

## CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ZONING HEARING EXAMINER NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

DAMON & JO ELLEN BROWN (BOB GOLDEN, AGENT) request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-3-3(A)(4)(a)(1): a VARIANCE of 2' 10" to the 3' wall height allowance for an existing wall 5' 10" high wall in the front yard setback area on all or a portion of Lot(s) 5, LOMA DEL NORTE zoned R-1, located at 8116 EDDY AVE NE (D-19)

Special Exception No:	10ZHE-80222	
Project No:	Project# 1008387	
Hearing Date:	07-20-10	
Closing of Public Record:.	07-20-10	
Date of Decision:	07-28-10	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The applicants, Damon & Jo Ellen Brown, request a variance of 2' 10" to the 3' wall height allowance for an existing 5' 10" high wall in the front yard setback area. Damon Brown and Douglas Simms testified that this lot exceptional because of its irregular shape. They also indicated that there are elevation differences. There is a letter in the file from the Traffic Engineer's Office that indicates no obstruction to the clear sight requirements. The applicant was advised that, if approved, clear sight must be maintained and that vehicles, dumpsters, or landscaping that may mature and cause an obstruction to clear sight may not be placed next to this wall. Beverly Lawson testified in support of this request. There were also approximately eleven neighbors present at the hearing that support his request. There was one letter of opposition noted in the file. The yellow sign was posted.

Based on all of the testimony and a review of the entire file, it is determined that there is substantial evidence to make the following findings and conclusions:

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: I find that this parcel is exceptional as compared to other parcels in the vicinity because of its irregular shape and elevation differences and, therefore, it meets the test for the granting of a variance as provided for by Section 14. 16. 4. 2. I further find that, as a result of the exceptional aspect of the property, the regulations produce an unnecessary hardship in that it will limit the owner's reasonable use of the property and/or deprive the owner of a reasonable return on the property. Furthermore, I find that the particular variance is appropriate to prevent the unnecessary hardship and further find that the variance will differ from development which will be permitted under the existing regular zoning regulations no more than what is necessary to overcome the unnecessary hardship. Finally, the variance will not significantly interfere with the enjoyment of other land in the vicinity and is consistent with the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance, substantial justice and the general public interest.

**DECISION:** Approved.

The approval is subject to the submitted site plan, as required. Any substantial changes to the site plan, as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Division, shall require the scheduling of an additional Public Hearing.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on August 12, 2010, 2010 in the manner described below:

Appeal is to the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the decision. A filing fee of \$105.00 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.

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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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DAMON & JO ELLEN BROWN (BOG GOLDEN, AGENT) request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-3-3(B)(2)(e): a VARIANCE of 9' 6" to the 10' distance separation requirement between an existing shed and a carport on all or a portion of Lot(s) 5, LOMA DEL NORTE zoned R-1, located at 8116 EDDY AVE NE (D-19)

Special Exception No:	10ZHE-80224
Project No:	Project# 1008387
Hearing Date:	07-20-10
Closing of Public Record:	07-20-10
Date of Decision:	07-28-10

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The applicants, Damon & Jo Ellen Brown, request a variance of 9' 6" to the 10' distance separation requirement between an existing shed and a carport. Damon Brown and Douglas Simms testified that this lot exceptional because of its irregular shape. They also indicated that there are elevation differences. Mr. Brown stated that there are no flammables stored in the existing shed. There is a letter in the file from the Traffic Engineer's Office that indicates no obstruction to the clear sight requirements. The applicant was advised that, if approved, clear sight must be maintained and that vehicles, dumpsters, or landscaping that may mature and cause an obstruction to clear sight may not be placed next to this wall. Beverly Lawson testified in support of this request. There were also approximately eleven neighbors present at the hearing that support his request. There was one letter of opposition noted in the file. The yellow sign was posted.

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