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ORDINANCE NO. 3423

  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A ZONING CODE VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
624 LAKEFIELD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS FROM SECTION 17.16.050  
(B) OF THE COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, Andrew and Erica Crannage (“the Applicant”) is the owner of the property having the assigned address of 624 Lakefield Drive in the City of Columbia, Illinois (the “City”) and which property is legally described as Lot 46 of the Lakefield Place Subdivision on which property is located a single family residential structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 17.16.050 (B) of the City of Columbia Municipal Code (“City Code”) provides and requires on each lot upon which a dwelling is constructed, there shall be a side yard on each side of not less than fifteen (15) feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has applied for a variance from strict compliance with the side yard requirements of the City Municipal Code to allow for construction the of an addition to the single family residential structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.08.040 of the City’s Zoning Code provides and requires that all applications for variances from strict compliance with the City’s Zoning Code shall be filed with the City Clerk and forwarded by the City Clerk to the City’s Zoning Board of Appeals for public hearing, following publication of the required notice of hearing in a newspaper published in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing with regard to the applicant’s variance request was held before the Columbia, Illinois Zoning Board of Appeals on July 18, 2018, following the publication of the required notice of hearing in compliance with the City’s Code and the City’s Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended that the requested variance be granted to the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 17.08.050(A) of the City’s Zoning Code provides and requires that when by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional situation or condition of a specific piece of property, which condition is not generally prevalent in the area, the strict application of the area regulations would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of such property, the City Council shall be empowered to authorize on application in regard to such property, a variance from such zoning district regulation so as to relieve such difficulty or hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 17.08.050(C) of the City’s Zoning Code provides and requires that in the City Council’s consideration of all applications for Zoning Code variances, the City Council shall, before making any finding in a specific case, first determine that the proposed change will not constitute a change, including a variation in use, in the district map and will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or increase congestion in public streets or increase the danger of fire, or materially diminish, or impair established property values within the surrounding area, or in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals and welfare of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 17.08.050(C) of the City’s Zoning Code further provides and requires that every variance granted shall be granted by ordinance and that the ordinance granting the variance shall include a written finding of fact based upon testimony and evidence, specifying the reason for granting or denying

the variance and the decision of the City Council shall be made a part of any building permit for which a variance is allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 17.08.050(D) of the City's Zoning Code provides and requires that a simple majority vote of all City Aldermen holding office shall be required for the granting of a variance from strict application with the City's Zoning Code where the Zoning Board has recommended granting the variance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City has found and determined and does hereby declare that it is necessary and appropriate that the variance requested by the Applicant be granted by this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Ordinance verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

**Section 2.** The City's City Council has found and determined and does hereby declare that the proposed variances will not constitute a change, including a variation in use, in the City's district map and will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or increase congestion in public streets or increase the danger of fire, or materially diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, or in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals and welfare of the City. Further, the City Council of the City has found and determined that, based upon testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing before the City's Zoning Board of Appeals, the requested Zoning Code variance should be granted based upon the following facts:

(A) The proposed construction will not diminish the appearance of the property and will not adversely affect any adjoining or proximately located property or property owner.

(B) The building and property constitute an exceptional topographical condition or extraordinary or exceptional situation or condition on the subject property which condition is generally not prevalent in the neighborhood as the property owners desire to construct an addition of reasonable size and shape and if required to follow strict compliance of the code the structure would not provide visual harmony to the property or neighboring properties.

(C) The property owners who own property adjoining or located proximate to the subject property in the neighborhood have not objected to the requested variances.

(D) Requiring strict application of the building placement in this R-3 (One Family Dwelling District) in the City for the applicant would result in a peculiar and exceptional practical difficulty for the applicant and would create exceptional and undue hardship for the applicant and the community; whereas the proposed installation of the addition will provide visual harmony with the rest of the subdivision.

**Section 3.** The variance request from Subsection 17.16.050 (B) of the City's Code to allow a side yard of ten (10) is hereby granted.

**Section 4.** The City's Building Inspector is directed to attach a copy of this Ordinance to the building permit to be issued to Andrew and Erica Crannage in connection with the authorization to construct an addition on the property having the assigned address of 624 Lakefield Drive, in the City of

Columbia, Illinois in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 17.16.050(B) of the City's Zoning Code.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Alderman Reis moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Roessler, and the roll call vote was as follows:

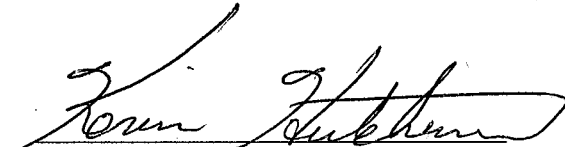
YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, and Huch.

NAYS: Aldermen Reis and Holtkamp.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

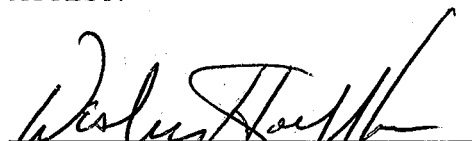
ABSENT: Alderman Martens.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 20<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2018.



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

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