

# BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT #1

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

BALDWIN COUNTY CENTRAL ANNEX

ROBERTSDALE, AL

### VARIANCE REQUEST

Lead Staff: Crystal Bates, Planning Technician II

• **Planning District:** 26

• **Zoned:** RSF-2, Single-Family District

 Location: The subject property is located on the west side of County Road 1

• **PID:** 05-56-04-19-0-000-066.000

• **PPIN:** 19265

• **Acreage**: 0.367

Physical Address: 13505 County Road 1

• **Applicant:** C.P. Achee Builders Inc. Chris Achee

Owner: Roland & Lisa Tanner



### Variance Request Summary and Recommendation

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**Staff recommends that ZVA25-58 be Approved** 



## **Locator Map**

## **Site Map**





	Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Use
North	RSF-2, Residential Single Family	Residential
South	RSF-2, Residential Single Family	Residential
East	RSF-3, Residential Single Family	Residential
West	Water Body	Mobile Bay

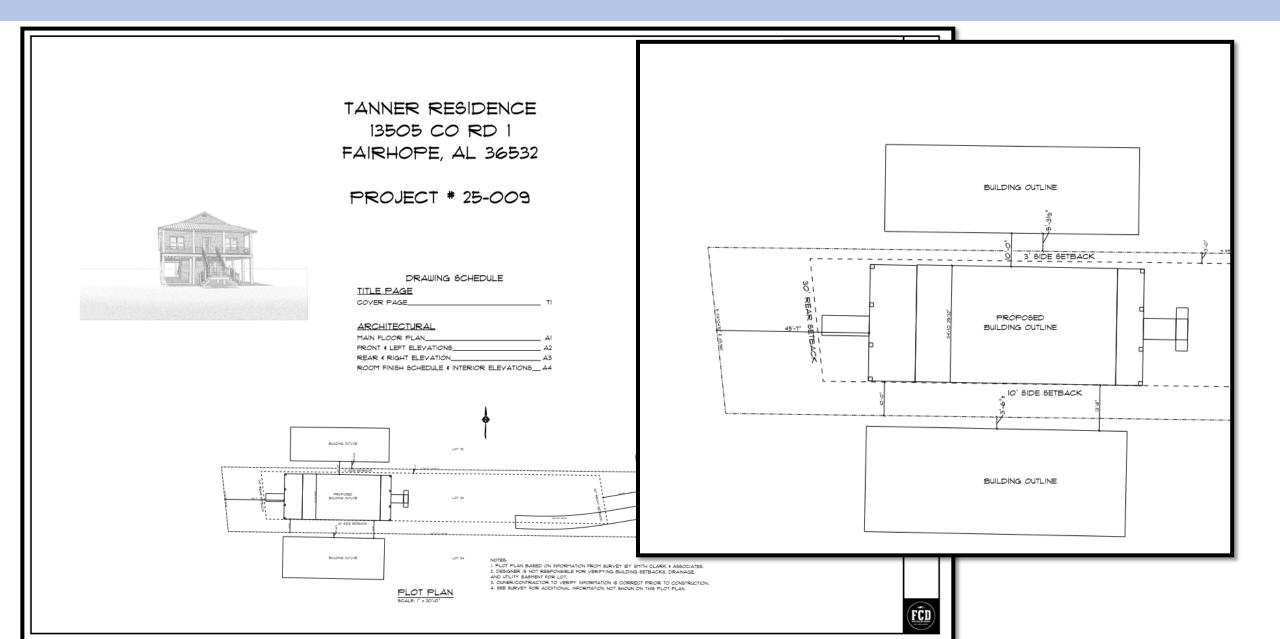






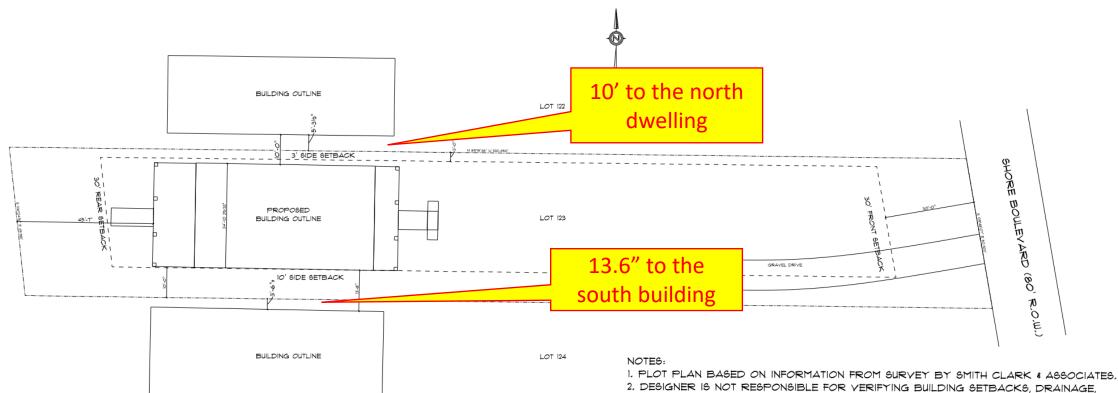


## **Site Plan**



## **Site Plan**

Lot 123



PLOT PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

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- 3. OWNER/CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY INFORMATION IS CORRECT PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION,
- 4. SEE SURVEY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT SHOWN ON THIS PLOT PLAN,

## **Zoning Requirements**

#### Section 4.3 RSF-2, Single Family District

- 4.3.1 Generally. This zoning district is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a moderate density residential environment consisting of single family homes.
- 4.3.2 Permitted uses. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

(a) The follo	ving general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural
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- (b) The fo (public
- (d) The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see Section 13.10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments).

35-Feet

30-Feet

30-Feet

10-Feet

80-Feet

40-Feet

15,000 Square Feet

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- (c) The fo
- 4.3.3 Special exception. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in (d) Single Planning Districts, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception: Not Applicable
- (e) Acces
- 4.3.4 Area and dimensional ordinances. Except as provided by Section 2.3: (f) The fol Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway (g) Agricu Construction Setbacks, Section 18.4 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities, the area a area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure

