

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA****MEETING DATE:** September 8, 2023**PROPERTY:** 5500 La Gorce Dr.**FOLIO:** 02-3214-003-1520**FILE NO.** ZBA23-0137

IN RE: An application has been filed requesting variances from the minimum required street side setback and maximum lot coverage, in order to construct a partial second floor addition to an existing single-story single-family home.

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DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 13, Beach View, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 158 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

FINAL ORDER

The applicant, Nicholas Gelpi, filed an application with the Planning Department for the following variances:

1. **Section 7.2.2.3(b)(i)** A variance from the minimum required street side yard setback of 15'-0" order to construct a second floor addition following the existing setback ranging from 5.7' to 6.8'.
2. **Section 7.2.2.3(b)(i)** A variance from the maximum lot coverage of 30% for a 2-story home, in order to construct a ground floor addition and a second-floor addition onto the existing home, and provide a lot coverage of 41.9%

The City of Miami Beach Board of Adjustment makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT, based upon the evidence, information, testimony and materials presented at the public hearing and which are part of the record for this matter:


- A. Based on the plans and documents submitted with the application, testimony and information provided by the applicant, and the Planning Department Staff Report, the project as submitted satisfies the requirements of Section 2.8.3 of the Land Development Regulations. Accordingly, the Board of Adjustment has determined the following:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. The special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant;

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- iii. Granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by these land development regulations to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district;
- iv. Literal interpretation of the provisions of these land development regulations would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of these land development regulations and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant;
- v. The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure;
- vi. The granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of these land development regulations and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare;
- vii. The granting of this request is consistent with the comprehensive plan and does not reduce the levels of service as set forth in the plan; and
- viii. The granting of the variance will result in a structure and site that complies with the sea level rise and resiliency review criteria in chapter 7, article I, as applicable.

B. The Board hereby **Approves** the requested variances and imposes the following conditions based on its authority in Section 2.8.4 of the Land Development Regulations:

1. Revised elevation, site plan, and floor plan drawings shall be submitted, at a minimum, such drawings shall incorporate the following:
 - a. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the project Architect shall verify, in writing, that the subject project has been constructed in accordance with the plans approved by the Planning Department for Building Permit.
2. A revised landscape plan, prepared by a Professional Landscape Architect, registered in the State of Florida, and corresponding plans shall be submitted to and approved by staff. The species, type, quantity, dimensions, spacing, location and overall height of all plant material shall be clearly delineated and subject to the review and approval of staff. At a minimum, such plans shall comply with Chapter 4-Landscape Requirements of the Miami Beach Code and shall incorporate the following:
 - a. Any existing plant material within the public right-of-way may be required to be removed, as the discretion of the Public Works Department.
 - b. A fully automatic irrigation system with 100% coverage and an automatic rain sensor in order to render the system inoperative in the event of rain. Right-of-way areas shall also be incorporated as part of the irrigation system.
 - c. The utilization of root barriers and/or Silva Cells, as applicable, shall be clearly delineated on the revised landscape plan.
 - d. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the Landscape Architect or the project architect shall verify, in writing, that the project is consistent with the

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site and landscape plans approved by the Planning Department for Building Permit.

3. Substantial modifications to the plans submitted and approved as part of the application, as determined by the Planning Director or designee, may require the applicant to return to the Board for approval of the modified plans, even if the modifications do not affect variances approved by the Board.
4. A copy of all pages of the recorded Final Order shall be scanned into the plans submitted for planning permit and shall be located immediately after the front cover page of the permit plans.
5. The final building plans shall meet all other requirements of the Land Development Regulations of the City Code.
6. Satisfaction of all conditions is required for the Planning Department to give its approval on a Certificate of Occupancy; a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Partial Certificate of Occupancy may also be conditionally granted Planning Departmental approval.
7. The conditions of approval herein are binding on the applicant, the property's owners and all successors in interest and assigns.
8. The final order is not severable, and if any provision or condition hereof is held void or unconstitutional in a final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction, the order shall be returned to the Board for reconsideration as to whether the order meets the criteria for approval absent the stricken provision or condition, and/or it is appropriate to modify the remaining conditions or impose new conditions.
9. Nothing in this order authorizes a violation of the City Code or other applicable law, nor allows a relaxation of any requirement or standard set forth in the City Code, except to the extent of the variance(s) granted herein.
10. The Final Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, Certificate of Use or Miami Beach Business Tax Receipt.

The decision of the Board regarding variances shall be final and there shall be no further review thereof except by resort to a court of competent jurisdiction by petition for writ of certiorari.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the evidence, information, testimony and materials presented at the public hearing, which are part of the record for this matter, and the staff report and analysis, which are adopted herein, including staff recommendations, as modified by the Board of Adjustment, that the application for variance approval is GRANTED for the above-referenced project, subject to those certain conditions specified in Paragraph B hereof, to which the applicant has agreed.

PROVIDED, the applicant shall build substantially in accordance with the plans submitted to the Board of Adjustment in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Order, as applicable, with staff review and approval.

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The issuance of this Order does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all other required Municipal, County and/or State reviews and permits, including final zoning approval.

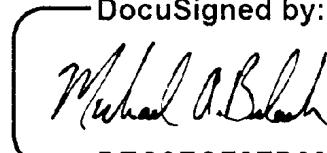
If the Full Building Permit for the project is not issued within eighteen (18) months of the meeting date at which the original Variance Approval was granted, the subject Approval will expire and become null and void, unless the applicant makes application to the Board for an extension of time, in accordance with the requirements and procedures of Section 2.2.4.6 of the Land Development Regulations; the granting of any such extension of time shall be at the discretion of the Board. If the Full Building Permit for the project shall expire for any reason (including but not limited to construction not commencing and continuing, with required inspections, in accordance with the applicable Building Code), the application will expire and become null and void.

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Land Development Regulations, the violation of any conditions and safeguards that are a part of this Order shall be deemed a violation of the land development regulations of the City Code. Failure to comply with this **Order** shall subject the application to Chapter 2 of the Land Development Regulations, for revocation or modification of the application.

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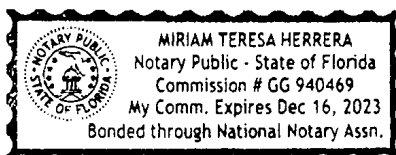


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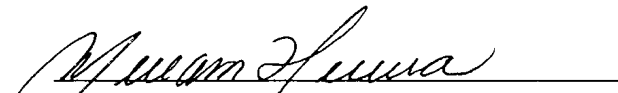
Michael Belush, AICP
Planning & Design Officer
For the Chair

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21 day of September, 2023, by Michael Belush, Planning & Design Officer of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, a Florida Municipal Corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me.



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