

# Town of Elon Board of Adjustment Agenda Special Called Meeting

Dec. 20, 2022 5:30 PM In Person Elon Town Hall, Town Council Chambers 104. S. Williamson Ave., Elon, NC

# **Board of Adjustment Agenda Items**

## A. Call to Order

## **B.** New Business

- 1) Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2022, and October 27, 2022, Board of Adjustment Meetings.
- 2) Petition VA-2022-02- A request by Elizabeth Gardner for a 9.4-foot variance to reduce the rear yard setback requirement contained in Section 3.3 of the Town of Elon Land Development Ordinance. This will allow for an existing home and screened-in porch to encroach 9.4 feet into the required rear yard setback of 25 feet on .14 acres located at 1270 Stone Gables Drive (Parcel ID # 173505) in the Neighborhood Residential (NR) Planning district with a Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) overlay.

## C. Items from Board Members

- D. Items from Planning Director
- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment

#### VA-2022-02 1270 Stone Gables Drive Rear Yard Variance

#### **Explanation of the Request**

Petition VA-2022-02 is a variance request by Elizabeth J Gardner, for a 9.4-foot variance to reduce the rear yard setback requirement contained in Section 3.3.4 of the Town of Elon Land Development Ordinance. This will allow for an existing home and screened-in porch to encroach 9.4 feet into the rear yard setback of 25 feet on 0.14 acres located at 1270 Stone Gables Drive (Parcel ID# 173505) in the NR (Neighborhood Residential) Zoning District with a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) overlay.

#### Location & Current Land Use

Currently, the subject property contains a single-family dwelling. The property is zoned Neighborhood Residential (NR) with a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) overlay.

- Condition and land use of the surrounding properties are:
  - $\circ~$  To the North- A single family dwelling zoned Neighborhood Residential (NR) with a TND overlay.
  - To the West- Common open space owned by the Cable Square HOA with a Neighborhood Residential (NR) with a TND overlay.
  - To the South- A single family dwelling zoned Neighborhood Residential (NR) with a TND overlay.
  - To the East- A single family dwelling zoned Neighborhood Residential (NR) with a TND overlay.

#### **Property History**

The property was vacant until the parcel was sold to Hillcrest Partners LLC in 2018. In 2018, Windsor Investments LLC applied for a certificate of zoning compliance and building permit. The permit was submitted with a site plan that indicated a patio and screened in porch that encroached into the Neighborhood Residential rear-yard setback of 25 feet. The permit (#18-035) was approved on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with remarks indicating that the screened-in rear porch was allowed to encroach into the rear setback a maximum of 10 feet (see enclosures). The home was constructed in 2019 as seen on the site plan, without the screened-in porch.

The property and built home were then sold to Elizabeth Jean Gardner in 2020. Later in 2020, Jimmys Home Improvement applied on behalf of the homeowner for a zoning compliance permit to build a screened-in porch on the rear side of the built home (see enclosures). The permit was approved on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with an attached site plan that allowed the screened-in porch to encroach into the rear yard setback. The porch was constructed as described and permitted.

In section 3.3.5.D of Elon's LDO, it states that "Balconies, stoops, stairs, chimneys, open porches, bay windows, and raised doorways are permitted to encroach into the building setbacks a maximum of 10 ft. Open decks and patios are permitted to encroach into the rear and side setbacks". An interpretation of this language could have led to the screened-in porch being allowed to encroach into the 25-foot rear yard setback when the original home and porch zoning applications were approved in 2019 and 2020.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, an application for a variance was submitted by Elizabeth J Gardner, owner of the home at 1270 Stone Gables Drive (parcel ID #173505). The application requests a 9.4 foot variance from the rear-yard setback of 25feet to bring the home into compliance.

#### Land Use Analysis

- The property is zoned NR (Neighborhood Residential) with a Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) overlay and the applicant is requesting a 9.4-foot variance to reduce the rear yard setback and bring the existing home into compliance with the Town of Elon Land Development Code requirements. The rear yard setback for the house in the Cable Square subdivision is 25 feet. The current home on the property is located approximately 15.6 feet off the rear property line.
- This property is not located within a FEMA regulated floodplain and is located within the Jordan Lake watershed.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

The Town of Elon Land Development Ordinance identifies the current property as Neighborhood Residential with a TND overlay.