Minimum Front Yard

Minimum Rear Yard

Minimum Side Yards

Minimum Lot Area

Maximum Height in Habitable Stories

Minimum Lot Width at Building Line

Minimum Lot Width at Street Line

Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio

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  - (a) Outdo
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  - (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

#### 2.3.26 Planning District 26.

#### 2.3.26.1 Effective Date

On June 9, 1992, a majority of qualified electors in Planning District 26 voted to institute County Zoning. On September 21, 1993, the County Commission adopted the Planning District 26 Zoning Map and Ordinances.

#### 2.3.26.2 District Boundaries

A legal description of the boundaries for Planning District 26 may be found under Appendix A.

#### 2.3.26.3 Local Provisions for Planning District 26

- (a) One accessory dwelling per lot shall be permitted by right in the RSF-1 and RSF-2 districts, provided the accessory dwelling does not exceed 60% of the size, in gross floor area, of the principal dwelling, except that no accessory dwellings or structures shall be permitted that require the filling of jurisdictional wetlands.
- (b) The required side yard setbacks for RSF-1 and RSF-2 lots existing on or before May 19, 2020, and which do not meet the minimum lot width requirements for the underlying zoning designation, may be reduced to 3-feet on one side and 10-feet on the other side provided a minimum of 13-feet separation remains between buildings.
- (c) The following zoning districts shall not be available in Planning District 26, and all references in the zoning ordinance to such districts are deleted, except as to lots or parcels included in such districts as of May 19, 2020:

## **Staff Analysis and Findings**

1.) Exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property existing at the time of the enactment of these zoning regulations.

Zoning in Planning District 26 came into effect on September 21, 1993. The lot of record is 50.7 x 340 and 17,238 sq. ft. The minimum lot size requirement for RSF-2, Residential Single-Family District, is 15,000 sq. ft. with a minimum lot width at the building line of 80 '. Therefore, staff believes there is an exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of the subject property that would require a variance.

Minimum lot size: 15, 000sf Actual lot size: 17,238 +/- sf, Minimum Lot width: 80', Actual Lot Width: 50', Hardship: YES

2.) Exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary situations or conditions of a specific piece of property.

