

To: $\quad$ Members of the Board of Adjustment, Applicants \& Neighboring Property Owners

From: Jonathan B. Kanipe, Town Manager
Date: November 8, 2023
Re: Board of Adjustment Meeting - November 20, 2023

## Applicants:

You or a representative MUST attend the meeting to have the matter considered.

Members of the Board of Adjustment \& staff will conduct a site visit, as noted on the agenda, prior to the meeting. The applicant or their representative MUST be present for this site visit.

## Neighbors:

You are receiving this notice because your property is adjacent to an applicant on this month's agenda.

You may review applications \& plans for the projects on this agenda at http://www.biltmoreforest. org/board-of-adjustment

You are invited to attend the scheduled meeting at the Town Hall and make comment when called upon.

Additional information regarding the meeting will be provided on the Town's website no later than
November 15, 2023.

## ***PROPOSED AGENDA***

The following items of business will be considered by the Biltmore Forest Board of Adjustment on Monday, November 20, 2023 at $4: 00$ p.m at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall at 355 Vanderbilt Road, Biltmore Forest, NC 28803.

1. The meeting will be called to order and roll call taken.
2. The minutes of the October 23, 2023 regular meeting will be considered.
3. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member, Lowell Pearlman
4. Hearing of Cases (Evidentiary Hearings, Deliberations \& Determinations).

Case 1: 8 White Oak Road - Special Use Permit request for Accessory Structure and Variance Request for Intrusion into Side and Rear Yard Setbacks.

Case 2: Cedar Hill Drive, Lot 1 - Parcel 9646-42-14-1900000 - Special Use Permit request for Multiple Accessory Structures and Variance Request to Exceed Maximum Roof Coverage and Maximum Roof Height.
5. Adjourn


CASE
Property Address: 8 White Oak Rd
Property Owner: John D. and Lizabeth P. Kimberly

## Request: <br> Special Use Permit request for Accessory Structure

Variance for structure within rear and side setbacks

## Background

The property owners request permission to construct a two car carport on an existing driveway area. The proposed carport would be in the side yard near the rear of the home and would be within the rear and side yard setbacks.

## Variance

The Variance requested would be for the proposed structure to be allowed within the side and rear setbacks, located 8 feet from the rear property line and 7 feet from the side property line.

## Special Use Permit

Section 153.029 (attached) of the Town's Zoning Ordinance regulates accessory structures and requires a special use permit from the Board of Adjustment.

### 153.029 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS.

(A) Accessory structures and/or necessary buildings shall not detract from nor interfere with adjacent properties. No accessory structure or building shall be constructed, erected, or located within any front yard or within any side yard or rear yard setback.
(B) (1) In addition, the following standards are established for accessory structures and accessory buildings:
(a) The maximum number of accessory buildings permitted on a lot shall be one;
(b) The maximum roof coverage area for accessory buildings shall be 750 square feet;
(c) The maximum height for accessory buildings shall be 25 feet;
(d) The accessory building must be screened by vegetation or other buffer as set forth in § 153.008;
(e) The accessory building must be located behind a line parallel to the rear of the principal structure on the lot;
(f) The accessory building must be designed in the same architectural style as the principal structure;
(g) Any accessory structure and/or accessory building shall be included in the calculation of allowable roof coverage and allowable impervious surface coverage on the lot pursuant to $\iint 153.043$ and 153.048 ; and
(h) Solar collectors shall be regulated in accordance with G.S. §160D-914.

## Zoning Compliance Application

Town of Biltmore Forest

Name
John D. and Lizbeth P. Kimberly
Property Address
8 White Oak Rd

## Phone

(828) 713-8630

Email
john.kimberly@parknationalbank.com

Parcel ID/PIN Number
9647901549

## ZONING INFORMATION

## Current Zoning

R-2
Maximum Roof Coverage
3,520 square feet (Up to .75 acres)
Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage
Up to 1 acre (27.5 percent of lot area)
Front Yard Setback
50 feet (R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5 Districts)

## Rear Yard Setback

20 feet (R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5 Districts)

Lot Size
.715 acres 31,159 sf
Proposed Roof Coverage Total 3,470 sf

Proposed Impervious Surface Coverage
Site plan provided with prior approval. No increase.
Side Yard Setback
15 feet (R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5 Districts)
Building Height
25-3"

Description of the Proposed Project
This is an addition to the renovation plan previously approved by the Town that includes a carport at the end of the existing driveway.

