

JOANN PADILLA request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-3-3(B)(2)(e): a VARIANCE of 3' 6" to the 5' minimum distance separation requirement between existing accessory structures for all or a portion of Lot(s) 12-P1, Block(s) 3, CASITA DE LA MESA zoned R-D 9 DU/A, located on 9416 VISTA DEL VALLE ST SW (L-9)

Special Exception No:	12ZHE-80068
Project No:	Project# 1009174
Hearing Date:	10-16-12
Closing of Public Record:	10-16-12
Date of Decision:	10-31-12

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- 1. Joann Padilla is requesting a Variance of 3'6" to the minimum separation requirement between existing structures at 9416 Vista Del Valle St NW.
- 2. Ms. Padilla testified at the hearing that she has owned and resided at this property for approximately 16 years.
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- 8. Both the application and testimony provided at the hearing demonstrate that as a result of the exceptionality of the lot, the City of Albuquerque regulations produce an unnecessary hardship.
- 9. At the April 17, 2012 Zoning Hearing Examiner public hearing, the Zoning Hearing Examiner asked Ms. Padilla if the accessory structure could be moved to eliminate the need for a Variance application. Ms. Padilla responded by stating that the structure could be moved, but she could not afford to move the structure.
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- 13. Both the application and testimony provided at the hearing suggest that financial gain/loss is not the sole determining factor of the Variance Application.
- 14. 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.
- 15. There was no opposition to this request at the hearing nor is there any opposition noted in the file.
- 16. The Applicant has adequately justified the Variance request pursuant to City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: a VARIANCE of 3' 6" to the 5' minimum distance separation requirement between existing accessory structures for all or a portion of Lot(s) 12-P1, Block(s) 3, CASITA DE LA MESA zoned R-D 9 DU/A, located on 9416 VISTA DEL VALLE ST SW (L-9).

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- 1. Joann Padilla is requesting a Variance of 2'6" to the 10' minimum separation requirement between an existing dwelling and an existing structure at 9416 Vista Del Valle St NW.
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APPROVAL of a special exception to Section 14-16-3-3(B)(2)(e): a VARIANCE of 2' 6" to the 10' minimum distance separation requirement between an existing dwelling and existing accessory structure for all or a portion of Lot(s) 12-P1, Block(s) 3, CASITA DE LA MESA zoned R-D 9 DU/A, located on 9416 VISTA DEL VALLE ST SW (L-9)

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Project# 1009174
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- 1. Joann Padilla is requesting a Variance of 1'1" to the 10' minimum separation requirement between an existing dwelling and an existing shade structure at 9416 Vista Del Valle St NW.
- 2. Ms. Padilla testified at the hearing that she has owned and resided at this property for approximately 16 years.
- 3. 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"
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Special Exception No:	12ZHE-80071
Project No:	Project# 1009174
Hearing Date:	10-16-12
Closing of Public Record:	10-16-12
Date of Decision:	10-31-12

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Special Exception No:	.12ZHE-80072
Project No:	Project# 1009174
Hearing Date:	.10-16-12
Closing of Public Record:	.10-16-12
Date of Decision:	10-31-12

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Zoning Hearing Examiner

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JOANN PADILLA request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-3-3(B)(2)(e): a VARIANCE of 3' 6" to the 5' minimum distance separation requirement between existing accessory structures for all or a portion of Lot(s) 12-P1, Block(s) 3, CASITA DE LA MESA zoned R-D 9 DU/A, located on 9416 VISTA DEL VALLE ST SW (L-9)

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On October 16, 2012, Joann Padilla appeared before Zoning Hearing Examiner, Joshua J. Skarsgard as a remand from the Board of Appeals, requesting a Variance of 3'6" to the 5' minimum separation requirement between existing accessory structures at 9416 Vista Del Valle St SW. Below are the findings of facts.

- 1. Joann Padilla is requesting a Variance of 3'6" to the 5' minimum separation requirement between existing accessory structures at 9416 Vista Del Valle St NW.
- 2. Ms. Padilla testified at the hearing that she has owned and resided at this property for approximately 16 years.
- 3. 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"
- 4. Ms. Padilla testified that her lot is exceptional as compared with other land in the vicinity subject to the same regulations by reason of it being a corner lot (as required by City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS).
- 5. Ms. Padilla testified that her lot is exceptional as compared with other land in the vicinity subject to the same regulations by reason of an electrical box (transformer) being located on property (as required by City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS).
- 6. Ms. Padilla testified at the Board of Appeals that her lot is exceptional as compared with other land in the vicinity subject to the same regulations by reason of a grade change on the property. The Board of Appeals felt that this was a valid justification of exceptionality as required by City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.
- 7. 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"

- 8. Both the application and testimony provided at the hearing demonstrate that as a result of the exceptionality of the lot, the City of Albuquerque regulations produce an unnecessary hardship.
- 9. At the April 17, 2012 Zoning Hearing Examiner public hearing, the Zoning Hearing Examiner asked Ms. Padilla if the accessory structure could be moved to eliminate the need for a Variance application. Ms. Padilla responded by stating that the structure could be moved, but she could not afford to move the structure.
- 10. 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."
- 11. Both the application and testimony provided at the hearing demonstrate that the variance is needed to prevent the unnecessary hardship.
- 12. 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."
- 13. Both the application and testimony provided at the hearing suggest that financial gain/loss is not the sole determining factor of the Variance Application.
- 14. 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.
- 15. There was no opposition to this request at the hearing nor is there any opposition noted in the file.
- 16. The Applicant has adequately justified the Variance request pursuant to City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: a VARIANCE of 3' 6" to the 5' minimum distance separation requirement between existing accessory structures for all or a portion of Lot(s) 12-P1, Block(s) 3, CASITA DE LA MESA zoned R-D 9 DU/A, located on 9416 VISTA DEL VALLE ST SW (L-9)

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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on November 16, 2012in the manner described below:

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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