

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers 23600 Liberty Street Farmington, MI 48335

AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call
 - A. Define Participating Members
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting of August 7, 2024
- 3. Minutes of Previous Planning Commission Meetings are available for review on our website www.farmgov.com
- 4. Election of Officers
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Vice Chairperson
 - C. Secretary
- 5. APPEAL OF:

Norman W Boegner Paula K Boegner 22755 Brookdale St Farmington, MI 48336

- 1. Owner requests permission to construct a new 28'x 32' detached accessory structure (garage) The City of Farmington Zoning ordinance allows for 15' tall detached structures pursuant to Section 35-43 this proposed structure would meet the defined words provided in Article 21 under "Building Height" however the structure as designed has a dormer that also has end walls that when utilized as part of the overall calculation raise the mean height of the structure to 17' 10"
- 2. The property owner requests an interpretation of the building officials to include the dormer walls in the height calculation
- 6. Revisit tabled variance request by Kenneth Swartz 33600 Shiawassee June 12, 2024 ZBA Meeting
- 7. Public comment
- 8. Adjournment

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 1976.

Chairperson Bertin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- PRESENT: Bertin, Kallie and Schiffman
- ABSENT: Aren, Crutcher, Gensheimer
- OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Chris Weber, Building Official Jeff Bowdell

Minutes of Previous Meeting of August 3, 2022

MOTION by Schiffman, supported by Kallie to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024. Motion carried, all ayes.

<u>Minutes of Previous Planning Commission Meetings</u> were received and filed and available for review at <u>www.farmgov.com</u>

Election of Officers postponed until a full complement of Board are present.

APPEAL OF: Robert Kull

23917 Whittaker Dr.

Farmington, MI 48335

Introduction: Chairperson Bertin introduced this item and turned it over to staff. He then asked the Applicant if they wanted to proceed with their variance request as there were only three members of the Board present or did he want to wait for a full complement of the Board.

Bowdell stated there was a typo in the materials for this request and that the home is located in the R-1-C District and that the setback requirement is 50 feet.

Kull stated he'd like to move forward with the variance request.

Bertin stated that the Applicant is seeking a 7.7' variance of required 50-foot backyard setback to allow 36.6-foot-long combination screened-in porch and 4-seasons room.

Kull presented his request to the Board stating they would like to put in a screened-in porch outside of their bedroom that would require a 7.7' variance. He stated the uniqueness of his project is that the property location is a middle lot, and they are the very last house in the R-1-C District, which is uncommon in Farmington and their lot is the only lot in the subdivision that is not 150 feet deep, it is 137 feet, with two corner lots abutting on each side. The practical difficulty is they can't go up and that the location of the porch depicted in the plans would not work anywhere else in the backyard. He went through the criteria necessary to approve the variance.

The floor was opened up for questions from the Board. Hearing none, the floor was opened for a motion.

There was one letter received from adjacent neighbor in favor of the project.

Motion:

Motion by Schiffman, supported by Kallie, to approve the request for variance for Robert Kull, 23917 Whittaker, for a 7.7' variance.

Motion carried, all ayes.

Public Comment:

None heard.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Kallie, supported by Schiffman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Schiffman, Secretary



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Zoning Board of Appeals

Structure. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is an appointed five (5) member body regulated by State statute and City ordinance.

Powers. The basic function of the ZBA is to handle any appeals dealing with any City decision, ruling, or orders that deal with the City Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Board of Appeals has a broad range of powers, as outlined in *Section 35-214 Powers*:

- A. **Appeals.** The ZBA hears and rules on any contested order, requirement, decision or determination made by the building official or any administrative official or body involving the City of Farmington Zoning Ordinance.
- B. **Map Interpretations.** The ZBA will hear and rule on any alleged uncertainty, contradiction, or conflict as to the intended exact physical location of a Zoning District Boundary according to a pre-determined set of standards (see *Section 35-214 B*).
- C. **Text Interpretations**. The ZBA has the power to interpret the regulations established in the City of Farmington Zoning Ordinance.
- D. **Non-Conforming Situations.** The ZBA has the power to rule upon proposed <u>changes</u> to non-conforming uses according to *ARTICLE 17 Non-conforming Uses, Lots, Buildings, Structures and Sites.*
- E. **Height Modifications.** The ZBA has the power to decide upon modification of structure height according to proposed design, setbacks, and potential impact on the character of the project area.
- F. Variance. The ZBA has the power to authorize a variance from the strict application of the current Zoning District Designation guidelines for the current Zoning Use, or a variance in the use if a hardship can be proven in each case.

