LEAVENWORTH BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, October 18, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

- 1. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- 2. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2021 Action: Motion

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2021-27 BZA - 806 N. BROADWAY STREET

Hold a public hearing for Case No. 2021-27 BZA - 806 N. Broadway Street, wherein the applicant is requesting a variance from the adopted Development Regulations to allow an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) at a property in which neither the principal dwelling nor the accessory dwelling will be occupied by the owner.

ADJOURN



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, 6:00 P.M. COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Members Present

Board Member(s) Absent
Jan Horvath

Dick Gervasini Ron Bates Kathy Kem Mike Bogner

City Staff Present

Jackie Porter Michelle Baragary

Chairman Bogner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 16, 2021

Chairman Bogner asked for comments, changes or a motion on the minutes presented for approval: August 16, 2021. Mr. Gervasini moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Kem and approved by a vote of 3-0. Mr. Bogner abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CASE NO. 2021-24 BZA – 1820 S. 4TH STREET

Hold a public hearing for Case No. 2021-24 BZA - 1820 S. 4th Street, wherein the applicant is requesting a variance from the adopted Development Regulations to allow the use of an existing nonconforming sign after a change in business name and ownership.

Chairman Bogner called for the staff report.

City Planner Jackie Porter stated the applicant and owner, Niyan LLC, Priya Paten Managing Partner, is requesting a variance from the above noted section of the adopted Development Regulations to allow the use of an existing nonconforming sign after a change in business name and ownership. Section

8.15.A of the current Development Regulations require that a nonconforming sign be modified to conform, replaced with a conforming sign, or removed if there is a change in business name or ownership.

- 8.15.A Nonconforming: A nonconforming sign existing lawfully at the time of the passage of this sign code may be continued under the terms as hereinafter provided that such nonconforming signs shall be modified to conform, replace with a conforming sign or removed according to the following:
 - 1. If there is a change in business ownership, tenant, name or type of business.
 - 2. Any maintenance, repair or alteration of a nonconforming sign shall not cost more than 25% of the current value of the sign as of the date of alteration or repair.

The subject property is zoned R1-6, High Density Single Family Residential District, and was previously occupied by Connie's Liquor Spot. Retail liquor sales are not an allowed use in R1-6 zoning. However, as an existing nonconforming use, the business is permitted to continue. Section 8.15.E of the Development Regulations allows nonconforming uses which are otherwise permitted by the regulations to display signage in conformance with the lease intensive zoning district in which the use is permitted by right. RMX, Residential Mixed Use, is the least intensive zoning district in which foot and beverage sales are permitted by right.

The business was purchased in May 2021, by Niyan, LLC. At the time of purchase, the name of the business was changed to Tipsy's Liquor. There is an existing free standing sign associated with the business, which is located off of the property and in the right-of-way. Current regulations for signage in the RMX district require that no part of a free standing sign structure shall be closer than 5 feet to any property line, and no permanent signage is allowed in the right-of-way, making the existing sign nonconforming.

After the required notice was published, staff has received one comment from a neighbor representing 1817 Rose in favor of the variance.

Chairman Bogner asked for questions about the staff report.

Mr. Bogner asked if the State of Kansas has any requirements the City of Leavenworth must meet since it is in the State's right-of-way.

Ms. Porter responded in the negative, stating the State defers to the local regulations.

Mr. Bogner asked if the sign structure itself is proposed to increase in size.

Ms. Porter responded it is not. The applicant is proposing to keep the sign as is and just change the logo.

Ms. Kem asked if staff has any plans to relook at the sign code and if so, are there any portions that are being considered that would affect this kind of situation.

Ms. Porter responded in the negative, stating most of the sign regulations are for signs located on the property versus that of the right-of-way.

Ms. Kem asked for clarification that if the applicant wanted to rezone the property it would not make a difference because the sign is in the right-of-way.

Ms. Porter responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Gervasini asked if the issue is because the sign is in the right-of-way or because the applicant wants to change the name on the sign.

Ms. Porter stated the issue is with both. The sign is legal nonconforming before the change of a business owner and the name of the business. However, the change in business ownership and the change in the name of the business triggers the requirement for the sign to come into conformance.

