley encroachment plus 5 foot setback encroachment x 8.5 additional building length)

Application of Ordinance 91-7 (as amended 2017-05) Section III.A.3.b. of ordinance 1991-7 provides for a variance if there is sufficient grounds to determine that reasonable use of property would be denied without such variance. "Variance from the terms of this code shall be granted only if the variance is not contrary to the public interest and where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Code would result in unnecessary hardship."

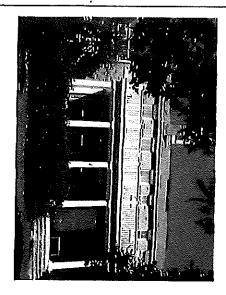
Application of Ordinance 2017-05. This ordinance amends 91-7 and provides for limited relief for the restoration and renovation of historic and non-historic nonconforming structures.

"Expansion of Historic and Nonhistoric, Nonconforming Structures (Chapter IV.C.2.) The intent of this section is not to permit either historic or nonhistoric, nonconforming structures to be enlarged upon, expanded, or extended, except as allowed through the variance process at section III.A.3.b. Existing nonconformities of a structure shall not be used as grounds for adding other structures prohibited elsewhere in the same district."

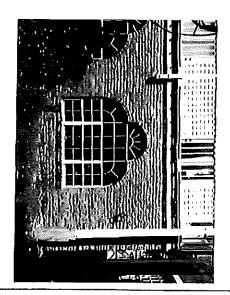
Finding: The applicant states that granting the variance will both return the scale of a structure to its original size/look and be more in keeping with the City's Historic Guidelines and U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. While Staff agrees that proposed renovation involving removal of 2nd story and façade treatment would be an improvement, the applicant does not speak directly to the hardship issue as required in Section HLA.3.b. for the expansion work. It is not evident that the applicant has successfully documented the required evidence of hardship associated with not being able to expand the nonconforming footprint to accommodate the aesthetics of an accessory structure.

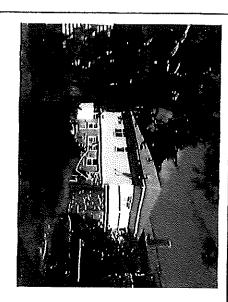
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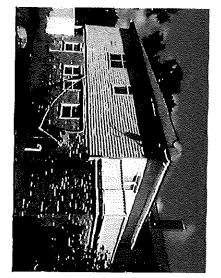
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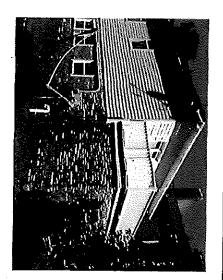










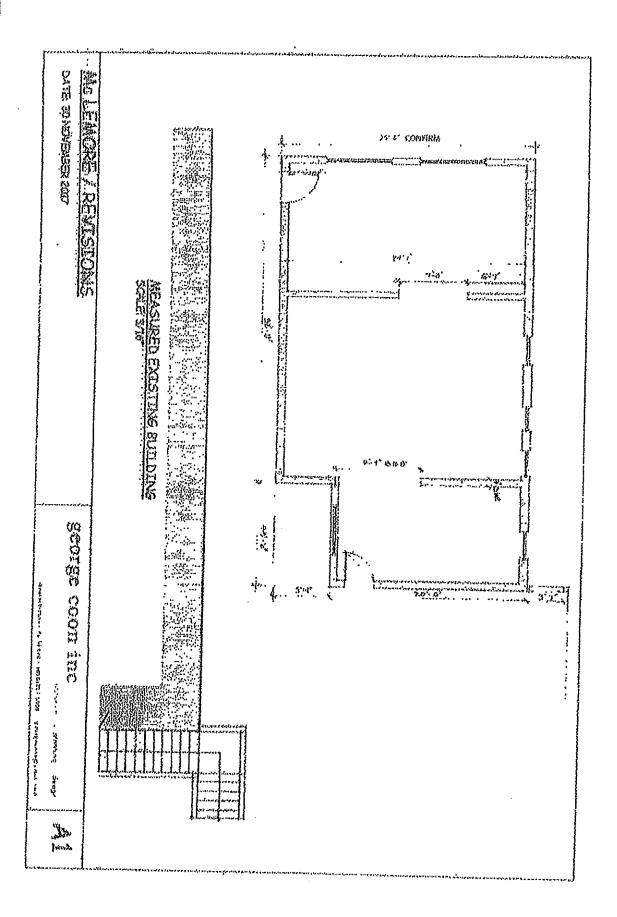


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