TOWN OF SMITHFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA PACKET



Chairman: Sarah Edwards Vice-Chairman: Jeremy Pearce

> Monique Austin Thomas Bell Greg Evans Jason Evans

Stephen Wensman, AICP, RLA, Planning Director Micah Woodard, CZO Planner I Julie Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Council Chambers, Smithfield Town Hall

AGENDA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REGULAR MEETING JUNE 12TH, 2025 MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM TOWN HALL

Call to Order.

Approval of the minutes for April 24th, 2025.

New Business.

• Swear in new Board members Greg Evans, and Jason Evans

Public Hearing.

• <u>BA-25-03:</u> Requesting a variance to construct a home that encroaches 5 feet over the side setback line. Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 8.3.1. sets the dimensional requirements for the R-8 zoning district. The property considered for variance is located at 417 S. Second Street, further identified by Johnston County Tax ID 15029033.

Old Business.

None

Adjournment.

Draft Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustment Minutes Thursday, April 24th, 2025 6:00 P.M. Town Hall, Council Chambers

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Sarah Edwards, Chairman Jeremy Pearce, Vice Chairman Thomas Bell Monique Austin

Staff Present:

Staff Absent:

Micah Woodard, Planner I

Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

Julie Edmonds, Admin Support Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Approval of minutes from March 27th, 2025

Jeremy Pearce made a motion, seconded by Monique Austin to approve the minutes as written. Unanimously approved

Open Public Hearing

Tom Bell made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by Monique Austin. Unanimously approved.

Oath was administered to all individuals wishing to speak.

BA-25-02: Marilyn Mozingo of 57 Strickland Drive is requesting a variance to increase the allowable square footage for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) by 28% and for the ADU to have its own separate utility metering. Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 7.3.3. regulates ADU's. The property considered for a variance is further identified by Johnston County Tax ID 17J07024E.

Micah Woodard stated Mrs. Mozingo is looking to have an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) built to meet her husband's specific healthcare needs. She applied for and received a grant from the Veteran's Administration to modify her current residence but later found that they could not modify her existing residence because it is a manufactured home. Her plan shifted to see if she could build an ADU to adequately meet her husband's needs. The ADU should be at least 1,200 sq. ft. however the UDO Section 7.3.3.1. restricts ADUs to 75% of the principal structure which is 936 sq. ft creating the need for the variance.

Close Public Hearing

Jeremy Pearce made a motion to close BA-25-02; seconded by Monique Austin. Unanimously approved.

Sarah Edwards read the four Finding of Fact.

- 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. In absence of this variance, the applicant will not be able to construct the ADU to an adequate size to fit their needs; an increase of around 300 sq. ft. Staff finds this a reasonable variance in sq. ft. given the situation. All BOA members agreed
- 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. The existing manufactured home is not handicap accessible and will not meet the needs of the residents. Without the variance residents would likely have to move away from the property. All BOA members agreed

- 3. 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 the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. This site was developed decades ago and legal restrictions were imposed on the property afterwards. The hardship is not self-created. All BOA members agreed
- 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. The applicant meets the main primary requirements to permit ADU's. By deviating slightly on the previously stated two specific sections the variance still adheres to the general intent of the ordinance and it is consistent with the overall spirit, and purpose. All BOA members agreed.

Old Business.

None

Adjournment.

Jeremy Pearce made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Monique Austin. Unanimously approved.

Julie Edmonds

Administrative Support Specialist

Gulie Gdmonds

Town of Smithfield Planning Department



Request for Board of Adjustment Action

Agenda Item:

BA-25-03

Date:

6/12/25

Subject: S. Second St. Setback Variance

Department: Planning

Presented by: Micah Woodard, CZO, Planner I

Presentation: Public Hearing

Issue Statement

To review a variance from the Unified Development Ordinance, Section 8.3.1. to construct a home that encroaches 5 feet over the side setback line.

Financial Impact

None.

Action Needed

To hold an evidentiary hearing, review the variance request and decide whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny.

Recommendation

Planning Staff recommends approval of the variance, Case no. BA-25-03, based on the finding of fact.

Approved: ☐ Town Manager ☐ Town Attorney

Attachments:

- Staff Report
- Finding of Fact
- Application
- Site Plan

Agenda BA-25-03 Item:

REQUEST:

To review a variance to construct a home that encroaches 5 feet over the side setback line. Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 8.3.1. sets the dimensional requirements for the R-8 zoning district. The property considered for variance is located at 417 S. Second Street, further identified by Johnston County Tax ID 15029033.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The property considered for variance is located at 417 South Second Street.

