



October 18, 2024

Wesley Luftig 5170 Trumbull Court Dunwoody, GA 30338

RE: Special Administrative Permit Application for 1492 Carnaby Court (AP 24-19)

Dear Mr. Luftig:

The staff has reviewed your request to allow a maximum 6-foot-tall retaining wall to encroach into the rear setback.

Per Section 27-269:

Required Approval	Maximum Height (feet)
Administrative permit (article V, division 7)	More than 4, up to 8

(3) On lots occupied by a detached house, retaining walls must be set back from all property lines a distance equal to the required building setback. The community development director is authorized to approve an administrative permit (in accordance with article V, division 7) allowing a retaining wall to encroach the setback.

Relief from Sec. 27-269 may be granted, pursuant to Section 27-441, "Special administrative permits may be approved by the community development director only when the community development director determines that any specific approval criteria associated with the authorized administrative permit and the following general approval criteria have been met:

- "The grant of the administrative permit will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare of the public or injurious to the property or improvements;
- 2) The requested administrative permit 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 similarly situated properties; and
- 3) The requested administrative permit is consistent with all relevant purpose and intent statements of this zoning ordinance."

Analysis

The applicant proposes to build a retaining wall that will range in height up to 6 feet and encroach into the rear setback. The applicant is proposing the retaining wall in order to create usable space around the house since the property slopes down 14 feet from the western property line to the eastern property line. Due to the relatively minor scope of work, staff finds that the proposed retaining walls would not have any adverse impacts to the public health, safety or welfare, nor would it negatively impact surrounding properties. A retaining wall is a typical improvement for many homeowners, and as such, staff finds that the approval of this special administrative permit would not grant the homeowner special



privileges and finds the request consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance.

Based on the subsequent review and approval criteria listed above, your application has been approved with the following conditions:

- 1. If work authorized by this action is not permitted within two years, this approval shall be void.
- 2. The construction shall be substantially similar to the submitted site plan (Exhibit A).

Please attach this approval to all future permit requests related to this project. This does not serve as your construction permit approval, nor does it guarantee approval of any construction permit. Should you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at 678-382-6800.

Sincerely,

Richard McLeod

Community Development Director

City of Dunwoody, Georgia



Exhibit A