The intent of the Neighborhood Residential district is defined as:

"The Neighborhood Residential Planning District accommodates existing medium-density single-family residential neighborhoods and provides opportunities for future single-family residential development primarily within the Town's northwest growth area. This district provides for some higher-density residential development within walking distance of designated Neighborhood and Village Center Districts, as identified on the Land Development Ordinance Map (and as provided for in Sub-Section 3.3.2 below). Streets in the Neighborhood Residential District must be interconnected, as required in Section 5.7 – Street and Greenway Design Regulations. Urban Open Space must be provided according to Section 5.5 – Open space Preservation and Design Regulations. A range of housing types is encouraged. Low-intensity business activity is permitted in mixed-use buildings at a residential scale, in and around designated Town, Neighborhood and Village Center Districts. The intensity to which permitted uses may be built is regulated by the building type corresponding with the intended use and permitted within the planning district."

The intent of the Traditional Neighborhood Residential district is defined as:

"The traditional neighborhood development overlay (TND-O) district provides an alternative to conventional large-lot, single-use subdivisions. The TND Overlay encourages development of neighborhoods with small blocks, interconnected, pedestrian-oriented streets and sidewalks, and a mixture of buildings, uses, and public spaces. The intent of this overlay district is to minimize traffic congestion, suburban sprawl, infrastructure costs, and environmental degradation. The TND Overlay District calls for neighborhoods with a recognizable center and clearly defined edges. The optimum size is a quarter mile from center to edge – about a fifteen minute walk. TNDs contain a mixture of uses and housing types in close proximity to one another and have a variety of civic buildings and public spaces which are prominently sited, to provide a strong sense of community. The TND Overlay District may be applied in all general planning districts through map adoption for TNDs with completed designs and overlay district approval."

#### **Planning Staff Analysis**

In 2018, Hillcrest Partners LLC received an approved zoning compliance permit to construct a single-family home on parcel #173505. The approved permit allowed, on the site plan, for a screened-in porch and patio to encroach into the 25 rear-yard setback. The house was built without the screened-in porch in 2019. In 2020, the home and property were sold to Elizabeth Jean Gardner, who then applied for another zoning compliance permit in 2020. The permit was to build a screened-in porch that was shown on the site plan to encroach into the rear-yard setback of 25-feet in the rear-yard. The porch was constructed and described as permitted.

The screened-in porch was built to be and is currently non-conforming to LDO standards. If the Elon Board of Adjustment approves the 9.4-foot variance, the house will become conforming to the Town of Elon LDO Standards.

Section 8.5.3 of the Town of Elon Land Development Ordinance establishes the findings listed below that the Board of Adjustment must make in granting any variance.

- 1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.
- 2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.
- 3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing the property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.
- 4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

\*\*\*Please refer to the 4 Findings of Fact listed above when making a decision\*\*\*

#### **Suggested Motions**

The Board may consider attaching conditions that they may deem appropriate to any approval decision of the request. Please note that all of the motions must result in a vote favorable to the Variance request in order for the Board to issue approval of the request.

The following motion format is recommended:

**Motion 1:** Unnecessary hardship *(would/would not)* result from the strict application of the ordinance as it relates to the requested Variance.

**Motion 2:** The hardship(s) related to the requested Variance *(does/does not)* result from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography.

**Motion 3:** The hardship(s) related to the requested Variance *(does/does not)* result from actions taken by the applicant or property owner.

**Motion 4:** The requested Variance *(is/is not)* consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is received.

Motion 5: The Town of Elon Board of Adjustment (select one option from the following):

a. Approves the Variance request in whole, with or without conditions as stated for the record.

b. Approves the Variance request in part, with or without conditions as stated for

the record.

c. Denies the Variance request.

Submitted by: Mary Kathryn Harward, Planner

Enclosures: Application for Variance (including survey plats and building permit site plans)

Site Plan Setback Maps Aerial Imagery Zoning Map



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## VARIANCE APPLICATION

Town of Elon Planning Department	
104 S. Williamson Avenue	
Elon, NC 27244	
(336) 584-3601	

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V-2022-02		
Application Number		

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name: ELILABETH J GARDNE	ERTelephone: 252	-578-7257
Mailing Address: 1270 Stone Gables	DR	
City: ELON	State: <u>NC</u>	Zip: 27244
Email: bethaardner 1225@gmail.co	M	
PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION		
Name: Elizabeth J Gardner	Telephone: 252	-578-7251
Mailing Address: 1270 Stone Gables	DR	
City: ELON	State: NC	Zip: 27244
Email: bethqardner 1225@ gmail.	(DM	
PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Address: 12 To Stone Tables DR City: E	LON State: NC	Zip: <u>27244</u>
PIN (Parcel Identification Number):	Total Acrea	ige: 0139
Zoning District: NR+TND OVerlay Watershee	1: Haw RiverFI	oodplain: 🗀 Yes 🕱 No
Utilities (check all that apply): 🛛 Public Sewer	Public Water 🔲 Septic	🔲 Well
VARIANCE REQUEST Variance Sought: <u>screened</u> porch	15ft from back	property line

