

APPLICANT: Russell Alion, Jr.	PETITION No.: V-67
PHONE: 770-780-1812	DATE OF HEARING: 7-12-2017
REPRESENTATIVE: Russell Alion	PRESENT ZONING: R-20
PHONE: 770-780-1812	LAND LOT(S): 1041
TITLEHOLDER: Russell G. Alion, Jr. and Sarah S Alion	DISTRICT: 17
PROPERTY LOCATION: On the southern terminu	SIZE OF TRACT: 0.49 acres
of Inman Hill, west of Denards Mill	COMMISSION DISTRICT: 2
(3480 Inman Hill).	
TYPE OF VARIANCE: Waive the rear setback for	an accessory structure under 650 square feet (proposed 216
square foot two-story playhouse) from the required 35 fo	eet to five (5) feet.
OPPOSITION: No. OPPOSED PETITION N BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION	oSPOKESMAN
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REJECTED SECONDED	
HELD CARRIED	SITE SITE
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COMMENTS

TRAFFIC: This request will not have an adverse impact on the transportation network.

DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTIONS: If approved a permit would be required. If a wall or overhang is within 5 feet of the property line a one hour fire rating will be required.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: No comments.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: No adverse stormwater impacts are anticipated.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: After examining Civil War trench maps, Cobb County historic property surveys, county maps, and various other resources, staff has no comments regarding the impact or treatment of historic and/or archaeological resources.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: No comments.

CEMETERY PRESERVATION: No comments.

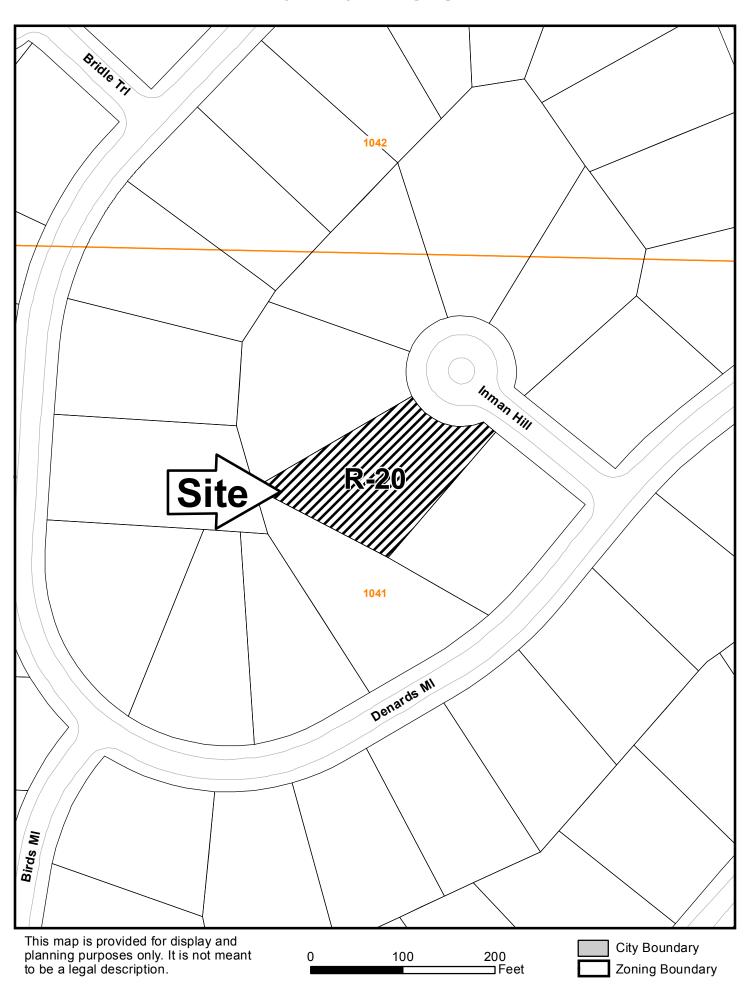
WATER: No conflict.

SEWER: No conflict.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: No comments...

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Application for Variance Cobb County

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Hearing Date: 7-12-17

Applicant Russell ALION, Jr. Phone # 770.780.1812 E-mail RussALION@ 90	mi L.com
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Present Zoning of Property R-20	
Location 3480 INMAN HILL (Intersection of IMMAN HILL and Denard	15 Mill)
(street address, if applicable; nearest intersection, etc.)	
Land Lot(s)	_Acre(s)
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condition(s) must be peculiar to the piece of property involved.	
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See attached Memorandum in Support of Variance	
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the required 35 feet adjacent to the real property line to 5	feet.
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF VARIANCE

Background

The Applicant is the owner of 3480 Inman Hill, Marietta, GA 30067 (the "Property"). The Property is located in the subdivision known as Sibley Forest and is in a R-20 Zoning District.

