



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ZONING HEARING EXAMINER
NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

GARY VICE request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-2-6(E)(4)(a): a VARIANCE of 5' to the required 5' side yard setback to allow an existing patio cover for all or a portion of Lot(s) G, Block(s) 13A, REBONITO zoned R-1, located on 1504 ARCHULETA DR NE (J-23)

Special Exception No:..... **12ZHE-80324**
Project No: **Project# 1009468**
Hearing Date: 11-19-12
Closing of Public Record: 11-19-12
Date of Decision: 12-06-12

On the 19th day of November, 2012 (hereinafter "**Hearing**") Mr. Gary Vice (hereinafter "**Applicant**") appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (hereinafter "**ZHE**") requesting a Variance of 5' to the required 5' side yard setback to allow an existing patio cover (hereinafter "**Application**") upon the real property located at 1504 ARCHULETA DR NE ("**Subject Property**"). Below are the findings of facts:

FINDINGS:

1. Applicant is requesting a Variance of 5' to the required 5' side yard setback to allow an existing patio cover.
2. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 (C) (2) (a) "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" reads in part: "*Variance. A variance shall be approved if and only if the following tests are met: (a) The property is exceptional*"
3. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the Subject Property is exceptional for the following reason:
 - a. Exceptionality Reason: The Property Line between 1504 and 1508 Archuleta Drive is 84 inches tall cement brick wall, and the wall does not have a gate access to Archuleta Drive. This limited access and grade change is the exceptionality of the property. Additionally, the Applicant cited the Privacy Deck as an exceptional element of the Subject Property and that the Parcel is unusually shaped (like a tunnel).
4. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 (C) (2) (b) "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" reads in part: "*A variance shall be approved if and only if the following tests are met: (b) as a result of the exceptional aspect of the property, the regulations produce unnecessary hardship*"
5. Applicant testified at the Hearing that as a result of the exceptionality (grade change and wall height) that the City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-2-6(E)(4)(a) creates a (side yard setback) regulation that produces an unnecessary hardship upon the Applicant and the Subject Property.

6. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 (C) (2) (c) "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" reads in part: "*A variance shall be approved if and only if the following tests are met: (c) a particular variance is appropriate to prevent the unnecessary hardship.*"
7. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the variance Application (5 feet into the 5' side yard setback), if approved, would be appropriate to prevent the unnecessary hardship.
8. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 (C) (2) (d) "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" reads in part: "*A variance shall be approved if and only if the following tests are met: (d) financial gain or loss shall not be the sole determining factor in deciding a variance.*"
9. The Application and the testimony provided by the Applicant at the Hearing both suggest that financial gain/loss was not the sole determining factor of the Application.
10. The Application, File and testimony of the Applicant at the Hearing suggest that there is no neighborhood opposition to the Application.
11. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the yellow "Notice of Hearing" signs were posted for the required time period as articulated within City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.
12. The Applicant has adequately justified the variance Application upon the Subject Property pursuant to City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

DECISION:

APPROVAL of a VARIANCE of 5' to the required 5' side yard setback to allow an existing patio cover upon the real property located at 1504 ARCULETA DR NE.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on December 21, 2012 in the manner described below:

Appeal is to the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the decision. A filing fee of \$50.00 shall accompany each appeal application, as well as a written explanation outlining the reason for appeal and a copy of the ZHE decision. Appeals are taken at 600 2nd Street, Plaza Del Sol Building, Ground Level, Planning Application Counter located on the west side of the lobby. **Please present this letter of notification when filing an appeal.** When an application is withdrawn, the fee shall not be refunded.

An appeal shall be heard by the Board of Appeals within 45 days of the appeal period and concluded within 75 days of the appeal period. The Planning Division shall give written notice of an appeal, together with a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the applicant, a representative of the opponents, if any are known, and the appellant.

Please note that pursuant to Section 14.16.4.4.(B), of the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive Zoning Code, you must demonstrate that you have legal standing to file an appeal as defined.

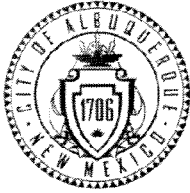
You will receive notice if any other person files an appeal. If there is no appeal, you can receive building permits any time after the appeal deadline quoted above, provided all conditions imposed at the time of approval have been met. However, the Zoning Hearing Examiner may allow issuance of building permits if the public hearing produces no objection of any kind to the approval of an application. To receive this approval, the applicant agrees in writing to return the building permit or occupation tax number.

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Zoning Hearing Examiner

cc: Zoning Enforcement
ZHE File
Gary Vice, 1504 Archuleta Dr NE, 87112



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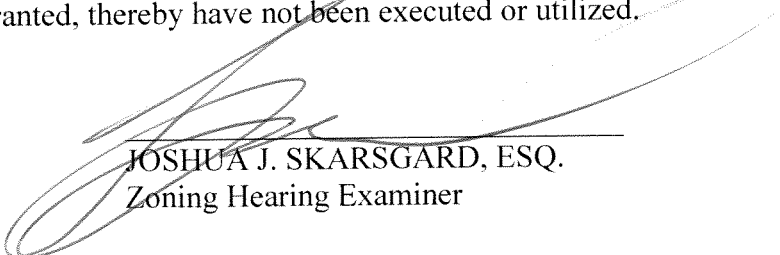
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