CASE DATA:

Applicant/Owner: Charlie Greene on behalf of Brightleaf #2004-II,

LLC and Warehouse Properties, LLC

Tax ID#: 15029033 Town/ETJ: Town Acreage: 0.29 acres

Present Zoning: R-8

Existing Use: Detached single-family home

Water Service: Town of Smithfield Sewer Service: Town of Smithfield Electrical Service: Town of Smithfield

ADJACENT ZONING AND LAND USE:

	Zoning	Existing Use
North	R-8	Detached Single-Family
South:	R-8	Detached Single-Family
West:	R-8	Detached Single-Family
East:	R-8	Detached Single-Family

ANALYSIS:

Owners Brightleaf #2004-II, LLC and Warehouse Properties, LLC had initially planned to remodel the old house that was formerly located on the property. The initial inspection of the home did not indicate the homes foundation issues. It was later decided that it would be more cost effective to demo the former house and construct a new house on the property. After the former house was demolished and a survey was done on the site it was determined that the former house was also encroaching on our current R-8 building setbacks. This is common for older homes that were built before our current code was established. When staking out the area for the new house the owners realized that if the new house is to adhere to the current setback standards the house would appear to be on a subtle slant and or crooked in comparison to the neighboring houses. This is due in-part to the slanted shape of the lot and the fact that the lot tapers in size from front to back, going from *roughly 63 feet to 55 feet. To construct the house to appear straight and square with the rest of the neighborhood they would need to encroach the side setback line by 5 feet on the left-hand side.

STAFF FINDING OF FACT FOR VARIANCE:

To approve a variance, the Board of Adjustments shall find all of the following provisions can be met (Staff's finding are in **bold/italic**) (the applicant's finding are in the report packet):

- 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. By adhering to the ordinance, the argument could be made that the homes curb appeal and value would be hindered.
- 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. The existing lots orientation with the street and the fact of the lots taper in size make conforming to current standards difficult and would result in the home appearing slanted/crooked.
- 3. 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 the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. Unfortunately, the initial inspection of the home did not indicate that the homes foundation was in disrepair. While the initial efforts of the owners was to salvage the former home; when that was no longer a feasible option building new and thereby conforming to currents standards became the only option. The hardship is not self-created.

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. This variance request is relatively insignificant; considering that the former home sat in roughly the same proposed footprint building a new house over the UDO required setback line by only 5 feet this project still adheres to the general intent of the ordinance and it is consistent with the overall spirit, and purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends that the Board of Adjustment approve the variance from the Unified Development Ordinance to allow construction of a home that encroaches 5 feet into the side setback, based on the findings of fact for variances: based on the 4 finding of fact (comment/vote on each):

- 1. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance.
- 2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography.
- 3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner.
- 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.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"Planning Staff recommends that the Board of Adjustment approve the variance from the Unified Development Ordinance to allow construction of a home that encroaches 5 feet into the side setback, based on the findings of fact for variances."

(Vote on each finding)