The Applicant is requesting a variance to build a 12 foot x 18 foot two-story playhouse in the rear yard of the Property. The playhouse is an "accessory structure" as defined by Section 134-197(12)(b)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Because the playhouse will be over 144 square feet, but less than 650 square feet, it is limited to the building setbacks of the lot. See Section 134-197(12)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Accordingly, the requested variance is as follows:

1. Reduce the required rear yard setback from 35 feet to 5 feet.

The height of the playhouse is 12 feet and 8 ½ inches. A sample image of the playhouse is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

The playhouse is not opposed by any neighboring property owners. <u>See</u> Consent of Contiguous Occupants or Land Owners attached to the Variance Application.

Analysis

I. Extraordinary Circumstances and Conditions Apply Related to the Size and Topography of the Property That Are Not Generally Shared by Other Properties in a R-20 District.

A. Topography of the Property

The topography of the Property prevents an accessory structure to be built in the rear of the Property without the need for a rear yard setback variance.

The topography slopes down from the front of the lot (the top of the driveway at the street), which is 1,014 feet above sea level, to the rear of the Property (the back yard), which is 997 feet above sea level. **See** Property Survey for 3480 Inman Hill attached to the Variance Application.

Essentially, the topography is a *continuous* slope, resulting in a 17-foot drop from the front of the lot to the rear of the lot. **See Exhibit 2**, Photo from the top of the driveway of the Property showing a continuous slope to the bottom of the driveway, and **Exhibit 3**, Photo of the back of the driveway (at the fence) showing a continuous slope through the rear of the Property.

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The topography of the Property is a unique physical limitation that is not generally shared by other properties in a R-20 District. For example, the rear yard of the lot directly across the street from Applicant's property is completely flat and level. **See Exhibit 4**, Photo of the rear yard of 3491 Inman Hill.

Ultimately, Applicant's Property becomes flat at the very rear of the Property. More specifically, the rear southwest corner of the Property.

Accordingly, the playhouse (or any accessory structure) must be placed in the rear southwest corner of the Property since it is the only flat, buildable area on the Property. Because this buildable area is within 35 feet of the rear property line, a variance from the rear yard setback is required (from 35 feet to 5 feet).

B. Size of the rear yard of the Property

The shallow depth of the rear yard prevents an accessory structure to be built in the rear of the Property without the need for a rear yard set back variance.

The Zoning Ordinance mandates that all accessory structures be located in the rear yard of a lot in a R-20 District. See Section 134-197(12)(b)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance. Here, the depth of Applicant's rear yard is significantly shallow, a unique physical limitation that is not generally shared by other properties in a R-20 District. See Exhibits 5 and 6, Photos of the rear yard of Applicant's Property.

For example, the rear yard of the lot directly across the street from Applicant's property is significantly deeper than Applicant's rear yard. See Exhibit 7, Photo of the rear yard of 3491 Inman Hill.

As a further example, the rear yard of the lot directly behind Applicant's Property is significantly deeper than Applicant's rear yard. See Exhibit 8, Photo of the rear yard of 780 Denards Mill.

Because the rear yard of the Property is so shallow, no accessory structure can be built in the rear yard without the need for a rear yard setback variance from the required 35 feet.

In sum, the topography and the depth of the rear yard give the Property a unique physical limitation that is not generally shared by other properties in a R-20 District. As a result, there is no adequate buildable area in the rear of the Property to build an accessory structure, or develop the Property in any way, without the need for a rear yard setback variance.

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II. Granting the Variance is Necessary for the Preservation, Use and Enjoyment of the Property and to Prevent an Unnecessary Hardship.

As discussed above, the exceptional lot conditions make it necessary to build the playhouse in the rear southwest corner of the Property, as it is the only level buildable area on the Property. Accordingly, this variance request is due to the unique physical conditions of the Property.

Strict application of the Zoning Ordinance without the variance would cause an unnecessary hardship by preventing the Applicant (1) from the reasonable use and enjoyment of the Property, and (2) from using the Property for a permitted purpose.

Essentially, strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would preclude any accessory structure or use described in Section 134-197(12)(b)(2), which includes a Jacuzzi, tennis court, basketball court, swimming pool, playhouse or playground, from being built and enjoyed on the Property.

In sum, granting the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantive property right. It also would allow reasonable use and enjoyment of the Property and prevent an unnecessary hardship.

III. Granting the Variance Will Not be Detrimental to Neighboring Owners, the Neighborhood, or to the Public Health, Safety or General Welfare.

The playhouse will not be detrimental to neighboring property owners. Because the playhouse will be located in the rear southwest corner of the Property, it will be buffered on three sides, and effectively "screened," by large, mature trees and dense foliage. **See Exhibit 9**, Photo of the location on the Property of the proposed playhouse.

Moreover, the playhouse will not be near or in close proximity to any existing structure or dwelling located on neighboring properties. **See Exhibit 10**, Photo of the location of the rear yard setback from 35 feet to 5 feet. As a result, no neighboring property owners are opposed to the playhouse.

The playhouse also will not be detrimental to the neighborhood. The playhouse will not be seen from the street (1) due to the surrounding large, mature trees and dense foliage, and (2) because it will be built in a location on the Property that is 17 feet lower than the ground at street level (in essence, at the base of a "valley").

Accordingly, the playhouse will not adversely affect the character or aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood.