## Estimated Start Date

 2/1/2024
## Estimated Completion Date

 4/5/2024
## Estimated Cost of Project <br> \$50,000.00

Supporting Documentation (Site Plan, Drawings, Other Information)

## Applicant Signature

Date
10/18/2023


## Special Use Permit Application

Town of Biltmore Forest

## Name

John D. and Lizbeth P. Kimberly Kimberly
Address
8 White Oak Rd

## Phone

(828) 713-8630

Email
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Please select the type of special use you are applying for:
Accessory Structures
The applicant must show that the proposed use will not materially endanger public health or safety or injure value of adjoining or abutting property. In addition, the proposed use must be in general conformity with the plan of development of the town and be in harmony with scale, bulk, height, coverage, density, and character of the neighborhood.

Please provide a description of the proposed project:
2 car carport at the end of the existing driveway.
Explain why the project would not adversely affect the public interest of those living in the neighborhood:
Structure will allow cars to park under roof and will be built in a manner that is consistent with the architecture of the home. Location will be at the end of the driveway.

I hereby certify that all of the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date


## VARIANCE APPLICATION

Town of Biltmore Forest

| Name |  |
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| John D. and Lizbeth P. Kimberly |  |
| Address |  |
| 8 White Oak Rd |  |
| Phone | Email |
| (828) 713-8630 | john.kimberly@parknationalbank.com |
| Current Zoning/Use | Requested Use |
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: An application to the Board of Adjustment for a variance must be submitted to the Town of Biltmore Forest Town Manager at least 21 days prior to the meeting at which the application will be considered. A pre-application meeting with Town staff is required prior to application submittal to the Board of Adjustment.

What would you like to do with your property?
Build a carport that will accommodate two vehicles.

## What does the ordinance require?

The carport will be located within the rear setback which is the reason for the variance request. The carport will align with the eastern side of the which was built in 1923. In other words, the home is within the rear set back as well.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: N.C.G.S. 160A-388(D) requires that the Board of Adjustment shall vary the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance only upon a showing of ALL the items below. The Board of Adjustment must follow strict procedure and all determinations must be decided by a concurring vote of four-fifths of the members of the Board. It is important to provide detailed supporting documentation for the Board of Adjustment to review. If necessary, additional sheets may be attached to this application.

## REQUIRED FINDINGS: Please provide a thorough response to each.

## Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance.

Cars are parked in open air with numerous large oaks on and around the lot. We have had several occurrences of limb damage to cars over the years with older hardwoods shedding limbs and other debris. Simply speaking, the carport will allow for protection of vehicles parked in the driveway.

The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography.
The challenge or peculiarity of the property relates to the location of the house and the existing setback. The home was built in 1923 at a time when there were no setback requirements. The house sits at the rear of the lot and within the setback. The proposed carport would align with the home without protruding further into the setback.

The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner.
We purchased the home in 2004. As previously stated, the home was built in1923. There was a carport in the same location we are proposing when the home was originally built.

The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.
Approval of the proposed carport would allow us to protect our vehicles under roof and provide for more efficient parking for residents and guests. Architecturally, the carport will be consistent with the style, character, and materials of the home and will add to its curb appeal.

I hereby certify that all of the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date
10/18/2023





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CASE 2
Property Address: Vacant lot (Lot 1) next to 23 Cedar Hill Drive
Property Owner: Konstandin Barlas
Request:
Plan Review for New Construction
Special Use Permit request for a Swimming Pool in Rear Yard and the Following Accessory Structures (Pool Pavilion, Privacy Wall, Retaining Wall, Multipurpose Court, Raised Garden Beds, and Driveway
Entrance Pillars) for a new residence.
Variance Request to Exceed the Maximum Roof Coverage
Requirement and to Exceed the Maximum Roof Height.

## Background

The property owners are presenting plans for a new home construction. As part of this construction, they request a special use permit from the Board of Adjustment for a swimming pool and the following accessory structures: pool pavilion, privacy wall, retaining wall, multipurpose court, raised garden beds, and driveway entrance pillars. The items on the list above are considered accessory structures per the Town's Zoning Ordinance and require approval by the Board of Adjustment as a special use.

The owners also request a variance for the max roof coverage and a variance to exceed the Ordinance's maximum height requirement in one area of the home where it opens to the basement.

## Board of Adjustment Review for New House Construction

Chapter 153.034 requires Board of Adjustment approval for land disturbing activity greater than twenty (20) percent of the lot area. These plans are attached for the Board's review, as is Chapter 153.034 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

## Special Use Permit Requirements

The proposed swimming pool is located within the rear yard and does not encroach upon any setbacks. Swimming pools are deemed an accessory structure per the Town's Zoning Ordinance and must follow the standards as set forth in Chapter 153.029. This chapter of the Zoning Ordinance is attached as well for the Board's review. Please note, fences are required by state law to be installed around swimming pools. Consequently, the Board may consider the swimming pool, fence, and associated gates as one cohesive proposal and not separate applications for special uses for each.

