

RESOLUTION NO. 08- 624Z

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO VARIANCE REQUESTS FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVISION 3.5 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE: 1) DENYING A VARIANCE TO WAIVE DIVISIONS 5.6.A.2 AND 4.2.E OF THE TOWN LDC TO PERMIT AN EXISTING ATTACHED CANOPY CONSTRUCTED OF ALUMINUM WHERE CANOPIES MAY ONLY BE CONSTRUCTED OF CANVAS, FABRIC OR VINYL, AND PIPE OR CBS CONSTRUCTION TO MATCH THE RESIDENCE; 2) DENYING A VARIANCE TO WAIVE DIVISION 5.6.A.2 AND 4.2.E OF THE TOWN LDC TO PERMIT AN EXISTING ATTACHED CANOPY SETBACK 8 FEET FROM THE REAR (SOUTH) PROPERTY LINE WHERE A 10 FOOT SETBACK IS REQUIRED; 3) DENYING A VARIANCE TO WAIVE DIVISION 5.7.A.2 OF THE TOWN LDC TO PERMIT AN EXISTING 8 FEET WIDE PAVED WALKWAY, WHERE 3 FEET IS PERMITTED WITHIN THE REQUIRED (WEST) SIDE YARD; 4) DENYING A VARIANCE TO WAIVE DIVISION 5.8.A.2 OF THE TOWN LDC TO PERMIT AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY SETBACK 2 FEET FROM THE INTERIOR (EAST) SIDE PROPERTY LINE WHERE A 4 FOOT SETBACK IS REQUIRED; 5) DENYING A VARIANCE TO WAIVE DIVISION 5.8.A.5 OF THE TOWN LDC TO PERMIT AN EXISTING IMPERVIOUS AREA OF 74.5% FOR DRIVEWAYS WHERE 60% IS PERMITTED; AND 6) DENYING A VARIANCE TO WAIVE DIVISION 5.7.A.5 OF THE TOWN LDC TO PERMIT AN EXISTING LOT COVERAGE OF 75.5% FOR IMPERVIOUS AREAS WHERE 50% IS PERMITTED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8740 NW 142ND STREET, MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA IN THE RU-1Z ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR DENYING THE VARIANCE REQUESTS COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "VARIANCE"; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Division 3.5 of the Town of Miami Lakes Land Development Code (the "Town LDC"), Mirtha De La Torre (the "Applicant") has applied to the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") for approval of several variances to waive: 1) Divisions 5.6.A.2 and 4.2.E of the Town LDC to permit an existing attached canopy constructed of aluminum where canopies may only be constructed of canvas, fabric or vinyl, and pipe or CBS construction to match the residence; 2) Division 5.6.A.2 and 4.2.E of the town LDC to permit an existing attached canopy setback 8 feet from the rear (south) property line where a 10 foot setback is required; 3) Division 5.7.A.2 of the Town LDC to permit an existing 8 feet wide paved walkway where 3 feet is permitted within the required (west) side yard; 4) Division 5.8.A.2 of the Town LDC to permit an existing driveway setback 2 feet from the interior (east) side property line where a 4 foot setback is required; 5) Division 5.8.A.5 of the Town LDC to permit an existing impervious area of 74.5% for driveways where 60% is permitted; and 6) Division 5.7.A.5 of the Town LDC to permit an existing lot coverage of 75.5% for impervious areas where 50% is permitted for property located at 8740 NW 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami Lakes, Florida in the RU-1Z zoning district, Folio #32-2021-012-0240, and legally described as Lot 14, Block 2 of AVALON ESTATES, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 146, Page 55, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Division 3.5 of the Town LDC sets forth the authority of the Town Council to consider and act upon an application for a Variance; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Division 3.9 of the Town LDC, proper notice was mailed to the appropriate property owners of record; the public hearing on the Variance was noticed for Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425

Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014 and the hearing was continued to January 22, 2008, 6:00 P.M. and the hearing was continued to February 19, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. and all interested parties have had the opportunity to address their comments to the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Town staff has reviewed the application and recommends modified approval of Requests #6 subject to conditions and denial without prejudice of Requests #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 as set forth in the Town of Miami Lakes Staff Analysis and Recommendation, a copy of which is on file in the Town of Miami Lakes Clerk's Office and incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.**

