

# #2021-121 175 Rosedale – Variation Project Review for Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Date: August 4, 2021

**Request:** Variation from Article 3 Section 3-300 allowing an 8-foot 10-inch

encroachment into the required 31-foot averaged front yard setback,

leaving a setback of 22 feet 2 inches.

**Location:** 175 Rosedale Avenue

Acreage: Approximately 5,200 square feet

**Existing Zoning:** R-2 Single-Family Residential

**Surrounding Properties:** North: R-2 Single-Family Residential

South: R-2 Single-Family Residential East: R-2 Single-Family Residential West: R-2 Single-Family Residential

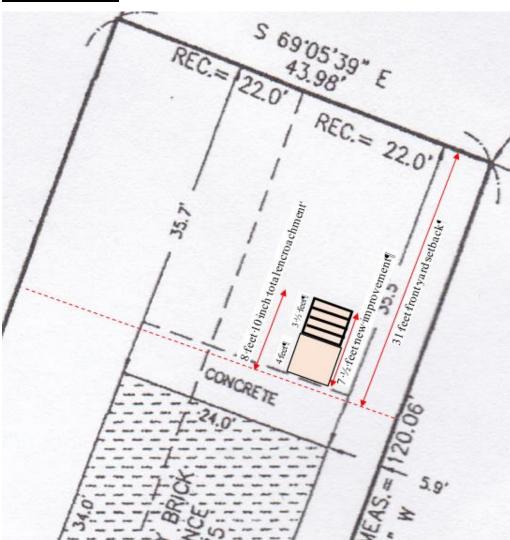
**Staff Contact**: Elizabeth Maxwell (815.356.3615)

#### **Background:**

- The property is a single-family home on a corner lot. The lot is only 44 feet wide making it a non-conforming lot.
- In established neighborhoods, the front yard setback is determined by the average setback of the other homes for a distance of 400 feet or the length of the block. The average setback was determined to be 31 feet.
- The owners have an existing front porch under a roof. The original building permit was to reconstruct the front porch.
- They have amended the permit, requesting to enclose the front porch to make a three-season room. Since the porch was already covered by a roof, it was considered part of the principal structure and did not require any variations to enclose the porch.
- The installation of a swinging front porch door (versus a sliding door) from the new enclosed space requires a minimum 3-foot by 3-foot landing. There is an administrative variation process for encroachments into setbacks if the improvement is necessary to meet building codes. If the owners chose to install a 3-foot x 3-foot landing with the stairs going to the side, the variation could have been processed administratively.

• The owners are requesting a 4-foot by 4-foot landing and stairs coming out towards the street. This exceeds what can be approved administratively and requires the full variation for the encroachment.

# **Project Analysis:**



- The averaged front yard setback is approximately 1 ½ feet inside the existing porch structure.
- The 4 x 4 landing and additional 3-foot 4-inch stair projection extend approximately  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet from the existing concrete porch.
- The total encroachment is 8 feet 10 inches since the setback line is already inside of the existing porch structure. The variation is for this new improvement.
- The owner is repairing the front porch and covering it with a wooden deck structure. In addition the new deck area will be enclosed.

#### **Development Analysis:**

#### General

- Request: The petitioner is requesting a variation to allow a stoop and stairs to encroach into the front yard setback along Rosedale Avenue.
- <u>Zoning</u>: The site is zoned R-2 Single Family. This property is used as a single-family home.
- <u>Land Use</u>: The land use map shows the area as Urban Residential. This land use designation is appropriate for this use.

### **Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2030 Vision Summary Review:**

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Urban Residential, which allows for existing and future single-family residential uses. The following goals are applicable to this request:

#### Land Use - Residential

Goal: Encourage a diversity of high quality housing in appropriate locations throughout the city that supports a variety of lifestyles and invigorates community character.

This can be accomplished with the following supporting action:

**Supporting Action:** Promote safe, clean and well-maintained housing by encouraging regular repair and maintenance of housing.

#### **Findings of Fact:**

# ZONING ORDINANCE VARIATION

The petitioner is requesting a Variation from Article 3 Section 3-300 to construct a front stoop and stairs extending 7 feet 4 inches from the front porch, a variation of 8-feet 10-inches, leaving a setback of 22 feet 2 inches.