Mr. Gervasini asked hypothetically, if the applicant wanted to keep the same name on the sign as Connie's Liquor Spot and since it is already in nonconformance since the property is zoned R1-6 then the applicant would not need to request a variance.

Ms. Porter stated if the ownership changed, the business name changed, tenant changed or type of business changed then a variance would be required.

Chairman Bogner asked if the applicant would like to speak.

Gary Nelson, attorney for applicant, stated it is his understanding some years ago the State of Kansas expanded the right-of-way, which then caused the subject sign to be in the right-of-way. Prior to the State expanding the right-of-way, the sign was not in the right-of-way. Furthermore, the sign sits close to the building, it's several feet off the street and is between the sidewalk and the building.

Mr. Bogner stated the biggest problem is not that the sign is in the right-of-way but it is the nonconforming use and the change of ownership. Mr. Bogner further stated it does not appear there will be any substantial change to the physical structure, just a new logo replacing the old logo.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Bogner closed the public hearing and called for discussion among the board members.

With no further discussion, Chairman Bogner read the following criteria regarding the Board's authority and reviewed each item.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AUTHORITY:

The Board's authority in this matter is contained in Article 11 (Board of Zoning Appeals), Section 11.03.B (Powers and Jurisdictions – Variances)

Variances: To authorize in specific cases a variance from the specific terms of these Development Regulations which will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing the special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these Development Regulations will, in an individual case, result in unnecessary hardship, provided the spirit of these Development Regulations shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done. Such variance shall not permit any use not permitted by the Development Regulations of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas in such district. Rather, variances shall only be granted for the detailed requirements of the district such as area, bulk, yard, parking or screening requirements.

1. The applicant must show that his property was acquired in good faith and where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of this specific piece of property at the time of the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance, or where by reason of exceptional topographical

conditions or other extra-ordinary or exceptional circumstances that the strict application of the terms of the Development Regulations of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas actually prohibits the use of his property in the manner similar to that of other property in the zoning district where it is located.

- 2. A request for a variance may be granted, upon a finding of the Board that all of the following conditions have been met. The Board shall make a determination on each condition, and the finding shall be entered in the record.
 - a) That the variance requested arises from such condition which is unique to the property in question and is not ordinarily found in the same zone or district; and is not created by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant.

Vote 3-1

Ms. Kem voted in the negative stating she can agree with the last part of the condition because expanding the right-of-way by the State is not of the applicant's own doing. However, the property is not unique and there are properties all down 4th Street that have the same problem.

b) That the granting of the permit for the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents.

Vote 3-1

Ms. Kem voted in the negative stating the intent of the Development Regulations is to eliminate nonconforming signs, particularly those located in the right-of-way.

c) That the strict application of the provisions of the Development Regulations from which the variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application.

Vote 3-1

Ms. Kem voted in the negative stating it will be a financial hardship but that is not something the board can consider by law.

d) That the variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare.

Vote 4-0

All board members voted in the affirmative.

e) That granting of the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of the Development Regulations.

Vote 3-1

Ms. Kem voted in the negative.

3. In granting a variance, the Board may impose such conditions, safeguards, and restrictions upon the premises benefited by the variance as may be necessary to reduce or minimize any potentially injurious effect of such variance upon other property in the neighborhood, and to carry out the general purpose and intent of the Development Regulations.

Mr. Bogner stated the sign regulations should be reviewed and updated.

Ms. Kem stated she has worked on sign regulations across the United States and every one of them will have a similar version of the sign code Leavenworth has because it is a universal clause in almost every zoning ordinance.

Mr. Bates asked if the size of the sign will remain the same as it currently is and that the applicant is only installing a new logo.

The applicant responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Gervasini asked how many more lots along 4th Street are nonconforming.

Ms. Porter stated she does not know the exact number but there are quite a handful.

Mr. Gervasini asked if most of the properties on 4th Street between Linn and Marion are commercial; and how many of those businesses are nonconforming.

