



Oldham County Planning and Development Services
Application for Waiver of Regulations

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Planning & Development

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For Staff Use Only:
Date: _____ Plat No: ~~TC 26 01~~ Staff: JH Fee: \$275

This application must be submitted in person at the Planning and Zoning Office. CK# 5036

General Information:

Name of Applicant(s): Maria and Spencer Merwin

Project Address: 5201 18 Mile Creek Rd Westport, KY 40077

Subdivision Name: _____

Current Land Use: Residential Parcel ID: 27-00-00-3A & 3C

Current Zoning: AG-1, CO-1 Total Acreage: 11.4

Are there any past or present related Planning and Zoning cases, including minor plats, on this property? If yes, please list the cases:

Minor plat

Signatures:

Owner(s):

Name: Maria Merwin Spencer Merwin Signature: Maria Merwin Spencer Merwin

Address: 5201 18 Mile Creek Rd Westport, KY 40077

Phone: [Redacted] Email Address: [Redacted]

Applicant(s): (if other than owner)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Contact:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Explanation:

The Commission may reduce or otherwise grant waivers from the requirements of the Oldham County Subdivision regulations whenever it encounters the situations described below.

- A. Exceptional Hardship – Where the Commission finds that strict compliance with these regulations would create an undue hardship because of exceptional unique topographic or other natural or man-made physical conditions encountered on the particular land, the Commission may modify these regulations to the extent necessary to relieve the undue hardship.
- B. Design Innovation and Large Scale Development – These regulations may be modified by the Commission in the case of plans for complete neighborhoods or other design innovations which, in the Commissions opinion, still achieve the basic objectives of these regulations.

Please explain how this request relates to one or both of the above situations.

We are requesting this waiver to create 3 parcels instead of the 2 allowed so immediate family members may build homes nearby. This would only add 2 structures to the property as we plan to convert the existing barn into a home.

The family members include our 2 children, their families and my sister and her family. This family compound will provide us with physical, emotional and financial support with shared childcare and pooled resources. This arrangement will also help with providing care of my disabled husband and our neice who are both undergoing cancer treatments.

Our goal is to maintain the rural character of the area by growing our food and raising small animals while protecting the open space.

The proposed compound will not adversely affect adjacent property owners or create significant traffic as there will be no new roads created. Instead we will share an existing driveway and possibly add one.

We would also utilize the existing natural features of the property by building in the wooded hillside.

together

We are Spencer + Maria Merini, married almost 40 yrs,
~~we~~ both in healthcare field, Spencer retired + Maria hoping
to retire soon. We bought this property 6 months ago in
hopes of building a family compound. (However we are
requesting a waiver from ordinance # _____ in order
to subdivide 3 plots instead of 2 allowed.)

~~for~~ with our two children + ~~their~~ ^{our 4 grand} ~~family~~ ^{children} and my
sister, her husband + daughter. ~~Because of our age~~
and ~~my~~ Our daughter is a single mother of 2 toddlers
and 2 of our ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the family are currently ~~being~~ ^{undergoing}
~~treated for~~ cancer treatments. This living arrangement will
help to provide physical + emotional support with shared
childcare, ~~+~~ ^{+elderly} ~~cancer~~ care as well as financial support through
pooled resources. We plan on growing food and keeping a
few small animals.