The Unified Development Ordinance lists specific standards for the review and approval of a variation. The granting of a variation rests upon the applicant proving practical difficulty or hardship caused by the Ordinance requirements as they relate to the property. To be considered a zoning hardship, the specific zoning requirements; setbacks, lot width and lot area must create a unique situation on this property. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to prove hardship at the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

#### Standards

When evidence in a specific case shows conclusively that literal enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance would result in a practical difficulty or particular hardship because:

a.	The plight of the pr	operty owner is due to unique circumstances, such as, unusual
	surroundings or con	ditions of the property involved, or by reason of exceptional
	narrowness, shallow underground condit	vness or shape of a zoning lot, or because of unique topography, or ions.
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b.	Also, that the variat	ion, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.
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consider	ation the extent to	ementing the above standards, the Commission may take into which the following facts favorable to the application have been presented at the public hearing:
a.		s upon which the application for variation is based would not be to other property within the same zoning classification;
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b.	That the alleged di having interest in th	fficulty or hardship has not been created by any person presently the property;
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c.	0	The variation will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located; or Does not meet
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d.	property, will not property, will not be	rariation will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent unreasonably diminish or impair the property values of adjacent unreasonably increase congestion in the public streets, substantially of fire or otherwise endanger public safety.
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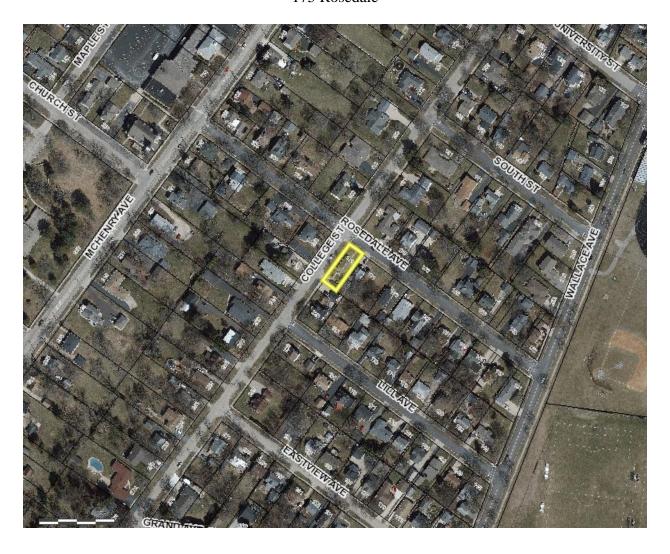
Where the evidence is not found to justify such conditions, that fact shall be reported to the City Council with a recommendation that the variation be denied.

# **Recommended Conditions:**

If a motion to recommend approval of the petitioner's request is made, it should be with the following conditions:

- 1. Approved plans, reflecting staff and advisory board recommendations, as approved by the City Council:
  - A. Application (Larson, received 07/15/21)
  - B. Site Plan (Larson, undated, received 07/15/21)
  - C. Permit Plans [Porch and Stairs and Deck Plan], undated, received 07/15/21)
  - D. Plat of Survey (Vanderstappen, dated 05/30/96, received 07/15/21)
- 2. The petitioner shall address all of the review comments and requirements of Community Development Department.