Related Section(s) of Land Development Ordinance: \_

## A SURVEY MAP OR PLOT PLAN DRAWN TO SCALE DEPICTING THE EXISTING/PROPOSED STRUCTURES SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION AND IT SHALL CLEARLY DEPICT THE REQUESTED VARIANCE.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT CHECKLIST**

Variance procedures are outlined in Section 8.5.3 of the Elon Land Development Ordinance. The Board of Adjustment may only grant a variance following a public hearing on the matter and having made the following findings of fact.

# Please state how your request will meet each of the Findings of Fact listed below - please attach additional sheets if necessary.

(1) Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property:

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(2) The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance: aber mare bacus (3) That the hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify granting a variance shall not be regarded as a selfcreated hardship:

(4) The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is ma secured, and substantial justice achieved:

Section 8.5.3 of the Town of Elon Land Development Ordinance: The Board of Adjustment, in granting a variance, may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this ordinance, provided that the conditions are reasonably related to the variance. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which a variance is granted, will be deemed a violation of this ordinance and will be punishable as prescribed in this section.

\*\*An affirmative 4/5 majority of members present vote is required for a variance. \*\*

#### SIGNATURES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned hereby certify that the forgoing application is complete and accurate. Furthermore, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Town of Elon Planning Director or designated representative to enter upon the above referenced property for the purpose of inspecting and verifying compliance with the Town of Elon's Land Development Ordinance.

Elizabeth Hudsen Signature of Applicant Elizabeth Hudsen Signature of Property Owner

 $\frac{12/1/22}{Date}$ 

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Completed Application Submitted On: 12/1/2022 Received By: Mary K. Harward			
Date of Board of Adjustment Hearing: Dec. 20, 2022 Receipt Number: 131362			
Action of Board of Adjustment:			
Public Hearing Notice Filed:			
Name of Newspaper			
Date Notice Published:			
Date Property was Posted:			
Date Adioining Property Owner Letters were Mailed:			







I have explained the issue with the rear setback encroachment that occurred when my screened porch was built to my adjacent neighbors. They have agreed to sign this paper indicating that they do not have a problem with the existing porch.

Clifford lacovelli PIN 173506, 1278 Stone Gables Drive

Signature

11-15-2022

Date

Sheldon Mebane PIN 173535, 4030 Ralston Drive

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Signature

11-17-2022

Date



Owner Name: GARDNER ELIZABETH JEAN



**PERMIT APPROVED** 

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PERMIT RENEWED

December 1, 2022 <sup>0</sup>

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DISCLAMER: The datasets and maps available are not survey grade or a legal document. They are a best appoximation of what is on the ground, but do contain errors. The data comes from various sources nationally. It has tade of North Carolina, and here in Aiam ance County. Alamance County will not be held responsible for the misuse, misrepsentiation, or misinterpretation of the data or maps. These maps and data are a service provided for the beneft for Alamance County. We constantly stire be improve the quality and expand the amount of data and maps available.

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Alamance County GIS Alamance County Tax Department







Approved Zoning Compliance Permit for construction of single family home at 1270 Stone Gables Drive.



Permit # 18-035

TOWN OF ELON 104 S. Williamson Avenue Planning & Zoning 336-584-2859 336-584-5334 (fax)

CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE

Site Plan May Be Required (tbd by Planning Director)

Subject Property Street Address: 1270 540	ne Gables Drive
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Expanding an Existing Building or Structure	□ Verification of Zoning District or Permitted Uses
Other (describe)	_
Applicant (name/company name): Winter	Investments uc
Contact person: Carge Cook	
Mailing Address: PO BOK 9147	City: Orego Do State: 47C Zip 2 109
Email Address: gook & Windminko	mants com
Phone # 330 - 282 - 3535 Cell # 330 - 0	302-3300
Property Owner: Hillart Parthas NUC	
Mailing Address: R BOX 9KT	City:
Email Address: wpgyne & Windsmr	watmants.com
Phone # 330-282-3535 X234 Cell #	
application with the full authority of the owner to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that	he owner of the subject property or I am making r(s) and the statements herein are true and correct I have or will comply with all applicable Town of rolina Statutes, Codes, Ordinances or Regulations.
Applicant Pr	Date_103118
Owner (if different from Applicant)	Date
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Permit # 2020-40

