OFFICE OF ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATION\#: V-20-085
55 Trinity Avenue S.W., Suite 3350
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 330-6145

NOTICE TO APPLICANT
Address of Property:

## 1280 Middlesex AVE NE

City Council District: $6 \quad$ Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU): F

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Hearing Date:
Thursday, October 01, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.
The contact person for NPU F is:
Debbi Skopczynski
404-874-7483
zoning@npufatlanta.org
Contact info for adjacent NPUs is provided below if necessary:

## Additional Contacts:

Please contact the persons) listed above within five days to find out which meetings you will be required to attend before the next NPU meeting. If you are unable to reach the contact person, please call the city's NPU Coordinator at 404-330-6145.

Signed,


NB, for Director, Office of Zoning and Development


City of Atlanta
Office of Zoning and Development
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3300

## REFERRAL CERTIFICATE

COUNCIL DISTRICT $\qquad$ 6

NPU F

DATE FILED $\qquad$
David Price
Name of Applicant
Addition to existing Single Family Residence

at | 1280 Middlesex | NE | $17 / 52$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Street Address | Quadrant |

to be used for $\qquad$ Residential Purposes

The property is zoned $\qquad$ R-4 (Single Family Residential) District
2. The Building Permit Was Denied For The Following Reasons:

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to 1 ). reduce the required half-depth front yard setback from the required 17.5 feet to 8.5 feet, to 2). increase the size of a garage on the ground floor from $35 \%$ of the ground floor to $72 \%$ of the ground floor, and to 3 ). exceed the width of a driveway from 20 feet to 35.5 feet for an addition to an existing single family residence.

## Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. <br> 1982 ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED

| Chapter | 28 | Section 16-28.007 | Paragraph | (5)(b) |
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| Chapter | 29 | Section 16-29.001 | Paragraph | 14(a) |
| Chapter | 28 | Section 16-28.008 | Paragraph | (7)(b) |



## APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Please mark " $X$ " next to the type of applications) you are submitting:

| Variance | $\mathbf{X}$ |
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| Special Exception |  |
| Variance \& Special Exception |  |

Application Number V-20-085

Date Filed $\qquad$ -

DATE: 8-3-2020
Name of Applicant David Price
Company Name (if applicable) $\qquad$ email dave@priceresidentialdesign.com

Name of Property Owner Inho Kim P Phone 1-770-329-1998

| Address | 1280 Middlesex Avenue | Atlanta | Georgia | 30306 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| street | city | state | zip code |  |

## Description of Property

| Address of Property | 1280 Middlesex Avenue |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | street | Atlanta | Georgia | 30306 |  |
| city | state | zip code |  |  |  |



Property is zoned: $\qquad$ , Council District: $\qquad$ , Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU): $\qquad$ F

TO THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT: Applicant, having received a preliminary plan review from the Office of Zoning and Development prior to seeking a building permit or certificate of occupancy, hereby requests that the Board of Zoning Adjustment grant a Variance or Special Exception.

I hereby authorize the staff of the Office of Zoning and Development to inspect the premises of the abovedescribed property. I understand that it is my responsibility to post a public notice sign on the property according to the instructions given to me by the Office of Zoning and Development upon filing this application. I swear that all statements herein and attached hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
belief.


David W Price Print Name of Sworn To And Subscribed Before Me This $10^{\text {th }}$ Day Of June, 2020.
$\qquad$
Applicant

[^0]Directions: Complete responses must be provided for ALL questions. Incomplete applications BAlE:n 8 -Be020 accepted. The space below may be utilized or responses may be submitted as a separate attachment. Speeific criteria for Board approval of variances may be found on page 7. The justification must address the criteria. Please submit a typewritten or legible justification.

Is the property described in this application subject to a pending application or ordinance for a Rezoning or Special Use Permit? ___ YES _ NO. (If yes, the variance/special exception request will be rescheduled to a hearing following the final approval by City Council \& the Mayor). Please provide the relevant zoning application number associated with the subject property: $\qquad$ .