Board Process. The Zoning Board of Appeals is classified as a quasi-judicial body and is required by law to follow previously accepted procedures and fairly evaluate the relevant facts in each specific appeals case. When reviewing a zoning variance, the ZBA must legally demonstrate either a practical difficulty (for property variances), or a hardship (for use variances) in order to approve the variance request.

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Meetings. The City of Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Applications must be submitted to the <u>Planning and Building Department</u> located at <u>33720 W. Nine Mile Road</u> at least twenty-three (23) days prior to the regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in accordance with the following schedule: Note that if site plans or other associated documents are part of the application, a **digital** copy must be provided.

Application Submittal Date	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Date
December 11, 2023	January 3, 2024
January 15, 2024	February 7, 2024
February 12, 2024	March 6, 2024
March 11, 2024	April 3, 2024
April 8, 2024	May 1, 2024
May 13, 2024	June 5, 2024
June 10, 2024	July 3, 2024
July 15, 2024	August 7, 2024
August 12, 2024	September 4, 2024
September 9, 2024	October 2, 2024
October 14, 2024	November 6, 2024
November 11, 2024	December 4, 2024

Meeting Process. At a ZBA meeting, each case will be called by the Chair and introduced by the petitioner, at which time the Board members can question the petitioner and the City of Farmington staff in an attempt to determine the appropriate ruling. At the time of the meeting, the ZBA has already had the opportunity to review all of the petitioner's plans, photos, and other documentation turned in with the ZBA application. During this section of the meeting, any members of the public who wish to offer a concise comment on the case will be called on by the Chair and are to address the Board, not the petitioner.

Once all of the materials and testimony described above have been collected and heard, the ZBA then considers the matter and makes a ruling. Decisions of the ZBA are final unless the circumstances change meaning the next avenue to pursue would be an appeal through the court system.



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For office us	e only
Date Filed: Fee Paid:	

Board of Zoning Appeals Application

1.	Petitioner Name	Norman VV Boegner, Paula K. Boegner			
2.	Location of Proper	ty			
	Address	22755 Brookdale Street, Farmington MI 48336			
	Cross Streets	South of Grand River, West of Orchard Lake			
3.	Identification				
	Applicant	Norman W Boegner, Paula K. Boegner			
	Address	22755 Brookdale Street			
	City/State/Zip	Farmington, MI 48336			
	Phone (248) 408-0	D261 Fax N/A			
	Interest in the Proper	rty (e.g. fee simple, land option, etc.)			
	9 Property Owner	9 Property Owner 9 Other (Specify) Property Owners			
	Address City/State/Zip Phone (248) 408-0	22755 Brookdale Street Farmington, MI 48336			
	Preparer of Site Pla Address City/State/Zip	n Joseph S Novitsky/JSN AIA 3856 12 Mile Road Berkley, MI 48072			
. .	Phone (248) 433-2				
	Zoning District	Area			
	Width 50 ft	Depth 210 ft			
	Current Use F	Residential			

5. Appeal Request

Indicate grounds for appeal & complete additional section, if specified:

	Specific appeal request type (pick one)	Consult Zoning Ordinance Section	Complete Additional Application Section
	APPEALS from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Building Official, any administrative official or administrative body where it is alleged that there was an ERROR OR MISINTERPRETATION.	18.04 A.	Section 6.
	MAP INTERPRETATIONS	18.04.B.	Section 6.
XX	TEXT INTERPRETATIONS	18.04.C.	Section 6.
	NON-CONFORMING SITUATIONS	18.04.D. & Article 17	
XX	HEIGHT MODIFICATIONS	18.04 E.	
	VARIANCE from the strict application of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance; specify type:	18.05 AD.	
	 Dimensional (Area) Variance Use Variance Accessory Reception Antenna Facilities Cellular Towers and Antenna Fences 	18.05 D.1. 18.05 D.2. 18.05 D.3. 18.05 D.4. 18.05 D.5.	Section 7. Section 8.
Oı h	scribe your appeal, in general: rdinance requirements of the height and style of garage ave been met, however intepretation by buildin rom architect's calculations of roof median heig	g inspector of	differs

Upon completion of this portion, check above for an additional section to complete, then go to the last page (**Section 9.**) to complete the application.