Ms. Porter stated most of that strip is commercial. She further stated about two years ago Donut Palace had to bring their pylon sign into conformance with the Development Regulations. That particular sign was too tall so the owner had to cut it down to bring it into conformance.

Mr. Bogner asked if the Donut Palace was nonconforming due to zoning or something else.

Ms. Porter stated it was a nonconforming sign.

Mr. Gervasini asked to alleviate some of the problems that are generated by the nonconformance of the lots, would the city initiated rezoning of the lots or would the zoning board.

Ms. Kem stated the rezoning, even in the current case, would not affect the sign and the owner would still have the same issues.

Mr. Gervasini wants to know how many more people will need to request a variance if somebody buys a piece of property that is nonconforming with the residential district.

Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary responded even if the property was not in a residential district, the change in business ownership and name would still require the owner to request a variance.

Ms. Porter stated it is a nonconforming sign because it is located in the right-of-way.

Mr. Gervasini responded the sign is nonconforming but the property is in a nonconforming status because it is residential. Mr. Gervasini would like the city to look into this.

ACTION:

Approve or deny the request for a variance from section 8.15.A of the Development Regulations to allow the use of an existing nonconforming sign after a change in business name and ownership at $1820 \, \text{S}$. 4^{th} Street.

Chairman Bogner stated based on the findings, the board is in favor of granting the variance to allow the use of an existing nonconforming sign after a change in business name and ownership at 1820 S. 4th Street with no conditions or restrictions.

2. **2021-25 BZA – 44 LIMIT STREET**

Hold a public hearing for Case No. 2021-25 BZA – 44 Limit Street, wherein the applicant is requesting a variance from the adopted Development Regulations to allow a detached garage greater than 900 square feet on a parcel less than once acre.

Chairman Bogner called for the staff report.

City Planner Jackie Porter stated the applicant and owner, Kevin Cox, is requesting a variance from the above noted section of the adopted Development Regulations to allow construction of a detached garage that is greater than 900 square feet on a parcel less than once acre.

 4.04.B.3 – For single-family residences: a garage not to exceed 900 square feet on parcels less than one acre, and 1,200 square feet on parcels one acre or larger. Detached garages require construction of driveways to provide access in conformance with the parking provisions of the code.

The applicant proposes to construct a 1,200 square foot detached garage at the northeast corner of the property, with access off the adjacent alley. The property is currently zoned as Medium Density Single Family Residential District, R1-9, with a single-family dwelling. The primary structure has calculated area of 1,680 sqft and the lot is 0.29 acres.

The proposed use of the detached garage is for storage and restoration of an antique vehicle. The extra space will be used for storage of belongings that are currently in a storage unit.

After the required notice was published, staff has not received comment from any neighbors.

Chairman Bogner asked for questions about the staff report.

Mr. Bogner asked if the primary dwelling has a garage facing Limit Street.

Ms. Porter responded not that she is aware of.

Kevin Cox, property owner, stated the house does have an attached garage facing Limit Street.

Mr. Bogner asked if there is an updated picture of the proposed garage.

Mr. Cox stated the building will be designed like the picture included in the policy report but the color will be barn red with white trim.

Mr. Bogner asked if the garage on Limit Street is a one or two car garage.

Mr. Cox responded the garage is a two-car garage but it is very difficult to fit two vehicles in it.

Mr. Bogner asked if the proposed garage will be a three-car garage and if it will have an attic or loft.

Mr. Cox responded the garage would be a three-car garage and there will not be anything above it.

Mr. Gervasini asked if access will be strictly off the alley.

Mr. Cox responded in the affirmative.

With no further questions about the staff report, Chairman Bogner opened the public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Chairman Bogner closed the public hearing and opened it up for discussion among the board members.

Mr. Bogner asked staff if there are restrictions on the number of entrances into the garage, such as the number of garage doors, or is it just restricted on the total square foot of the building.

Ms. Porter responded it is restricted to the total square foot of the building.