BA-25-03 S. 2nd Street Variance

File Number: 420 BA-25-03

Project Name: S. 2nd Street Variance

Location: 417 S 2nd St, Smithfield, NC 27577

Tax ID#: 15029033

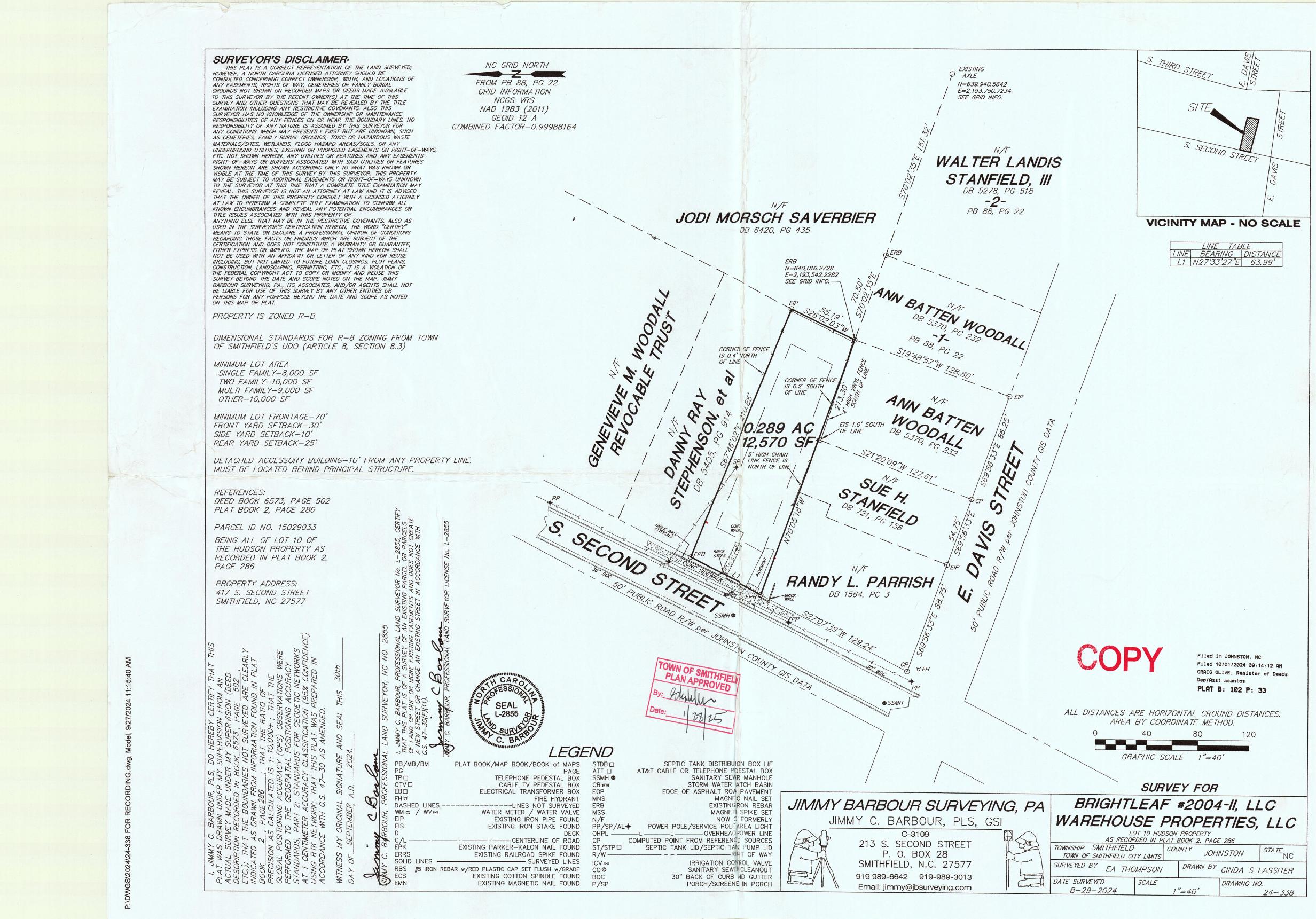
Existing Zoning: R-8

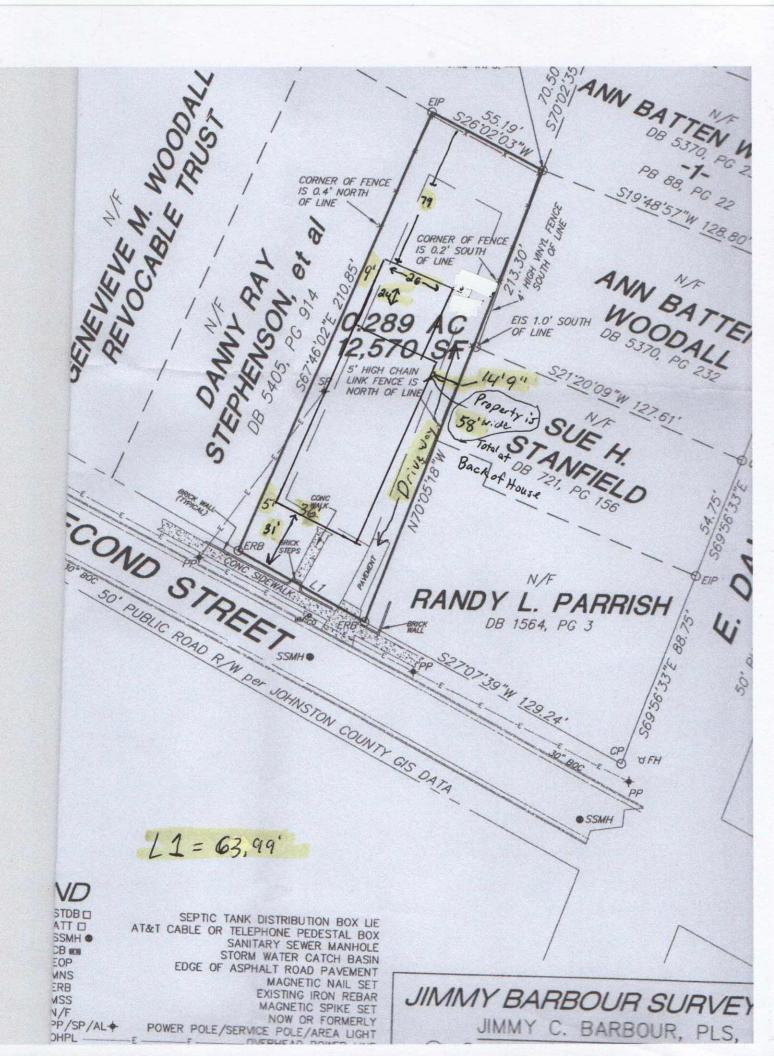
Property Owner:
Brightleaf #2004-II, LLC
and Warehouse
Properties, LLC