The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Findings.**

1. In accordance with Division 3.5(f) of the Town LDC, the Town Council, having considered the testimony and evidence in the record presented by all parties, finds that the Applicant does not meet all of the criteria of Division 3.5(f)(1)(a) thru (g) of the Town LDC, which are as follows:
  - a. Variance Consistent with Authorized Powers. That the variance is in fact a variance as set forth in the Land Development Code and within the province of the Town Council; and
  - b. Existence of Special Conditions or Circumstances. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district; and
  - c. Conditions Not Created by Applicant. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the Applicant; and

- d. Special Privileges Not Conferred. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the Applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Land Development Code to other similarly situated lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district; and
  - e. Hardship Conditions Exist. That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Land Development Code would deprive the Applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Land Development Code and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant. The purchase of property, which is an illegal nonconformity with this Land Development Code shall not be considered a hardship for granting of a variance, nor shall conditions peculiar to the property owner be considered; and
  - f. Only the Minimum Variance Granted. That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structure; and
  - g. Not Injurious to Public Welfare or Intent of the Town LDC. That the grant of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the Comprehensive Plan and this Land Development Code and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
2. The Applicant does not meet all of the criteria in Division 3.5(f)(1)(a) thru (g) of the Town LDC, but the Town Council has determined that:
- a. Objections have not been filed by adjoining or directly affected property owners; and
  - b. Approval of this Variance is not justified by practical difficulty on the part of the Applicant by extraordinary (5) votes of the Town Council.

**Section 3. Grant/ Denial.**

The Variance request to permit:

- 1. an existing attached canopy constructed of aluminum where canopies may only be constructed of canvas, fabric or vinyl, and pipe or CBS construction to match the residence is hereby denied.
- 2. an existing attached canopy setback 8 feet from the rear (south) property line where a 10 foot setback is hereby denied.

3. an existing 8 feet wide paved walkway, where 3 feet is permitted within the required (west) side yard was modified to allow a 5 foot walkway and is hereby denied.

4. an existing driveway setback 2 feet from the interior (east) side property line where a 4 foot setback is required is hereby denied.

5. an existing impervious area of 74.5% for driveways where 60% is permitted is hereby denied.

6. an existing lot coverage of 75.5% for impervious areas where 50% is permitted is hereby denied.

**Section 4. Conditions.**

The Variance(s) are granted subject to the following conditions: None

**Section 5. Appeal.**

In accordance with Division 3.10 of the Town LDC, the Applicant, or any aggrieved property owner in the area, may appeal the decision of the Town Council by filing a Writ of Certiorari to the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**Section 6. Violation of Conditions.**

Failure to adhere to the terms and conditions of this Resolution in Section 4, if any, shall be considered a violation of the Town LDC and persons found violating the conditions shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by the Town LDC, including but not limited to, the revocation of any of the approval(s) granted in this Resolution. The Applicant understands and acknowledges that it must comply with all other applicable requirements of the Town LDC before it may commence construction or operation, and that the foregoing approval(s), if any, in this Resolution may be revoked by the Town at any time upon a determination that the Applicant is in non-compliance with the Town LDC.

**Section 7. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall take effect 30 days following the date it is filed with the Town Clerk. If during that time frame, the decision of the Town Council is appealed as provided in the Town LDC and the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, the appeal shall stay the effectiveness of this Resolution until said appeal is resolved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by motion as provided herein by Councilmember MARY COLLINS and seconded by Councilmember MICHAEL PIZZI, by a vote of 4-3, with each Councilmember voting as follows:

Mayor Wayne Slaton	<u>yes</u>
Vice-Mayor Nancy Simon	<u>no</u>
Councilmember Roberto Alonso	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Mary Collins	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Robert Meador II	<u>no</u>
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	<u>no</u>
Councilmember Richard Pulido	<u>yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

Wayne Slaton  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra Eastman  
DEBRA EASTMAN, MMC  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
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