With no further discussion, Chairman Bogner read the following criteria regarding the Board's authority and reviewed each item.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AUTHORITY:

The Board's authority in this matter is contained in Article 11 (Board of Zoning Appeals), Section 11.03.B (Powers and Jurisdictions – Variances)

Variances: To authorize in specific cases a variance from the specific terms of these Development Regulations which will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing the special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these Development Regulations will, in an individual case, result in unnecessary hardship, provided the spirit of these Development Regulations shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done. Such variance shall not permit any use not permitted by the Development Regulations of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas in such district. Rather, variances shall only be granted for the detailed requirements of the district such as area, bulk, yard, parking or screening requirements.

- 1. The applicant must show that his property was acquired in good faith and where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of this specific piece of property at the time of the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance, or where by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extra-ordinary or exceptional circumstances that the strict application of the terms of the Development Regulations of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas actually prohibits the use of his property in the manner similar to that of other property in the zoning district where it is located.
- 2. A request for a variance may be granted, upon a finding of the Board that all of the following conditions have been met. The Board shall make a determination on each condition, and the finding shall be entered in the record.
 - a) That the variance requested arises from such condition which is unique to the property in question and is not ordinarily found in the same zone or district; and is not created by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant.

Vote 0-4

All board members voted in the negative.

Mr. Bates stated in the past several meetings the board has heard several variance requests such as this. The regulations state a garage cannot exceed 900 sqft. on a parcel of this size. If the board approves a request for 1,000 sqft because it is only 100 sqft. more than the maximum allowed and then approves the current variance request because it is only 300 sqft. more than the permitted square footage, where is the line. According to the regulations, the line has been drawn at 900 sqft.

The other three board members disagreed with the condition for the same reasons.

b) That the granting of the permit for the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents.

Vote 4-0

All board members voted in the affirmative.

c) That the strict application of the provisions of the Development Regulations from which the variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application.

Vote 0-4

All board members voted in the negative.

d) That the variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare.

Vote 4-0

All board members voted in the affirmative.

e) That granting of the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of the Development Regulations.

Vote 0-4

All board members voted in the negative.

3. In granting a variance, the Board may impose such conditions, safeguards, and restrictions upon the premises benefited by the variance as may be necessary to reduce or minimize any potentially injurious effect of such variance upon other property in the neighborhood, and to carry out the general purpose and intent of the Development Regulations.

ACTION:

Approve or deny the request for a variance from section 4.04.B.3 of the Development Regulations to allow a 1,200 square foot detached garage at 44 Limit Street.

Chairman Bogner stated based on the findings, the variance request has been denied.

The board requests staff to review along 4th Street from Linn to Marion how many nonconforming uses, if a property owner applied for a special use permit, and how many nonconforming signs there are. Additionally, the board would like the sign code reviewed.

Mr. Bogner asked if staff plans to review the sign code and what the timeline for that would be.

Ms. Porter stated the sign code was reviewed and updated this year stating nonconforming uses which are otherwise permitted by the Development Regulations may obtain permits for signage in conformance with the least intensive zone district in which the use is permitted by right. In regards to the current sign variance request, the least intensive district liquors are permitted in by right is the NBD, Neighborhood Business District; therefore, the sign code for the NBD would be used for sign requirements.

Mr. Bogner would like a copy of the sign code emailed to the board. The board agrees review of the sign code by staff is not necessary at this time. However, the board has requested staff to look at nonconforming uses along 4^{th} Street.

Ms. Porter stated there is one item on the agenda for next month's BZA meeting October 18, 2021.

Chairman Bogner called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bates moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gervasini and passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary.



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA ITEM VARIANCE REQUEST 2021-27-BZA 806 N. BROADWAY

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Prepared By:

Julie Hurley

Director of Planning and Community Development Reviewed By:

Paul Kramer City Manager

SUMMARY:

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) at a property in which neither the principal dwelling nor the accessory dwelling will be occupied by the owner.