6. Section 6. Specific criteria for APPEALS and INTERPRETATIONS

The Board of Zoning Appeals is bound by the same rules, procedures, and standards of the Ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals should uphold the original decision unless the record clearly shows that the original decision body or official was one of the following:

- a. Arbitrary and capricious; or
- b. Filled to ensure consistency with ordinance standards; or
- c. Made an error, such as relying on false or inaccurate information, or
- d. Constituted an abuse of discretion; or
- e. Was based upon erroneous interpretation of the zoning ordinance or zoning law.

Describe how your appeal meets one of these criteria: a and e

Failed to ensure consistency with ordinance standards based on similar and larger garages located in this neighborhood and other local Farmington area neighborhoods which were approved by Farmington prior to his tenure.

Architect has stated his belief that his design meets the ordinance requirements and the building official's interpretation of the zoning ordinance is incorrect.

7.	Section 7. Criteria for a DIMENSIONAL (Area) Variance			
		ease respond to the following statements. The application must meet all criteria in der to obtain a variance.		
	a.	Practical Difficulties . How would the strict compliance with the area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk, density, or other dimensional and non-use matters create practical difficulties, unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose, or render the conformity unnecessarily burdensome? Note that the showing of mere inconvenience is insufficient to justify a variance.		
	b.	Substantial Justice		
		How would a variance do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district?		
		Would a lesser variance than the requested give substantial relief to the applicant and or be more consistent with justice to other properties? If not, please explain why?		
	C.	Public Safety and Welfare. Will the granting of the variance materially impair the intent and purpose of this ordinance or compromise the public safety and welfare?		

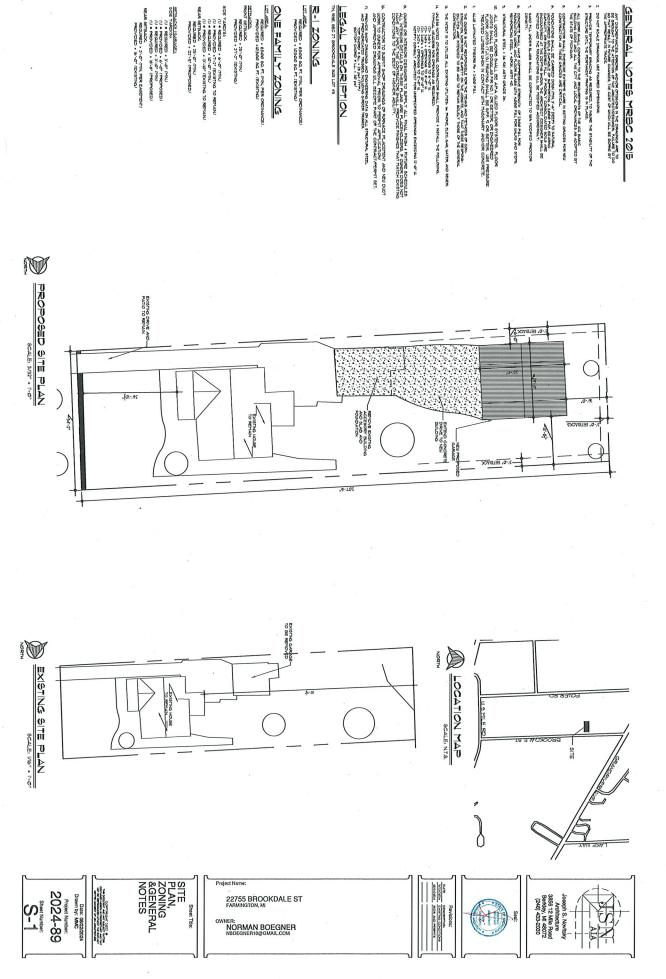
d.	Not Self-Created. Have the special conditions and circumstances relating to the variance request resulted from the actions of the applicant?
) .	No Safety Hazard or Nuisance. Will the granting of variance or appeal increase the hazard of fire or otherwise endanger public safety or create a public nuisance?
•	Relationship to Adjacent Land Uses. Will the development permitted upon granting the variance relate harmoniously in a physical and economic sense with
	adjacent land uses while not altering the essential character of the neighborhood?
•	Minimum Variance Necessary. Is the variance requested the minimum amount necessary to permit reasonable use of the land? Explain, provide specific figures in necessary.