The Town's Zoning Ordinance governs new fences, gates, and walls in Chapter 153.049.
Section 153.007 (Footnote 4) allows the Board of Adjustment the ability to approve driveway entrance columns without regard to the setback. This footnote is specifically stated as follows:

Footnote 4. Accessory structures, including driveways, shall meet all setback requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, setback requirements for driveway entrance columns or driveway entrance walls may be waived or modified by the Board of Adjustment with the granting of a special use permit in accordance with $\mathbb{\$} 153.110$ (C), without the need for a variance pursuant to $\int 153.110(D)$.

## Special Use Request

The property owners are presenting plans for a new home construction. As part of this construction, they also request a special use permit from the Board of Adjustment for a swimming pool, pool pavilion, privacy wall, retaining wall, multipurpose court, raised garden beds, and (4) driveway entrance pillars. The items on the list above are considered accessory structures per the Town's Zoning Ordinance and require approval by the Board of Adjustment as a special use. All items shown on plan, and all are within the setbacks except for the driveway columns. I have listed the column dimensions below.

## Column Dimensions

Front Setback for R-1 District $=60$ feet
Distance from Cedar Hill Dr. =Left side on plan $14.8^{\prime} \& 15.3^{\prime}$ and right side on plan $12.8^{\prime} \&$ $12.8^{\prime}$ from edge of pavement (Town right of way is $10^{\prime}$ )

Column height $=6$ feet
Column Length $=3$ feet
Column Depth $=3$ feet

## Variance Information

The property owners request a variance to exceed the maximum roof coverage allowed by the ordinance. The property is 1.31 acres. The allowable maximum amount of roof coverage is located below:

Maximum Roof Coverage: over 1.3 to 1.4 acres $=$ maximum of 5459 square feet (roof coverage)
The second request is for a variance to exceed the max roof height.
Max roof height is 40' not counting the chimney.

## Variance Request

The owners are requesting a variance for the max roof coverage. The ordinance requires a max of 5459 sqft and the owners are requesting 5500 sqft, for a total of 41 additional square feet. As part of the variance application, they are requesting a variance to the max height. The ordinance calls for a max of 40 , they are requesting a variance of $2^{\prime} 8^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}}$ from the ordinance, for a total height of $42^{\prime}$ $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.

## Zoning Compliance Application

Town of Biltmore Forest

Name
Konstandin \& Antonia Barlas
Property Address
000000 Cedar Hill Drive

Phone
(828) 777-5550

Email
barlasdino752@aol.com

Parcel ID/PIN Number
9646-42-1419

## ZONING INFORMATION

Current Zoning
R-1
Maximum Roof Coverage
5,500 square feet (Up to 1.5 acres)
Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage $1-3$ acres ( 25 percent of lot area)

Front Yard Setback
60 feet (R-1 District)
Rear Yard Setback
25 feet (R-1 District)
Description of the Proposed Project
New Single Family Residence
Estimated Start Date 1/1/2024

Lot Size
1.3

Proposed Roof Coverage Total 5500

Proposed Impervious Surface Coverage 13631

Side Yard Setback
20 feet (R-1 District)
Building Height 34'-6"

Estimated Completion Date 12/1/2024

## Estimated Cost of Project

\$2,200,000.00
Supporting Documentation (Site Plan, Drawings, Other Information)
Barlas Residence Preliminary Arch.pdf
Barlas - Final Site Plans_10-18-23-1.pdf

## Applicant Signature <br> 

## Date

10/19/2023

## Special Use Permit Application

Town of Biltmore Forest

## Name

Konstandin Barlas

## Address

23 Cedar Hill Drive

## Phone

(828) 777-5550

Email<br>barlasdino752@aol.com

Please select the type of special use you are applying for:
Accessory Structures
The applicant must show that the proposed use will not materially endanger public health or safety or injure value of adjoining or abutting property. In addition, the proposed use must be in general conformity with the plan of development of the town and be in harmony with scale, bulk, height, coverage, density, and character of the neighborhood.

Please provide a description of the proposed project:
Swimming pool, pool pavilion, privacy wall, retaining wall, multipurpose court, raised garden bed, driveway entrance pillars

Explain why the project would not adversely affect the public interest of those living in the neighborhood:
The public interests will not adversely affect those living in the neighborhood because everything we are proposing is in the back yard except the entrance pillars that will be tasteful done like others in the neighborhood. These projects are meant to enhance the homes day to day functions, provide safety, multiple family activities, and help maintain the character of a Biltmore Forest home.