DISCUSSION:

The property located at 806 N. Broadway is currently occupied by a single family dwelling unit with an existing detached garage. The detached garage is accessed from the alley located to the rear of the property. The owner, Phillip Robbins, intends to convert the upper level of the existing detached garage into a separate dwelling unit, or accessory dwelling unit, which will be rented. Accessory dwelling units are allowed with issuance of a Special Use Permit based on the requirements of Section 4.04 of the adopted Development Regulations:

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) may be approved by Special Use Permit in any residential zoning district subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Shall be compatible with the design of the principal dwelling unit.
- (2) Shall respect the general building scale and placement of structures to allow sharing of common space on the lot, such as driveways and yards.
- (3) Shall not have a separate driveway entrance from the street(s) to which the property is adjacent.
- (4) Shall be 900 square feet or smaller in size, not to exceed 33% of the floor area of the principal dwelling unit.
- (5) Either the principal dwelling unit or the accessory dwelling unit must be occupied by the owner of the premises.
- (6) Shall meet all building code requirements for a single family dwelling unit.
- (7) Lots containing accessory dwelling units shall contain a minimum of two off-street parking spaces, exclusive of garage space.

The owner has indicated that he does not intend to live in either the principal dwelling nor accessory dwelling unit after June, 2022, and that he intends to rent both the principal and accessory units separately. Should the variance request to allow an accessory dwelling unit on a property in which neither the principal nor accessory dwelling is occupied by the owner be approved, a Special Use Permit would need to be approved to allow the accessory dwelling, subject to the variance.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AUTHORITY:

The Board's authority in this matter is contained in Article XV (Board of Zoning Appeals), Section 11.03.B (Powers and Jurisdictions – Variances)

Variances: To authorize in specific cases a variance from the specific terms of these Development Regulations which will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these Development Regulations will, in an individual case, result in unnecessary hardship, provided the spirit of these Development Regulations shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done. Such variance shall not permit any use not permitted by the Development Regulations of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas in such district. Rather, variances shall only be granted for the detailed requirements of the district such as area, bulk, yard, parking or screening requirements.

- 1. The applicant must show that his property was acquired in good faith and where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of this specific piece of property at the time of the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance, or where by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extra-ordinary or exceptional circumstances that the strict application of the terms of the Development Regulations of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas actually prohibits the use of his property in the manner similar to that of other property in the zoning district where it is located.
- 2. A request for a variance may be granted, upon a finding of the Board that all of the following conditions have been met. The Board shall make a determination on each condition, and the finding shall be entered in the record.
 - a) That the variance requested arises from such condition which is unique to the property in question and is not ordinarily found in the same zone or district; and is not created by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant.
 - b) That the granting of the permit for the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents.
 - c) That the strict application of the provisions of the Development Regulations from which the variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application.
 - d) That the variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare;
 - e) That granting of the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of the Development Regulations.

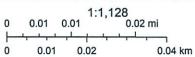
3. In granting a variance, the Board may impose such conditions, safeguards, and restrictions upon the premises benefited by the variance as may be necessary to reduce or minimize any potentially injurious effect of such variance upon other property in the neighborhood, and to carry out the general purpose and intent of these Development Regulations.
ACTION: Approve or deny the variance request to allow an accessory dwelling unit on a property in which neither the principal nor accessory dwelling are occupied by the owner of the property, as described herein and subject to subsequent approval of a Special Use Permit.

CITY of LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

2021-27-BZA



10/13/2021, 2:44:35 PM



Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community



PETITION

Petitioner:

Property Zoning:

Legal Description:

Petitioner Address:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Location of Subject Property:

Petitioner's Interest in Property:

Purpose of Petition: Keguest

Variance:

Exception:

My appointment expires: 3-16-

R1-10

Appeal of Administration Decision

Site Plan or drawing attached (hard & digital copy): Yes

Section 11.03.A

Section 11.03.B

Section 11.03.C

	OFFICE USE ONLY	
	Case No.: 202	
ALS	Application No.	10021
ANSAS	Fee (non-refundable)	\$350.00
	Filing Date	2-34-ZI
	Hearing Date	10-18-21
	Publication Date	9-23-21
.6		
A (hury St. Leavens	In KS Glooy8
(Attach full legal description p	, ,	The state of the s
ulip W. Robbins		
6 N. Broadway	-1 1	Ty 155 G GOY8
Imsp. com	Telephone:	910 835 6228
erty: Owner		
resting variance of	ADUS 4.09	/.R
ninistration Decision	Date of De	cision
3.A		
3.B		
3.C		