Applicant: Charlie Greene

417 S SECOND ST 203 205 207 Map Scale 1" = 30'

Map created by Micah Woodard, Planner I on 5/20/2025







Town of Smithfield Planning Department

350 E. Market St. Smithfield, NC 27577 P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC 27577

> Phone: 919-934-2116 Fax: 919-934-1134

VARIANCE APPLICATION

Pursuant to Article 4, of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, an owner of land within the jurisdiction of the Town (or a duly authorized agent) may petition the Board of Adjustment for relief from a requirement of the Unified Development Ordinance and to permit construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

In granting variances, the Board of Adjustment may impose such reasonable conditions as will insure that the use of the property to which the variance applies will be as compatible as practicable with the surrounding properties.

Variance applications must be accompanied by a complete PDF application, 1 PDF of required plans, an Owner's Consent Form (attached) and the application fee.

SITE INFORMA	ATION:	pour los reines			
Name of Project: Harris House		Acreage of property: 0.29			
Parcel ID Number: 15-0-29-033-		Tax ID:			
Deed Book: 06573		Deed Page(s):	05002		
Address: 417 South Second St Smithfield N		IC 27577			
Location: Dow	ntown Sm	nithfield			
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Existing Use:	Existing Use: Residentia		Proposed Use:	Residential	
Existing Zoning I	Existing Zoning District:				
Requested Zoning District		Residential			
Is project within	a Planned D	Development:	Yes	No	
Planned Development District (if applicable):					
Variance Request (List Unified Development Code sections and paragraph numbers) Building closer to property line					
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Name: Perry Harri	S
Mailing Address:	496 Skinner Rd Four Oaks NC 27524
Phone Number:	919-795-4596 Fax:
Email Address:	51perryharris@gmail.com
APPLICANT INF	ORMATION:
Applicant: Charl	ie Greene
Mailing Address:	990 Old Rock Quarry Rd Princeton NC 27569
Phone Number:	919/369/4302 Fax:
Contact Person:	Charlie Greene
Email Address:	Gcrew08@gmail.com
REQUIRED PLA	NS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
all plans, except when	
	ans (please see the plan requirements checklist).
Owner Consen	t form
A Statement of	Justification.
Required Findi	ng of Fact.
Other Applicat	ble Documentation:
STATEMENT O	FJUSTIFICATION
Asking to build closer to	ed information concerning all requests. Attach additional sheets if necessary. the property line, lot is on a slant and the front of the house will be on a angle and the curb appeal
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REQUIRED FINDINGS OF FACT

Article 4, Section 4.10.2.2 of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance requires applications for a variance to address the following findings. The burden of proof is on the applicant and failure to

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adequately address the findings may result in denial of the application. Please attach additional pages if

necessary.

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby make application and petition to the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Smithfield to approve the subject Variance request. I hereby certify that I have full legal right to request such action and that the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Charlie Greene	Charlie Greene	4/16/2025
rrini Nume	Signature of Applicant	Date



Town of Smithfield Planning Department 350 E. Market St Smithfield, NC 27577 P.O. Box 761, Smithfield, NC 27577 Phone: 919-934-2116

Fax: 919-934-1134

OWNER'S CONSENT FORM

Name of Project: Harris	House	Submittal Date: 4/16/2025
OWNERS AUTHORIZA	TION	
pertaining to the application	to act on my behalf, to nents, and to attend an m(s) indicated above	to submit or have submitted this application and all and represent me at all meetings and public hearings. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party ions which may arise as part of the approval of this
agent will result in the den approval or permits. I acknowledge application. I further consent	ial, revocation or adminowledge that addition to the Town of Smith	y I have an ownership interest in the subject of this e or incomplete information provided by me or my ministrative withdrawal of this application, request, and information may be required to process this affield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted for any third party. I further agree to all terms and proval of this application.
Perry Harris Signature of Owner	Perry Ha	arris 4/16/2025
Signature of Owner	Print Name	Date
CERTIFICATION OF AF	PLICANT AND/OR	PROPERTY OWNER
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
File Number:	Date Received:	Parcel ID Number:



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS CERTIFICATION

I, Micah Woodard, hereby certify that the property owner and adjacent property owners of the following petition, <u>BA-25-03</u>, were notified by First Class Mail on 5/16/25 of the Public Hearing on May 29^{th} , 2025.

