

314 Walker Road
West Orange, New Jersey 07052
March 2, 2022

Township of West Orange
Planning and Zoning Board
66 Main Street
West Orange, New Jersey 07052

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find my application for zoning adjustment/variance for my property on 314 Walker Road. With this proposed project my goals are to remove and relocate an old (and in need of repair) garage and to create an additional living space so that I can provide a suitable place for my mother to live.

My husband and I purchased our first home (1 Normandy Terrace) in West Orange in 2002 as newlyweds. When we decided it was time to move into a larger home in 2016, we looked to stay in West Orange. We fell in love with the property on Walker Road. No matter the plans we make, life takes us where it wills and when my husband passed away in 2019, I knew I needed to stay here for my children's healing and stability. The pandemic quickly followed, and my father passed away in October 2020. Now my mother finds herself unhappily living alone in South Carolina. The easy answer is for her to move in with my family—providing me with another adult in a home with teenagers and her a purposeful place to live. However, she is uncomfortable with stairs and as she ages it is essential she have a living space on the main level of my home for this plan to be successful. I am so fortunate to be able to undertake the renovation and construction to make this happen. As you will see, however, it does require variance for the prescribed setbacks on the lot.

I hope all the necessary documentation is in order with this application and you will be able to efficiently consider my request. Please reach out with next steps, questions or concerns. I can be reached at (917) 613-8123.

Sincerely,


Kathryn M. Perlman

Enclosures:

Application Form
Property Survey
Site/Floor Plans
Buffer Report and Map
Tax Collector Report