No

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the legal owner of the property described above and that if this request is granted, I was proceed with the actual construction in accordance with the plans submitted within four (4) months from the date of filing or reque in writing an extension of time for the Board's consideration					
in writing an extension of time for the Board's consideration	I, the unde	ersigned, certify that I am the legal owner of th	e property described abo	ove and that if this request is	granted, I will
in writing an extension of time for the Board's consideration	proceed with the ac	tual construction in accordance with the plans	s submitted within four (4	4) months from the date of fili	ng or request
	in writing an extensi	ion of time for the Board's consideration			

KI.

Property Owner Name (print):	Koldins
Signature:	Date: 26AUGU

State of

County of 8-26-21 Signed or attested before me on

Notary Public: - Mic

Notary Public - State of Kansas My Appt. Expires 2-16-24

(Seal)

TON	E: All signatures must be in black or blue ink. Signature of owner(s) must be secured and notarized.
Che	ck list below
	Supporting documentation: Site plan, plot plan, a drawing and any other pertinent data
1	Full legal description of subject property obtained from the Register of Deeds Office (913-684-0424)
V	Certified list of property owners within two hundred (200) feet of the subject property - County GIS Department 913-684-0448
	A filing fee of Three Hundred- fifty dollars (\$350)

MICHELLE BARAGARY

Philip W. Robbins

806 N Broadway Street Leavenworth, KS 66048 (910) 835 - 6228

Zoning Variance Proposal

September 02, 2021

Overview

I purchased the property on July 30th, 2021. I am currently the only resident and am a student at CGSC, Fort Leavenworth. I will leave Leavenworth in June 2022 with the intent of renting my property through a property management company when I do. The home is currently a 4 bed, 2 bath, single family home with a detached two car garage at the rear of the lot that faces the alley. There is an unfinished apartment above the garage. It is currently just plywood floors and wall framing inside, separating it into four rooms. That is how it was when I purchased it. I wish to be granted a variance to the current zoning of my property in order to finish the unfinished one bedroom apartment above the garage and rent it as a separate unit.

Variance conditions required to be met

- 1. Variance request arises from a unique circumstance: This property has a completely detached garage. While this in itself is not unique, the unfinished and currently unused space above it is. When the property was purchased, this space was already being prepared for living quarters. It already has its own access, sewer and power with its own meter. It just needs water.
- 2. Variance will not affect the rights of other property owners: There will be no additional or adverse affect to other property owners adjacent to my property. The parking for the additional unit will be on the property itself, between the four bedroom unit and the one bedroom unit. There will be no access to the garage from the one bedroom unit. The four bedroom unit will have sole and separate access to the garage. As the current resident, I use both the garage doors that open into the back alley as well as the driveway that runs along the side of the garage building in order to access my property and park my vehicle.

- 3. Not granting the variance will constitute unnecessary hardship on the property owner:

 The space above the garage is currently unused other than some tools I keep in it. The intent of the property will be to provide income starting within the next year. The amount of income I would be able to generate would be significantly less without this separate unit. Regardless, I will have to do something with it, such as turn it into storage, but it is essentially wasted space without this variance. Furthermore, I know both first and second hand that finding a home to rent when moving to Fort Leavenworth is daunting. There aren't enough quality rentals to go around. Most folks who move here for CGSC will only be here 10 months and so most are not looking to buy. My property will be an attractive and quality rental based on its proximity to Fort Leavenworth and quality of the units. Without this variance, my hardship is extended to all incoming military members looking to rent a quality home for themselves or their family.
- 4. Granting of this variance will not adversely affect public health, safety, etc: There is no indication that the granting of this variance will adversely affect anything. It's the nicest house on the block and it will remain that way if the variance is granted.

