

Rick Herzberger – Chief Building Official City of McKinney

RE: Board of Adjustment appeal application Teresa Orahood, Design Consultant Representing Owners – Kelly and Maria Brown 4902 Jamestown Lane McKinney Texas 75071

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In response to the Board of Adjustment application for variance denial, we are appealing based on reasons we feel qualify the yard for a variance on the side yard setback. We are asking for a 7.6' variance.

The lot as it sits on the survey is a conforming lot, however, due to the significant elevation drop in the corner of the lot we are proposing to build a covered patio structure, we feel that placing that structure closer to the fence works best where the elevation is the lowest. As you move towards the home, along that same line, the elevation comes back up.

We are asking that the structure be allowed to be built where we can utilize the drop in elevation and to also create the best-case scenario for the homeowners. It was proposed to us that we move the structure in from the side another 7.6' to conform to the 15' setback, however that would force building more retaining wall than originally existed, and would also force more elevation drop where the fence to the back, which has a community pool on the other side, to be affected.

We realize that the homeowners wishes and concerns are not the deciding factors in these cases. That the property itself is what matters when asking to make an exception. We feel that this property does qualify for an exception for 2 reasons: the elevation drop and the community property behind the home.

We do look forward to your response, Regards,

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Teresa Orahood, Designer Southernwind Pools