# Zoning Board of Appeals <br> September 25, 2019 Regular Meeting 

## STAFF REPORT

## Subject: ZBA19-026; 1643 Traver Street

## Summary:

Brian Burkett, Aspire Architecture, LLC, representing property owners, is requesting an Alteration to a Nonconforming Structure, Section 5.32.2, in order to construct an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) a second story master suite and a one car carport to the north elevation of the residence. The proposed construction does not meet the required front setback, however, it will not encroach any further than the existing residence.

## Background:

The subject property is located south of Northside Elementary and west of Barton Drive. The property is zoned R1C Single-Family residential. The lot is 10,585 square feet in size. The home was built in 1980 and is approximately 1,276 square feet in size.

## Description:

The existing home is three bedrooms with a small eat-in kitchen. The new construction will increase the living space to 2,290 square feet while providing an interior accessory dwelling unit (ADU) for a relative.

## Standards for Approval- Alteration to a Nonconforming Structure

The Zoning Board of Appeals has all the power granted by State law and by Section 5.32.2, Application of the Variance Power from the UDC. The following criteria shall apply:
A) The alteration is approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon a finding that it complies as nearly as practicable with the requirements of this chapter and that it will not have a detrimental effect on neighboring property.

The applicant states that the proposed improvements to the property will not affect the adjacent properties as the additions extend to the north and it will not be visible to the southern properties. The applicants state the new additions do not encroach into the required front setback more than the existing home. Due to the extreme sloping topography and the tree preservation plan, the alteration is needed for the project.

Respectfully submitted,


Jon Barrett
Zoning Coordinator

1643 Traver St


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## REQUEST TO ALTER A NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE

For the purposes of Article VI: Nonconformities Section 5.32.2 Nonconforming Structure, alteration is defined as any change in a Building that results in additional Floor Area being fit for occupancy, a greater number of dwelling or rooming units or an increase in the exterior dimensions of the Building.

A nonconforming structure may be maintained or restored, but permission to alter a nonconforming structure will only be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon finding that it complies as nearly as practicable with the requirements of this Chapter and that it will not have a detrimental effect on neighboring property.

In the space below, describe the current use of the property, the proposed alteration, and the impact it would have on neighboring property.

The existing property contains a single family home with 3 bedrooms and a small eat-in Kitchen. The proposed additions would add a rear addition Dining Room, a Master Suite, and an In-law suite with an attached carport. The added space is a necessity for this blended family to accommodate their kids as well as their Mother, who they are attempting to move in due to her ailing health.

While the preference would be to design a North addition to adhere to the setback, it is not possible to do so, given the spatial requirements for the addition, the fact that the average of existing setback is so far behind the front of the existing home, and the severe topographical constraints created by an already steep hill to the North of the property. Also preventing a differently shaped addition that would prevent us from extending past the average of existing setback are three mature trees that we are attempting to preserve.

Adjacent properties would not be affected by such additions as we are proposing. The property extends North to the intersection, and it would not be visible by Southern neighbors.


As the Owners of the property at 1643 Traver St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, we agree to allow Mr. Brian T. Burkett of Aspire Architecture, llc to speak and act as a designated agent on our behalf in matters pertaining to the remodel and addition of our home at the aforementioned address.



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| AREA ANALYSIS |  |  |  |
| EXISTING |  | PROPOSED |  |
| EX. Finished Basement | 374 SF $+1 /$ | Prop. Finished Basement | 809 SF $+1 /$ |
| Ex. Main floor Living area | $3875 \mathrm{~F}+/$ - | PRop. Main Floor Living Area | $5315 \mathrm{sF}+/$ |
| Ex. Uppeer Floor Living Area | $515 \mathrm{sF}+1$ - | PRoP. Upper Floor Living frea | $9505 \mathrm{~F}+1$ - |
| Ex. Total Llving space | 1,276 5F + / | PRop. Total Llving space | 2,290 SF +1 - |
| EX. Unfinished Basement |  | Ex. Unfinished Basement | $1085 \mathrm{sF}+/$ - |
| Ex. Garage | 387 FF +/- | Prop. Garage | 387 SF $+1 /$ |
| Ex. TOTALAREA | $1,7715 \mathrm{sF}+\mathrm{l}$ - | PROP. CARPORT <br> PROP. TOTAL AREA | $\begin{array}{r} 319 \mathrm{SF}+/-1 \\ 3,104 \mathrm{sF}+/- \end{array}$ |
| ExSTING BLIG Footrpints | $902 \mathrm{SF}+/$ - |  |  |
| EX. LOT AREA |  | PROP. BLDG FOOTPRINTS | 1,482 SF +/- |
| Ex. Lot coverage | $\frac{902 \text { sF }}{16,028 \mathrm{SF}}=5.63 \%$ | Prop. Lot coverage | $\frac{1,482 \mathrm{SF}}{10,28 \mathrm{SF}}=9.24 \%$ |
| Ex. floor area rato | $\frac{1,771 \text { sF }}{16,028 \mathrm{sF}}=11.05 \%$ | \% Prop. floor arearatio | $\frac{3,044 \mathrm{SF}}{1,028 \mathrm{SF}}=19.36 \%$ |

PROPOSED ADDITION AND REMODEL
zoning board of appeal submission


WHITED-TOON RESIDENCE

## ASPIRE ARCHITECTURE, LLC

 BUILDER: BETTER SHELTERZBA SUBMISSION DATE: 2019.09 .25
ZBA MEETING DATE: $\quad 2019.08 .28$
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## SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

| zoned R1C | Req'D | ExISTING | PROPoSED | Variance |
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| MIN. LOT AREA | 7,200 SQ. FT. | 15,904 SQ. FT. | No CHANGE | N/A |
| MIN. LOT WIDTH | 60 FEET | 155 FEET | NO CHANGE | N/A <br> TO MODIFY EXIST. NON CONFORMIN |
| MIN. FRONT (PUBLISHED) | 25 FEET | 27.44 FEET | NO CHANGE |  |
| MIN. FRONT (AVG. EXITT.) | 35.8 FEET | 27.44 FEET | NO CHANGE |  |
| MIN. SIDE YARD | 5 Ft | 5.58 | No CHANGE | N/A |
| MIN. TOTAL SIDES | 10 FEET | 59.1 FEET | 35.16 FEET | N/A |
| MIN REAR YARD | 30 FEET | 152.52 FEET | 142.82 | N/A |
| max LOT COVERAGE | N/A | 5.63\% | 9.24 | N/A |
| max floor area ratio | N/A | 11.05\% | 19.36\% | N/A |
| MAX \# STORIES | 1/2 STORIES | $21 / 2$ STORIES | No CH | N/A |
| MAX BUILDING HEIGHT | 30 FEET | 20 FEET | NO CHANGE | N/A |
| EGAL INFORMATION |  |  |  |  |
| Parcel NumberS: 09-09-21-207-048 + 09-09-21-207-049 <br> Zoning Classification: R1C <br> Occupancy: Single-Family Residential <br> Historic District: No <br> Wetland: No <br> Floodplain: No |  |  |  |  |

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PROPOSED ROOF PLAN
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