Summary of proposed construction changes to buildings or site (shall not replace submittal of written criteria). (Examples: "Convert a 100' x 200' retail space into a restaurant." "Install a 6 -foot high opaque wooden wall ('privacy fence' with 6 -foot high opaque wall gates.").
Add 22'x22' garage to basement of existing SFR home with porch and living space on main floor above.
Space will be added to upper floor as well but not within current half-front yard setback. Three small trees including one street tree must be removed for addition and driveway extension.

Proposed Lot Coverage (After Construction): Calculate total amount of lot coverage on entire property, after completion of proposed construction, including existing and proposed buildings and other structures; sidewalks, driveways, parking pads, patios, gravel, etc.; everything except natural planted or undisturbed areas.
$\qquad$ covered square feet $/ \underline{10377}$ total lot square feet $=\underline{32.5 ~} \%$ proposed lot coverage

50 \% maximum allowed lot coverage

## Variance Criteria (see page 6 for detailed criteria):

1) What are the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question (size, shape or topography)? See attached Justification Letter
2) How would the application of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta to this particular piece of property create an unnecessary hardship?
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3) What conditions are peculiar to this particular piece of property?
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4) Submit facts to show that relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta.
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# Justification Letter 

David W. Price
1595 Nottingham Way
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

RECEIVED
DATE: 8-3-2020

June 10, 2020
Board of Zoning Adjustment and staff of the Planning Department
City of Atlanta
Department of Planning and Community Development
Bureau of Planning
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3350
RE: 1280 Middlesex Avenue - Request for Variance from City of Atlanta zoning ordinance to: 1) reduce half-front yard setback from 17.5 ' to 8.5 ' for an addition, and 2 ) increase allowable height of fence from $4^{\prime}$ to $8^{\prime}$ in half-front yard to replace existing $8^{\prime}$ high fence. See below for possible additional variances.

Dear Board members and staff:

There are three possible additional variances related to this project that I do not believe are necessary, but I will point out the situations so that they may be added if it is determined that any are required:
3) Per 16-29.001(14)(a)(1), garage space is limited to $35 \%$ total garage space of ground floor area. Our proposed garage (including existing garage space) will be 760 sq ft of 2193 sq ft ground floor footprint ( $34.7 \%$ ) but this footprint includes existing crawlspace areas. If only full height areas (1057 sq ft ) are counted as ground floor area, the percentage rises to $72 \%$ and a variance to raise the maximum percentage from $35 \%$ to $72 \%$ would be required.
4) Per 16-06.012(1)(b), there is a minimum front porch size of $12^{\prime} \mathrm{Wx} 8^{\prime} \mathrm{D}$. We are building a new porch roof over an existing $9^{\prime} \mathrm{Wx} 8^{\prime} \mathrm{D}$ stoop. If the new porch must meet the new requirements, a variance would be required to decrease the minimum porch width from 12' to $9^{\prime}$.
5) Per 16-28.008(7)(b), the driveway is limited to 20 ' wide within a required yard. The method of driveway width measurement is to measure the maximum dimension in a line parallel with the lot frontage line. Our existing driveway width is 10.2 ' and the new driveway will add only to the length. If the method of measurement is changed to a line parallel with the side lot line facing Courtenay Drive, a variance would be required to increase maximum driveway width from 20 ' to $35.5^{\prime}$.

Pertaining to variances \#1 and 2 but relevant to any additional variances, we believe we meet all of the criteria that the zoning ordinance requires the BZA to base its decision upon:
(1) there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape, or topography;

The non-conforming lot of record is a corner lot with $59.79^{\prime}$ of frontage. This is more than $10^{\prime}$ below the minimum per R-4 zoning. The existing house is $10.2^{\prime}$ from the Courtenay Drive property line and we propose the face of the garage addition brick veneer will be 8.5 ' from that property line to allow
for a standard $22^{\prime} \times 22^{\prime}$ garage addition. The other side of the house is $8.6^{\prime}$ from the northern property line, well in excess of that 7 ' setback. The narrowness of the lot and its corner location make it exceptional.