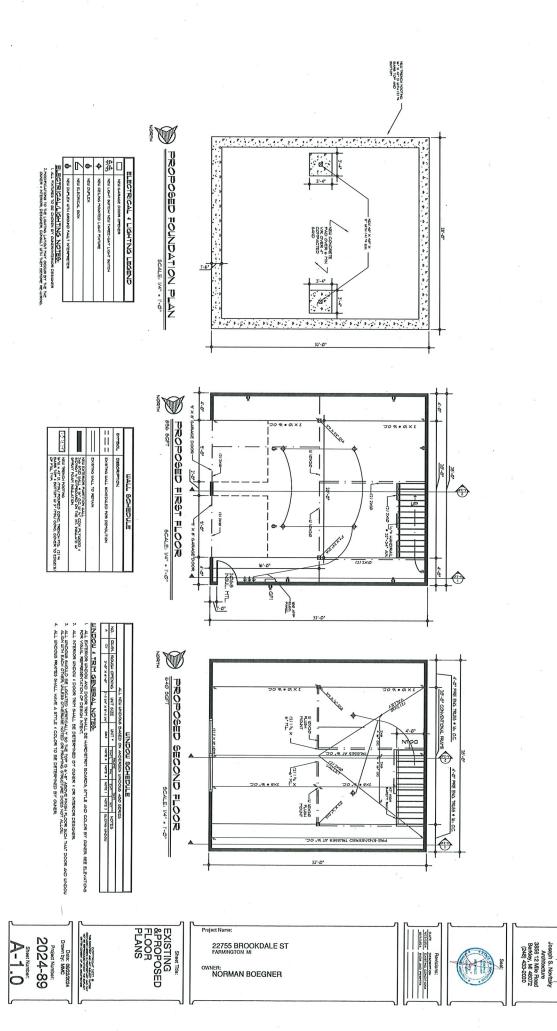
b. Unique Circumstances. Describe the unique circumstances peculiar to the property that exist which are not generally applicable in the area or to othe properties in the same zoning district. Please describe features that make impossible to earn a reasonable return without some adjustment. c. Not Self-Created. Have the special conditions and circumstances relating to the same content of the conditions and circumstances relating to the conditions are conditions and circumstances relating to the conditions are conditions and circumstances.	ection 8. Criteria for a USE Variance
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	Not Self-Created. Have the special conditions and circumstances relating to the variance request resulted from the actions of the applicant or the applicant's predecessors or are they self-created?
	Capacity of Roads, Infrastructure and Public Services. Will the capacity and
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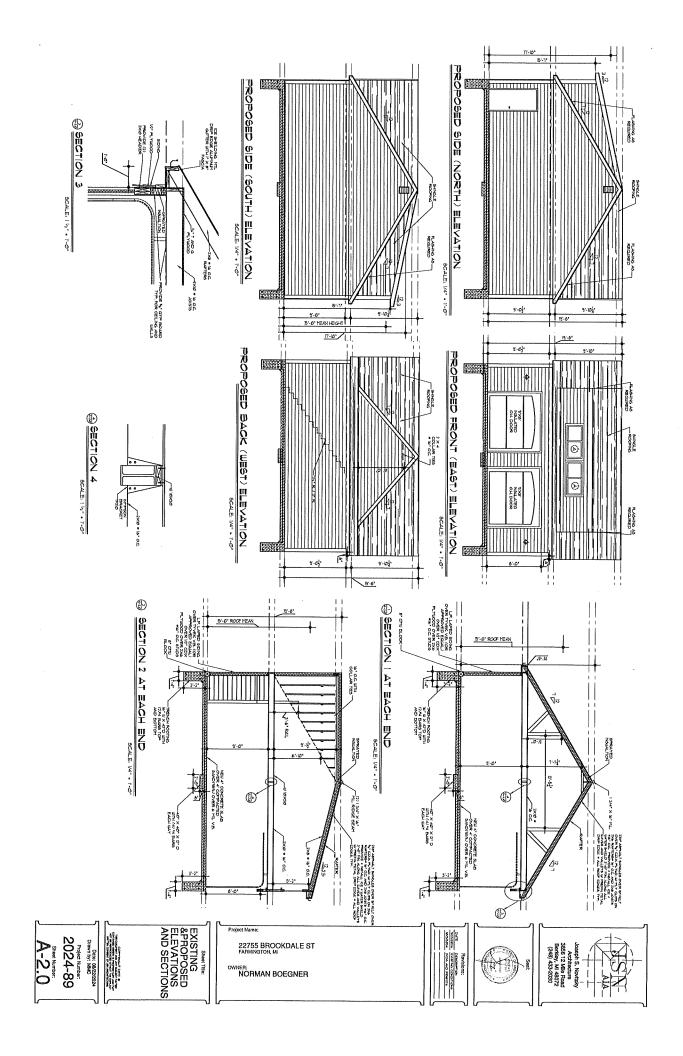
٩.	Character of Neighborhood. Will the variance, if granted, alter the essential character of the area? Explain.				
.	Minimum Variance Necessary. Is the variance requested the minimum amount necessary to permit reasonable use of the land? Explain, provide specific figures if necessary.				