PIQ Map 175 Rosedale



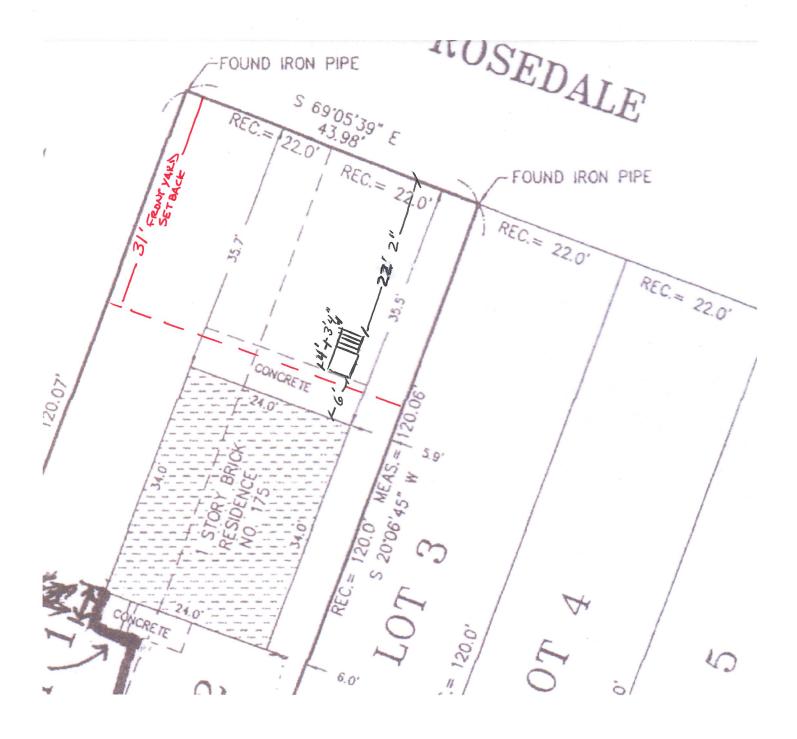
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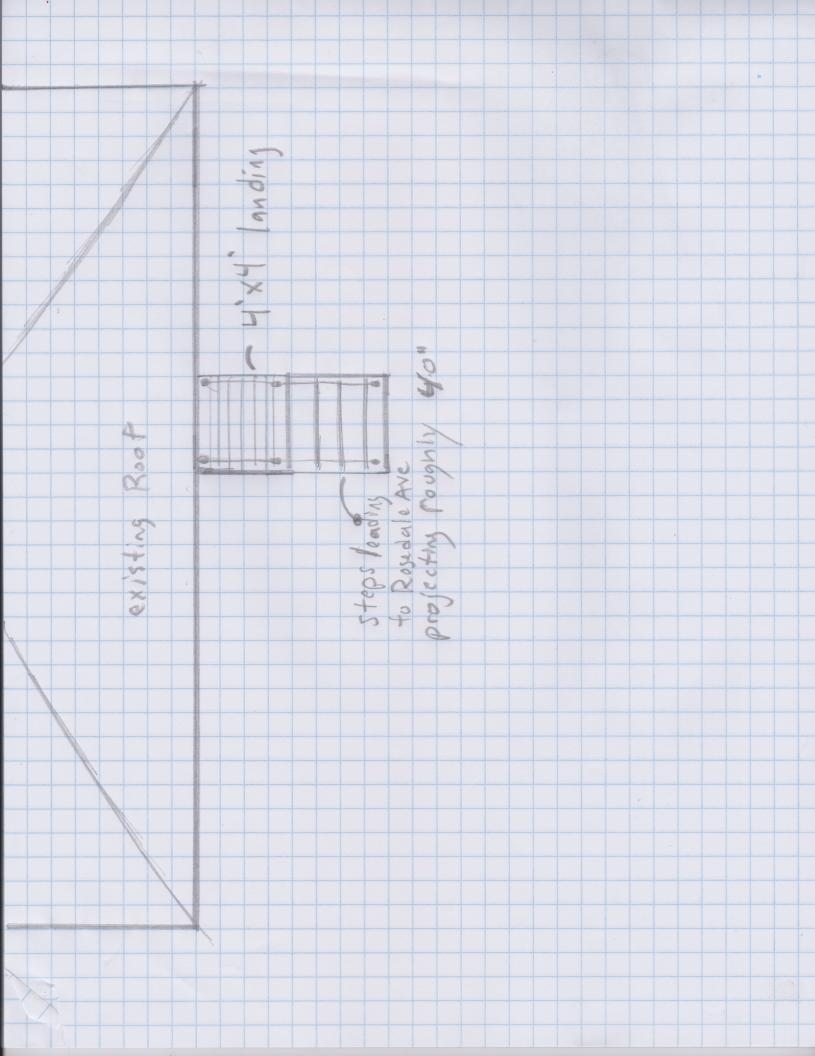
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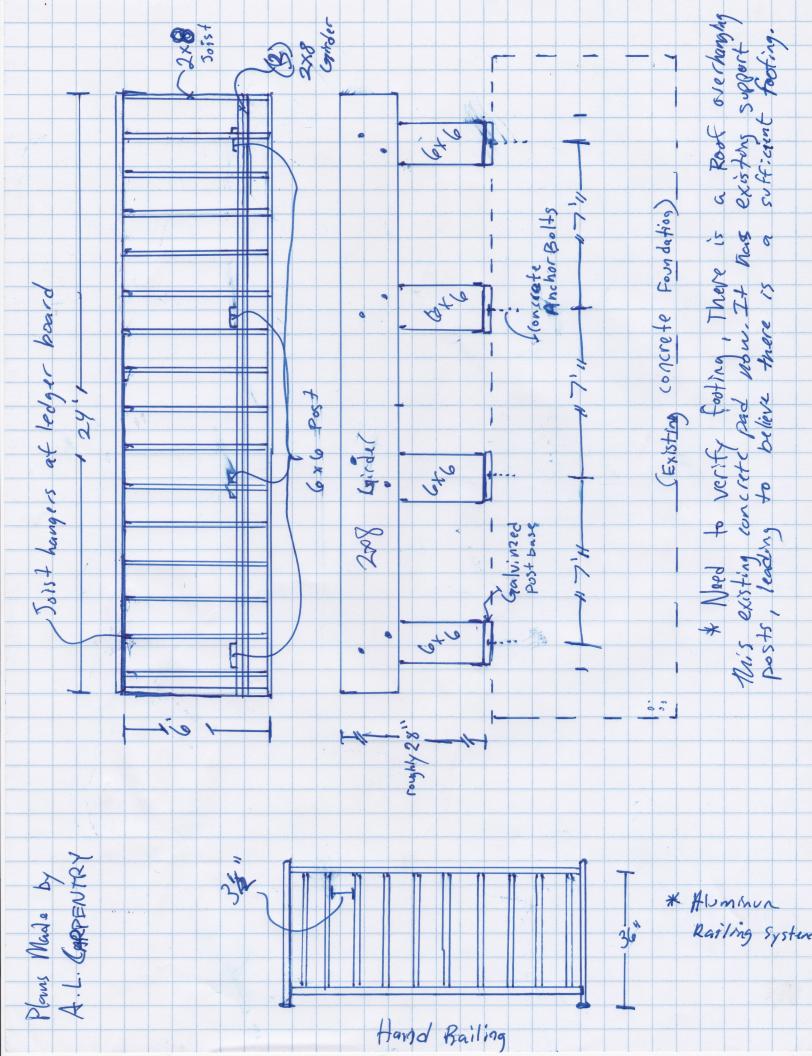
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NOTE: If the property is held in trust, the trust officer must sign this petition as owner. In addition, the trust officer must provide a letter that names all beneficiaries of the trust.