I hereby certify that all of the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature



## VARIANCE APPLICATION

Town of Biltmore Forest

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Konstandin Barlas
Address
23 Cedar Hill Drive

## Phone

(828) 777-5550

Email<br>barlasdino752@aol.com<br>Requested Use

Current Zoning/Use

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What would you like to do with your property?
5500 under roof construction
What does the ordinance require?
5250 under roof construction
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## REQUIRED FINDINGS: Please provide a thorough response to each.

Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance.
When we bought this property the ordinance called for 5500 square feet under roof construction
The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography.
In the the beginning of our design the ordinance still called for 5500 under roof construction
The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner.
The reason the property was purchased was to built a 5500 under roof construction home which is what the ordinance allowed

The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.
Yes it is in the spirit, purpose, and the intent of the ordinance because the hardship was created well after we started our design and after the purchase of the site. We met with biltmore forest and we're advised after our initial proposal to add an additional addition to our current home wasn't feasible and we were advised to build a new home for what we wanted to do to be able to get what went and be able to abide by the ordinance. Changing the under roof size requirements well after the purchase and design process
started would be impossible for us. We checked throughout the process where it still stated we were allowed up to 5500 under roof construction up til and through the submission process. It's not fair to now say we are not allowed to build this size home. The application still states we are allowed up to 5500 und roof construction so that what we did.

I hereby certify that all of the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date
10/30/2023




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        PARCEL PIN: M646-22-1419
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## Plan A

## Barlas Residence

Single Family Residence


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Single Family Residence


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## Letter from Adjoining Property Owner

To: Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager and the Members of the Board of Adjustment, Town of Biltmore Forest

From: Cecilia and Tom Gleason, Owners of Cedar Hill Lot \#2
Date: November 20, 20223

Re: Board of Adjustment Meeting, November 20, 2023, Case \#2: Cedar Hill Drive, Lot 1

Dear Mr. Kanipe and Members:
Thank you for providing the materials for the upcoming Nov 20 meeting for the Board of Adjustment. The information regarding Cedar Hill Lot \#1 plans did come as a surprise as we had previously bid together with the Barlas to purchase Cedar Hill Drive Lot \#1 with the aim of preserving the aesthetic of the land next to our lot, while at the same time providing the Barlas with the extra acreage needed for an expansion project on their property. Up until Wednesday of this week, we were aware that they had recently purchased the full lot but had assumed they would be executing on their prior plan.

We want to state for the record that we do feel strongly that as a property owner, one should have the right to build as one wishes, but at the same time, one builds within the context of a community with its own "feel" and amongst other households. Biltmore Forest is wooded, with generous lots and spaced houses. We cherish the lot we purchased for its privacy, natural setting and serenity.

This said, we feel compelled to voice a concern about the plans, primarily as it relates to potential sound and lighting from the multi-use sport court. As we all are aware, with the rise in popularity of pickleball, noise pollution within a community from such activity is a hotly debated topic. Given the position of our house, we will have this court right outside our master bedroom and my office (from which I work during the days).

As you will see in the attachment, my architect has overlayed the position of our house relative to the Barla plans for Lot\#1. We took great care to position the house in the back to take advantage of the gradient of the lot to optimize walkout capability of the lower level, "tuck us away" from the street and most importantly, minimize overall site disturbance. As you can see, given the location of the sport court, our house will be about as close as it can be to the court. To be clear, I love the sound of kids playing, but we are very concerned about the level of sound that we will have to absorb from such proximity to the court. Further, having moved recently from a neighborhood in Fox Chapel, PA where one neighbor had a sport court, the night lights were a big point of controversy as they lit up the
neighborhood like a stadium...that is, of course, by design so they function as night lights for the court. This is fine on 4 or 5 acres of land, but not appropriate for 1.3 acres.

Lastly, we would like to address the impact of their plans as it relates to the overall aesthetic of the neighborhood and environment given the request for a 6-foot perimeter wall and the number of trees that need to be taken down. This does not seem to be in keeping with the spirit of the neighborhood, so we would hope that trees be removed only as necessary. As to the wall, the meeting materials don't address the actual need for one or provide details on what it will look like. Given that there is a wall on their current property next door, it seems redundant on that side. On our side of the property I guess it provides privacy, but the aesthetics of it would make a huge difference in keeping with the community.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to weigh in on these plans. We wish the Barlas the best.

Sincerely,

Cecilia and Tom Gleason