## TOWN OF ELON 104 S. Williamson Avenue Planning & Zoning 336-584-2859 336-584-5334 (fax)

	CERTIFICATE OF PLANNING COMPLIANCE Site Plan May Be Required (tbd by Planning Director)
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Email Address:	jummyshomeimprovement 2018@ gnail.com
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	Beth Gardy
Mailing Address:	1270 Stone Gables Dr. City: Elon State: NC Zip
Email Address:	
Phone #	Cell # 252. 578 - 7257
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ALAMANCE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Property Address 1270 Storve Gubles Drive ci		
Property Owner Name Beth Gardman Pr	operty Owner Phone 252-578-7257	
Utility Owner Name Ut	ility Owner Phone	
Subdivision Name Stowe Gable Su	bdivision Lot Number	
Geographic Parcel Identification Number	Tax Map Number	
Census Tract To	wnship	
Jurisdiction Zo	ning	
Watershed Flood Zone Flood Cert	ification Farm District Corner Lot	
Water Type: City Water New Well	Existing Well Community Well	
Sewage Type: City Sewer New Septi	c Existing Septic	
CONTRACTOR INFORMATION Contractor Name James E Arkey Jr Contractor Phone 336 380 0423 Contractor Street Address 3733 Flending Graham Rd City, State, Zip Code Burlington, NC 27217 County Control Number North Carolina License Number Owner is Contractor Mover Occupied Note: Permit trade Contractor Form is required to accompany this application. BUILDING INFORMATION Work Description Serve and Porch Construction Cost 12,500		
Total Square Feet Under Roof 240 Length 20		
	er of Bedrooms Number of Bathrooms	
Building Type:	ACT OF DEGLOOPING THE MOTION OF DEGLOOPING	
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A photo ID is required to accompany all applicant signatures

#### ALAMANCE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Requires the use of a saw service	
Land disturbance will be more than one acre	
State soil erosion certificate has been obtained (if need	ed)
DETACHED STRUCTURE	
Number of Stories Length	Width Total Square Feet
Structure Type: Garage Workshop Storage	Building Other
Structure Utilities: Electricity Heat	Plumbing
I hereby certify that all information in this application is o	prrect and all work will comply with the N.C. State Building
Code and all other applicable state, local laws, ordinates, a	and regulations. The Inspection Department will be notified
of any changes in the approved plans and specifications for	or the project permitted herein.
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TO BE COMPLETED BY PLAN REVIEWER	
Plan Review Number	Square feet
Approved By	Date Approved
MUST BE COMPLETED BY ZONING OFFICIAL ONLY	
Jurisdiction Elon	Zoning NE Left 10' Right 8'
Setbacks: Front 10' Back 25 Water Type: City Water Well	Left 19 Right 8
Water Type: City Water Well	
Sewage Type: City Sewer	
Zoning Official Printed Name Janua L	VIOCAL
Sewage Type: City Sewer Zoning Official Printed Name Zoning Official Signature Zoning Official Signature	Date 6/18/20

A photo ID is required to accompany all applicant signatures

Request for rear property setback variation.

I made an application for a building permit to have a screened porch erected on the existing patio at the rear of my home which was approved by the Town of Elon and Alamance County in 2020. There was a note on the approval by P Graham that this porch may be encroaching on the rear property setback. Because of the approval, and my lack of knowledge, I did not realize that I needed to request a variance to this setback prior to having the porch built. So, the porch got built and I have enjoyed its use ever since.

During the past year my health has taken a slight turn to the worse and my daughter and her husband are currently living with me and helped me through my recoupment. The house is too small for the three of us along with their college age daughters, so we decided to relocate to a home better suited for us going forward. It was during the process of selling my home that the title insurance company representing the buyer discovered the issue and I was informed. In order to provide the buyer with clear title, I need to be granted a variance to the setback or, I suppose tear the porch down. I would have to say that the removal of the porch would definitely be an extreme hardship on me emotionally and financially.

I am enclosing a statement from my adjacent homeowners stating that they don't have an issue with the porch. I am also attaching the as-built plat showing the location of the porch as well as pictures of it.

I hope that you will consider approving my request for a variance to the rear property setback.

Ellizabeth & Mandwer

Elizabeth J Gardner