The subject property doesn't contain jurisdictional wetlands, and the property is relatively flat. Therefore, staff could not establish exceptional topographical conditions or other extraordinary situations, or conditions contained on the property that would require a variance.

## **Staff Analysis and Findings**

3.) The granting of the application is necessary for the preservation of a property right and not merely to serve as a convenience to the applicant or based solely upon economic loss.

The subject property is currently zoned RSF-2, a Residential single-family zoning designation that allows for residential uses and accessory structures. Planning District 26 allows for a 3-foot side and a 10-foot side as long as there is 13' of separation between the buildings. In this case, this lot is being pushed out, and the properties to the north and south are both adjacent on their 3-foot side. The house to the south is 13'.6" and the house to the north is 5'-3.1/2". So, neither house is 10' to the side property line therefore creates a hardship for the case in hand.

Staff believes that the granting of the application is necessary for the preservation of a property right and not merely to serve as a convenience to the applicant or based solely upon economic loss.

4.) The granting of this application will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire, or imperil the public safety, or unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding areas, or in any other respect impair the health, safety, comfort, morals, or general welfare of the inhabitants of Baldwin County.

Staff does not believe the granting of this application, **in general**, will impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire, or imperil the public safety, or unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding areas or in any other respect impair the health, safety, comfort, morals, or general welfare of the inhabitants of Baldwin County. However, staff cannot specifically assure and makes no warranty or guarantee that if granted the resultant variance will or will not diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding areas, or in any other respect impair the health, safety, comfort, morals, or general welfare of the inhabitants of Baldwin County because the effect of the variance cannot be quantified at the time of consideration.

## **Staff Analysis and Findings**

### 5.) Other matters which may be appropriate.

- The applicant has submitted a written document stating there is no active homeowner association for the subject property.
- One letter of opposition to this variance request has been received at the time this staff report was written.

### **POA Statement**



#### **ACHEE BUILDERS**

### **CUSTOM HOMES**

September 16, 2025

Property Information

13505 County Road 1

Fairhope, AL 36532

Parcel ID: 05-56-04-19-0-000-066.000

Owner: Terrell & Phillis Tanner

There is no active neighborhood association or POA with this property.

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Date

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ACHEEBUILDERS@GMAIL.COM

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### **Staff recommends that ZVA25-58 be Approved**

- 1. If approved, the variance is limited to the site plan as shown and provided herein.
- 2. This variance doesn't relieve the subject property of any other requirements of the Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance, Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations, Baldwin County Building Department (building permit), Baldwin County Highway Department (driveway permit, turnout permit, or licensing agreement), or requirements of other agencies.

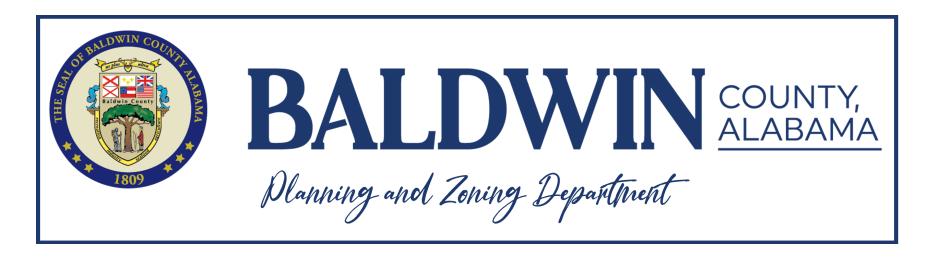
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### **GENERAL NOTES {By-laws}**

Any party aggrieved by a final judgment or decision of the Board of Adjustment may within fifteen (15) days thereafter, appeal the final judgment to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, by filing with the Circuit Court and the Board of Adjustment a written notice of appeal specifying the judgment or decision from which the appeal is taken. In case of such appeal, the Board of Adjustment shall cause a transcript of the proceedings and the action to be certified to the Court where the appeal is taken.

Whenever the Board imposes conditions with respect to a project or variance, such conditions must be stated in the Board Order and in the permit(s) issued, pursuant thereto by the Administrative Officer. Such permits shall remain valid only as long as conditions upon which it is granted, and the conditions imposed by the Zoning Ordinance are adhered to.



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NEXT REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2025 @ 4:00PM

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