#### **AGENDA**

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 - 4:25 PM MCALLEN CITY HALL, 1300 HOUSTON AVENUE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

At any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

#### **CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez**

#### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on July 11, 2024

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of William Garcia for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 18 feet 8 inches into the 20 feet front yard setback for a proposed metal and canvas carport measuring 17 feet 5 inches by 18 feet 8 inches at Lot 35, Locksley Phase I Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3816 Mynah Avenue. (ZBA2024-0023)

#### 3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) 2709 South 27th Street
- **b)** 4300 Kingdom Avenue
- c) 2108 South 30th-1/2 Street

#### ADJOURNMENT:

IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (681-1250) 72 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR PARTICULAR ACTION AT A FUTURE DATE.

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursdy, July 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen Development Center, 311 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Executive Conference Room with the following present:

Present: Jose Gutierrez Chairperson

Ann Tafel Vice-Chairperson

Hugo Avila Member Hiram A. Gutierrez Member Juan Mujica Alternate Alex Lamela Alternate

Absent: Rogelio Rodriguez Member

Pablo Garcia Alternate
Daniel Santos Alternate

Staff Present: Benito Alonzo Assistant City Attorney I

Edgar Garcia Planning Director Samuel Nunez Senior Planner

Hilda Tovar Planner II
Alexis Martinez Planner I
Jessica Puga Technician I

Carmen White Administrative Assistant

#### **CALL TO ORDER –Chairperson Jose Gutierrez**

#### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on June 19, 2024

The minutes for the meeting held on June 19, 2024 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Mr. Hugo Avila. Mr. Hiram Gutierrez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Gonzalez Adan C. and Norma H. for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for a proposed carport measuring 19 feet 6 inches by 18 feet at Lot 75, Los Encinos III Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2708 Teresa Avenue. (ZBA2024-0022)

Ms. Tovar stated the applicant was requesting an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for a proposed carport measuring 19 feet 6 inches by 18 feet.

The subject property was located on the north side of Teresa Avenue in between South 28<sup>th</sup> Lane and South 27<sup>th</sup> Lane. Property has a frontage of 50 feet along Teresa Avenue and a depth of 100 feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District.

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There are single-family residences in all directions.

Los Encinos III Subdivision was recorded on April 12, 1982. The plat indicates a 25 feet front yard setback and 6 feet side yard setback on both sides for the subdivision. The house was built in 2007 with a garage. A building permit application for the proposed carport has not been submitted.

The applicant is requesting an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for a proposed carport measuring 19 feet 6 inches by 18 feet.

According to the site plan submitted, the proposed structure size is a total of 351 square feet. The proposed structure will be constructed of metal and canvas and the main purpose for building the carport is to protect vehicles from rain and hail damage.

During the site visit, staff did not notice any other encroachments or similar structures along the front or rear yards within Los Encinos III Subdivision. In addition, a review of the Planning Department records did not reveal any other similar variances or special exceptions approved in this area.

Measurements provided are without benefit of a survey.

Staff had not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to the variance request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the special exception request since it does not present any undue hardship and the proposed carport will not align with the current character of the subdivision.

Mr. Adan Gonzalez, 2708 Teresa Avenue. The applicant stated he wanted to build a carport to protect his vehicles. Chairperson Gutierrez asked the applicant if they had a garage. Mr. Gonzalez stated yes they did. They used it to store household and miscellaneous items. Chairperson Gutierrez asked how many vehicles did they have. He stated they had three vehicles.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the Special Exception. There was no one in favor of the Special Exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the Special Exception. There was no one in opposition of the Special Exception.

Vice-Chairperson Tafel asked staff if they had any problems with utility lines in front or easements. Staff stated not for the proposed carport. There was an easement in front of the property but the proposed carport was not encroaching to the easements.

Vice-Chairperson Tafel asked if there was an alley to this property. Staff stated no.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff if there were other properties that had carports. Staff stated they saw carports but did not find any records of building permits based on the staff's site visit.

Vice-Chairperson Tafel asked if there were any calls in favor or opposed from neighbors.

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Staff stated no.