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Karen L and James A, Doyle LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Crystal Lake, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission upon the application by A. L. Carpentry, representing Karen and James Doyle for approval of a variation allowing the construction of a stoop and stairs to encroach into the front yard setback at the following real estate known as 175 Rosedale Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, PIN: 19-05-180-001. This application is filed for the purposes of seeking a Simplified Residential Zoning Variation from the required 31-foot averaged front yard setback to allow a stoop and stairs to encroach 8 feet 10 inches, leaving a setback of 22 feet 2 inches pursuant to Article 3, Article 4, and Article 9. Plans for this project can be viewed at the City of Crystal Lake Planning and Economic Development Department at City Hall. A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on the request will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at the Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 West Woodstock Street, at which time and place any person determining to be heard may be present. Jeff Greenman, Chairperson Planning and Zoning Commission City of Crystal Lake (Published in the Northwest Herald on July 17, 2021)1902384

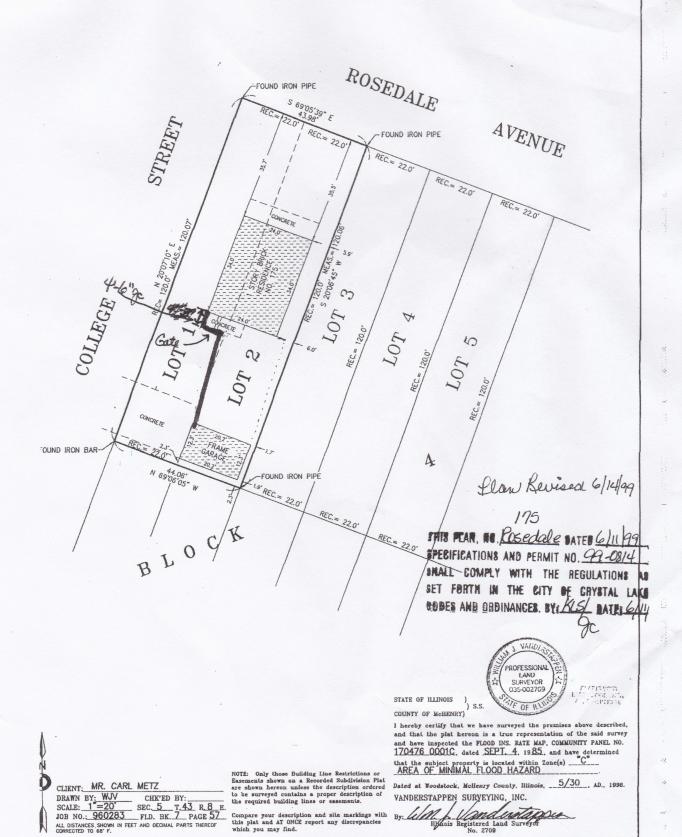






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and 2 in Block 4 of Rose's East View Addition to Crystal Lake, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in the Recorder's Office, in Book 4 of Plats, page 66, said Addition being located in and being a part of Lots 5 and 52 of the Plat of Farms at Crystal Lake, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in said Recorder's Office in Book 22 of Deeds, page 1, and being a part of Section 5, Township 43 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in McHenry County, Illinois.



Compare your description and site markings with this plat and AT ONCE report any discrepancies which you may find.

Illianis Registered Land Surveyor
No. 2709