Section 9. Completing the BZA Application				
In order to start the revapplication. The following official to declare t	all documents required	for the		
A. Application, Fees and Copies. Complete the preceding application form, as directed, and sign and date the application in the blanks provided below. Deliver this form, the filing fee, 9 sets of drawings or prints, and one each of any letters, maps, photographs or supplementary information to the City of Farmington Building Department. The City will require 14 days to process the completed application.				
B. A completed Elevation Plan. For any applicant requesting a variance when a structure, fence, sign, remodeling, addition and/or any construction will be above grade, the following information must be included on plans drawn to a scale of at least ¼" to 1" on a sheet or sheets that are at least 24" x 18":				
The elevations of all proposed new structures including all portions above grade level				
The elevations for the entire structure of any building to be added to or remodeled including all portions above grade level				
All doors, windows, roof lines, outdoor mechanical equipment, chimneys, porches, overhangs, signs, fences and other structural or permanent components of the building(s)				
A copy of the complete legal description of the property and proof of property ownership should accompany this application.				
Norman W Boegner, Paula K. Boegner (applicant), do hereby swear that the above				
statements are true. Paula Boegner Norman W Boegner 11/21/24 Norman W Boegner 11/21/24				
Signature of Applicant	Date Signatur	e of Property Owner	Date	
Norman W Boegner, Paula K. Boegner (property owner), hereby give permission for City of Farmington officials, staff, and consultants to go on the project property for purposes of verifying information provided on the submitted application.				
Zoning Board Appeal or Interpre Approved/Denied: Date: By/2nd: Conditions of Approval:		-		
Conditions of Approval:				

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Public Works Department

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Farmington will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, in the Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan in accordance with Article XVIII of the Farmington City Code. All property owners within 300 feet of the site in question are notified.

LOCATION: 22755 Brookdale

SIDWELL: 20-23-27-451-041

ZONING: R1, Single Family Residential

APPLICANT: Norman & Paula Boegner

OWNER: Norman & Paula Boegner

APPEAL: Owner requests permission to:

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This is a Public Hearing, and comments may be directed to the Board during the meeting. When replying by mail, write your comments on the back of this notice and address it to the City of Farmington, Board of Zoning Appeals, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI 48335. All written comments will be read at the meeting and become part of the record.

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