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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING (VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS)

	Applicant and/or Authorized Representative: Michael Radigan				
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	Telephone Home: 8503531120 Business:				
	OWNER OF RECORD OF SUBJECT PROPERTY Owner: Michael Radigan				
Address (Mailing): 2625 Whiteleigh Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30345					
	Email: mradigan747@yahoo.com Telephone Home: 8503531120 Business:				
	ADDRESS/LOCATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY Address: 2625 Whiteleigh Dr NE City: Atlanta State: GA Zip: 30345				
	District(s): 4 Land Lot(s): Block: Parcel: 18 248 01 035				
	Zoning Classification: R-100 Commission District & Super District: 1/7				
	CHECK TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED:				
,	X VARIANCE (From Development Standards causing undue hardship upon owners of property.)				
	SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To reduce or waive off-street parking or loading space requirements.)				
	OFFICIAL APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS.				

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to inspect the premises of the Subject Property.

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property subject to the application.

DATE: 10/28/2024	Applicant	Il is.	
	Signature:		
DATE:	Applicant Signature:		



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to inspect the premises of the Subject Property.

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property and that I authorize the applicant/agent to apply for a hearing to the ZoningBoard of Appeals for the requests as shown in this application.

DATE: 10/28/29 Applicant/Agent _ Signature:	Califs
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: (I)/ (WE): MICHAEL RADIGAN (Name of Owners)	
being (owner/owners) of the property described below signed agent/applicant. **NOTAR*** **PUBLIC**	or attached hereby delegate authority to the above
Notary Public The COUNTY GENERAL COU	Owner Signature
Notary Public	Owner Signature
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Dear Commissioners,

We purchased our home May 10, 2010. Our home was built in the 1970s and sits on a corner lot in a neighborhood that has seen a great deal of renovation, updating and addition work over the past several years. Aside from undertaking some small interior projects, we have been putting aside funds over the last number of years to be able to make much needed improvements to our home. Our two boys are now teenagers, and we now have a very pressing need for an additional living space. This is very much our neighborhood and, without being able to expand our home in line with our proposed addition, which is more fully described below, we will need to look to relocate.

There is an original small screen porch off the main floor to the back of our home. It was constructed on columns as there is a basement/crawlspace below. The floor of the screen porch is concrete, set in a form. The structure has become compromised over the years and has reached the point where we are concerned about its integrity. This has been the catalyst to our proposed addition. As described in the paragraph above, we are very short of heated living space, and we approached an architect to design a new heated space in place of the existing porch. The plan is to demolish the existing structure and add a bigger space to meet our needs for this extra living area. The existing porch is 218 sf and our proposed sunroom addition would be 411 sf. This new space is planned to be our primary living area, the existing space is made up of our kitchen, dining and living area all in one and has become a very cramped space as our children have become older. This proposed addition will enhance our home in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

We had an existing survey which did not show any measurements relating to setback information and we believed that our desired addition would easily fall within the prescribed setbacks. We had no idea that our corner lot created restrictions that would impact our desired addition. Once we had finalized the drawings, we contracted with a surveyor to prepare a survey/site plan for our proposed project. Once the surveyor had completed the survey/site plan, we discovered that our proposed addition would extend beyond the rear setback. As noted above, this came as a complete surprise to us.

We have already entered into a contract with a general contractor and began planning for the project while waiting for the survey/site plan to be completed (we were on the surveyor's waiting list for at least six weeks). As soon as we discovered the setback issue, we took the necessary steps, with the assistance of our general contractor, to begin this variance application process. In doing so, we made absolutely sure that the size and design of our proposed addition would be the bare minimum we require in order to make the new space work for the purpose it is meant to fulfill. The width of the proposed space lines up with the existing living area and limits it to 20 feet and the minimum depth required in order to facilitate furniture and the ability to comfortably navigate around this space requires a minimum of 20 feet.

In light of what we have stated above, we submit that we have complied with the five requirements of Section 27-922 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance.

- a. We are on a corner lot, which has resulted in a reduced rear setback. Additionally, Dekalb County's requirement, when the home was built, that the placement of the home must line up with the average of the front elevations of the homes to the sides of it, drastically limited the potential depth of our home when it was built. This limitation makes it impossible, without the need for a variance, to improve our home in keeping with the evolution of our neighborhood. This is evidenced by the fact that our surrounding neighbors have absolutely no objection to our application.
- b. We have made our case above that this proposed expansion is necessary to ensure that we are able to remain in our home and in our beautiful neighborhood and that it will only enhance and not detract from the neighborhood. Additionally, we will not be affecting any trees and green space with this proposed

addition. What we are seeking to add is the bare minimum necessary to accomplish this end. This relief will most certainly not give us a special privilege or convenience over other property owners in our area.

- c. The requested variance does not go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief and does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located. The grant of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district in which the subject property is located. As we have stressed in the paragraphs above, this proposed addition will enhance the neighborhood, in that it will follow the surge of home improvements that have been undertaken by many of our neighbors over the past several years.
- d. The literal interpretation and strict application of the applicable provisions or requirements of this chapter would cause undue and unnecessary hardship for the reasons we have outlined above.
- e. The requested variance would be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this chapter and the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan text, by promoting the enhancement of our neighborhood.

In the circumstances as set out above, we request that our variance application be granted.

Very truly yours

Michael and Lori Radigan.

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