Accessory Dwelling Units Requirements and Conditions

- 1. The one bedroom unit templated above the garage is already a part of a permanent structure on the lot. It is painted to match the main home. It is compatible with the design of the principal dwelling unit.
- 2. There is nothing about this potential one bedroom unit that violates any common or shared space. The new unit will have two parking spaces on the property. These spaces are not in the alley and not on the street. There is already space allocated for them. The backyard, which is the yard between the 4 bedroom unit and the one bedroom unit, will be a shared space with the exception of these two parking spaces.
- 3. This property has no driveway from the street. The only vehicle access onto the property is from the alley behind the lot. The one bedroom unit will use the driveway that exists to the side of the garage in order to park their vehicles. The 4 bedroom unit will park in the garage underneath the one bedroom unit.
- 4. The one bedroom unit is 772 square feet which is 30% of the four bedroom unit.
- 5. I will not occupy either unit after I PCS from Fort Leavenworth in June 2022.
- 6. I will ensure that the contractors I hire to build this unit build it to code. I will make sure they are licensed, insured, and have good references.

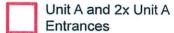
7. All parking is off street and out of the alley. The four bedroom unit will have a two car garage and the one bedroom unit will have two dedicated spaces on the property.

Conclusion

This is my first home. It is beautiful and of quality construction. I take great pride in taking care of it. I intend to hire only the most competent and fair property manager to take care of it after I leave. I also intend to hire only quality contractors to build this new unit. I know there is a greater need than exists for rentals in Leavenworth. I know this through both first and second hand experience. Granting this variance will not result in any degradation to the city of Leavenworth. It stands only to increase my quality of life, as well as all future service members looking for a place to live will they work on Fort Leavenworth.



806 N Broadway St. Legend



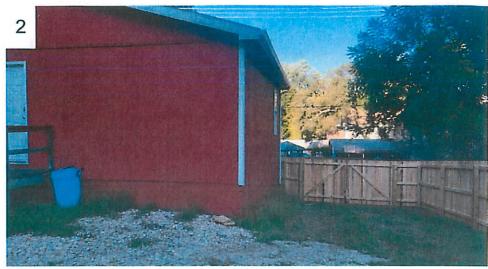












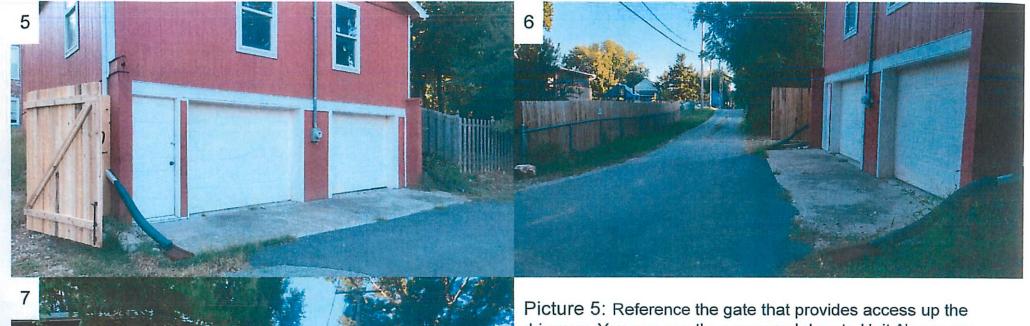


Picture 1: Entrance to top floor of garage building (Unit B). This accesses the currently unfinished apartment. The door faces the 4 bedroom unit (Unit A). The camera is facing East. Picture 2: Reference the door to Unit B on the left hand side of the picture. This is the driveway along the side of the garage for Unit B to access their two parking spaces. It opens into the alley behind the property to the East. Picture 3: Reference the blue trash can on the right hand side of the picture. This picture shows where the two parking spaces for Unit B will be. It also shows the rear entrance to Unit A. It is taken from about the same place as picture 2, just facing NNW instead.



of the vehicle garage doors for Unit A's garage access. The

gate is shared by both units for access to the property.



Picture 5: Reference the gate that provides access up the driveway. You can see the personnel door to Unit A's garage as well as both garage doors. You can also see the meter on the exterior wall. Unit B is on the top floor above this garage. Picture 6: Reference the garage doors to unit A's garage. The camera is facing South down the alley toward Kiowa Street.

Picture 7: Reference the gate to the driveway. The camera faces North down the alley toward Dakota Street.