

Letter of Hardship

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To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of hardship as requested for the variance of the placement and completion of an existing built garage on my property (6200 Buchanan Street).

The block on which my home sits is a triangle, which means that my home and 2 others on this block have 2 front streets. In addition all lots on this block are pie shaped thus complicating the placement of buildings due to setbacks.

My garage sits within these setbacks. There is nowhere I can have a garage on the property that does not fall within the footprint of the setbacks. There are 2 other homes on this block that already have had allowances on the placement of buildings due to having 2 front streets.

I consider myself a good and responsible neighbor and all of my neighbors understand the situation. My property has had extensive landscaping since I purchased the property in 1998. There are hedges that line Parkcrest Drive that actually hide the garage so it is also not a visual obstruction to anyone. I also consider myself to be a good member of the community and believe I have beautified the neighborhood over the years by acquiring approximately over 70 species and varieties of rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, rose of sharon, fruit trees etc. I also clean up the city semi-circle alley on my block. I do this approximately 4 times a year and pressure wash it in the spring.

In terms of hardship I could not afford to rebuild a new garage. I divorced in 2013 and in keeping the home I acquired a mortgage of over 1 million dollars. It would create extreme hardship to have to put out another \$50,000.00 which I estimate would cost to rebuild if I had to.

Please take all these circumstances in to consideration. I would really like to keep the garage as it provides an important function for myself and my family.

Sincerely,

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