Signature

Johnston County, North Carolina

I, Julianne Edmonds, Notary Public for Johnston County and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that <u>Micah Woodard</u> personally appeared before me on this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the

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Notary Public Signature

Tulianne Edmonds

Notary Public Name

My Commission expires on 1-15-2028

Name1	Name2	Address1	Address2	CityStateZip
BRIGHTLEAF #2004-II, LLC	WAREHOUSE PROPERTIES, LLC		PO BOX 1266	SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-1266
ERICKSON, TERRI S		506 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4462
JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF ED	SMITHFIELD GRADE SCHOOL			
JACKSON, WILLIAM EDWARD		503 S 3RD STREET		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
HOLLAND, WALTER A JR			BOX 1833	SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
BRITT, ALAN B	BRITT, RACHEL J	422 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4412
BURGESS, STEVEN PAUL	BURGESS, MARY	106 E RIVERSIDE DR		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4404
NARRON, PAULA		415 S 4TH ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4451
K RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC			PO BOX 1297	SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-1297
PARRISH, RANDY L		203 EAST DAVIS STREET		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
HUNTERBELL PROPERTIES, LLC			PO BOX 9750	CHAPEL HILL, NC 27515-9750
FERGUSON, MELINDA D.		1001 CHESTNUT DR		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-3707
GRIFFIN, JUSTIN W.		408 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4412
PARNELL, WILLIAM N	PARNELL, DEBORAH	202 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4420
BRITT, ALAN B	BRITT, RACHEL M	303 FLOWERS RD		FOUR OAKS, NC 27524-8192
BROADWELL, SIDNEY WAYNE		1203 S WALNUT DR		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-3621
BRITT, WILLIAM AVERY		116 EAST DAVIS STREET		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
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BRITT, ALAN B	BRITT, RACHEL J	422 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4412
BOWMAN, JERRY B	BOWMAN, JEANENE C	110 E RIVERSIDE DR		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
WHITLEY, H HARPER	STEVENS, LINDA	414 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4412
WILSON, JESSE WALTER		1001 CHESTNUT DR		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-3707
BRITT, WILLIAM AVERY		116 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4402
BRITT, WILLIAM A		116 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4402
HARRELL-SHIPLEY, HOLDEN SCOTT		208 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4420
RAMOS, WILFIDO B.	JIMENEZ, CLAUDIA A.	817 S BRIGHTLEAF BLVD STE A		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4390
STEPHENSON, DANNY RAY	STEPHENSON, CAROLYN PENNY	415 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4411
ROBERTSON, EDITH KATHRYN WILKINS		411 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4417
STEVENS, HAROLD L. JR.		407 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4417
WOODALL, ANN BATTEN LIFE ESTATE	WOODALL, CHARLES RAYMOND JR. LIFE ESTATE	207 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4419
Y&C REALTY, LLC		296 BAYHILL DR		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-9408
STANFIELD, WALTER LANDIS III		6565 4TH ST		VERO BEACH, FL 32968-9574
WOODALL, ANN BATTEN LIFE ESTATE	WOODALL, CHARLES RAYMOND JR. LIFE ESTATE	207 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4419
JEAN G. WILLIAMS REVOCABLE TRUST	WILLIAMS, JEAN G. CO TRUSTEE	412 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4418
JONES, MINDA H	***************************************	415 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4417
STANFIELD, SUE H		205 E DAVIS ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4419
SAUERBIER, JODI MORSCH		414 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4418
GARRIS, GREGORY W	GARRIS, KELLEY S	410 S THIRD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4418
BENNETT, REBECCA ELISE	Ortification, Receipt 5	401 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4411
BURNETTE, FREIDA JOYCE		406 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4412
WARD ENTERPRISES, LLC		1012 OLD OLIVE RD		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-7855
GASKINS, JONATHAN D	GASKINS, JENNIFER W	404 SOUTH THIRD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
BALLANTNI, JOSEPH R.	BALLANTINI, CINZIA	407 S 2ND ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-0000
DURAN, LUZ MARIA PACHECO	ARREOLA, JUAN FRANCISCO CARDIEL	406 S 3RD ST		SMITHFIELD, NC 27577-4411
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