Chairperson Gutierrez why was staff recommending disapproval for a special exception. Planning Director, Mr. Garcia stated the reason staff is recommending disapproval was that those carports were illegal and the City of McAllen was a complaint-based City. Chairperson Gutierrez asked hypothetically if one resident with built a carport came before this Board with good arguments, would staff recommend disapproval would it unfair to this applicant to disapprove in the chance of approving another special exception. Mr. Garcia stated they take each on as a separate case as come in. Should anything change in the future, they can return and reapply again.

Following discussion, Vice-Chairperson Ann Tafel <u>moved</u> to disapprove the Special Exception. Mr. Hiram Gutierrez seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove the Special Exception with four members voting aye and one member-voting nay, Mr. Alex Lamela.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Chairperson Jose Gutierrez **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

	Chairperson Jose Gutierrez	
Carmen White, Administrative Assistant		

### **Planning Department**

#### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

**FROM:** Planning Staff

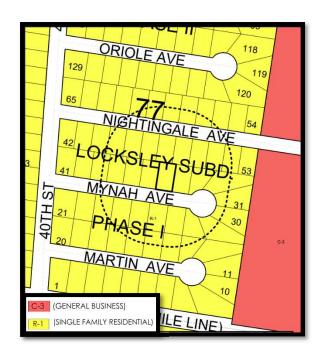
**DATE:** June 25, 2024

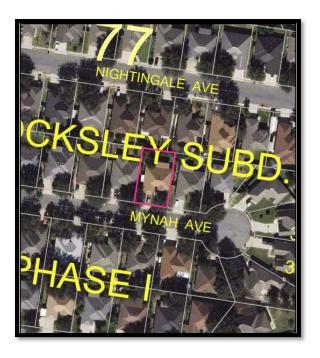
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF WILLIAM GARCIA FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF

MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 18 FEET 8 INCHES INTO THE 20 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED METAL AND CANVAS CARPORT MEASURING 17 FEET 5 INCHES BY 18 FEET 8 INCHES AT LOT 35, LOCKSLEY PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS;3816 MYNAH.

(ZBA2024-0023)

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting an encroachment of 18 feet 8 inches into the 20 feet front yard setback for a proposed carport measuring 17 feet 5 inches by 18 feet 8 inches.





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located along the north side of Mynah Avenue. The property has a frontage of 60 and a depth of 100.25 feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. There are single family residences in all directions.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** Locksley Phase 1 Subdivision was recorded on Spetember 13<sup>th</sup>, 1993. The plat indicates a 20 feet front yard setback and 6 feet side yard setback on both sides for the subdivision. The house was built in 1994 with a garage. A building permit application for the proposed carport has not been submitted.

**ANALYSIS**: The applicant is requesting an encroachment of 18 feet 8 inches into the 20 feet front yard setback for a proposed carport measuring 17 feet 5 inches by 18 feet 8 inches.

In accordance to the site plan submitted, the proposed structure size is a total of 329 square feet. The proposed structure will be constructed of metal and canvas. The main purpose for building the carport is to protect their children from excessive heat accumulated inside the vehicles, and protect vehicles from weather and tree branches.

During the site visit, staff did not notice any other encroachments or similar structures along the front or rear yards within Locksley Phase 1 Subdivision. Also, a review of the Planning Department records did not reveal any other similar variances or special exceptions approved in this area.

Measurements provided are without benefit of a survey.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to the variance request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the special exception request since it does not present any undue hardship and the proposed carport will not align with the current character of the subdivision.

# City of McAllen Planning Department APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF

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ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

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## City of McAllen

## Planning Department REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION

Reason for Appeal	A variance will not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor shall it be based solely on economic gain or loss. In order to make a finding of hardship and grant the variance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses)  "Information provided here by the applicant does not guarantee that the Board will grant a variance.  ""Applicant should include all information they determine is relevant, but it is not required to provide responses to all sections listed below.  1. Describe the special circumstance or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land.  At here two children (agec 2 i 3) who need to be a Car seath and face away from the food of the car, britished any stack (caving the car become whence) that and take a while to car, britished any stack (caving the car become whence) that and take a while to do have, the protection of which are anywhere to provide a end-trace will not be detrimented to the provision and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner.  At kindly ask five purision to hall a carpat so that are up to the legal rights other property where the personance can reach up to the action to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:  Plant the carpat will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:  Plant the carpat will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:  Plant the carpat will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:  Plant the carpat will be care for sangle to this applicant or property.  At the carpat the care for sangle the carbat care the carbat the carbat care the
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