## (2) the application of the zoning ordinance of the City of Atlanta to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship;

The lot is narrower than many in the area and well below the 70 ' frontage required for $\mathrm{R}-4$ zoning especially for a corner lot. The existing one-car garage has an $8^{\prime}$ door and steel columns which limit the parking length to 17 ' if you actually touch the column. We propose to keep the existing garage for a lawn equipment or a very small car and add a two-bay $22^{\prime} \times 22^{\prime}$ garage, which is a standard garage size, common through the neighborhood. The parking length within the new garage bays will be somewhat shortened by the need to retain the existing footing of the existing crawlspace where it abuts the proposed addition, but approximately $19^{\prime}-10^{\prime \prime}$ will be sufficient for most vehicles.

The house has no other non-conforming setback, lot coverage, floor area ratio, or building height issues even though the lot is more than 10 ' narrower than required by current zoning. There will be some habitable space on the main floor added within the $17.5^{\prime}$ half-front yard but it will be minimized by having a large portion of the addition on this floor as exterior space and the habitable space added to the upper floor will not encroach the current setback.

The survey and photos show the existing 8 ' high fence within the half-front yard facing Courtenay Drive. We will partially or fully rebuild this fence and would like to retain the existing height and design with $6^{\prime}$ high solid wood privacy fence topped by $2^{\prime}$ of wood lattice for a total of $8^{\prime}$.

## (3) such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved;

This property is a corner lot that is more than $10^{\prime}$ narrower than the current minimum frontage and the existing house is $10.2^{\prime}$ from the property line along the half-front yard facing Courtenay Drive. The side setback opposite this half-front yard is 7 ' and the existing house sits $8.6^{\prime}$ from that property line. We will not affect any neighbor directly with this project since the addition is on the street side but three small trees must be removed including one street tree.

## (4) relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance of the City of Atlanta.

The owners are long-term Atlanta residents and the relief granted would increase their safety by providing off-street parking for their two cars with a larger driveway which allows better visibility when backing out onto Courtenay Drive. The garage addition is a result of their desire to stay within intown neighborhoods while their needs have changed. This contribution to neighborhood stability is consistent with the intent of the zoning ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration,


David W. Price, Applicant


Front - new porch roof will be provided over existing stoop


Side facing Courtenay Drive with two small trees (left of existing garage door) to be removed


Rear yard including non-conforming height fence


Rear yard including third small tree to be removed along with portion of deck to be removed
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date: 8-3-20


Existing concrete stairs to be removed


Tight conditions in existing small garage


Right (north) side of house - no work on this side.

DATE: 8-3-2020

## AUTHORIZATION BY PROPERTY OWNER

(Required only if the applicant is not the owner of the property subject to the proposed application.)

I, $\qquad$ Info Kim (OWNER'S NAME) SWEAR AND AFFIRM THAT I AM the owner of the property at 1280 Middlesex Avenue (property ADDRESS). AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDS OF $\qquad$ Fulton county, georgia, WHICH IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ATTACHED APPLICATION. I AUTHORIZE THE PERSON NAMED BELOW TO FILE THIS

APPLICATION AS MY AGENT.

NAME OF APPLICANT:
Last name Price First name David
address 1595 Nottingham Way SUITE $\qquad$ CITY $\qquad$ state Georgia ZIP CODE 30309

OWNER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: $\begin{array}{llll}770 & 329 & 1998\end{array}$


SIGNATURE OF OWNER
Inho Kim
PRINT NAME OF OWNER

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME THE ABOVE NAMES, WHO SWEARS THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS AUTHORIZATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.








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