

## BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT #1

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 15, 2025 @ 3:00PM

Central Annex

Robertsdale, AL

### **ZVA25-13 WESCOTT PROPERTY**

### VARIANCE REQUEST

Staff: Jenny Mosley , Planning Technician I

- Planning District: 14 Zoned: BCZ, Base Community Zoning
- Location: Subject property is located west of County Rd 9 and North of Honey Rd in the Summerdale community
- **PID:** 05-55-03-05-0-002-062.000
- **PPIN:** 30350
- Acreage: .53 +/- Acres
- Physical Address: 16246 HONEY RD SUMMERDALE AL 36580
- **Applicant:** Curtis Wescott
- Owner: Curtis Wescott
- Code Cases or Notices of Violation: No



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The Applicant is requesting a variance from required front setbacks & allow the Mobile Home to remain in current location and requesting to add a porch within the required setbacks.

Staff could not identify a hardship. As a result, Staff recommends case **ZVA25-13** be **Denied** unless information to the contrary is revealed during the public hearing.



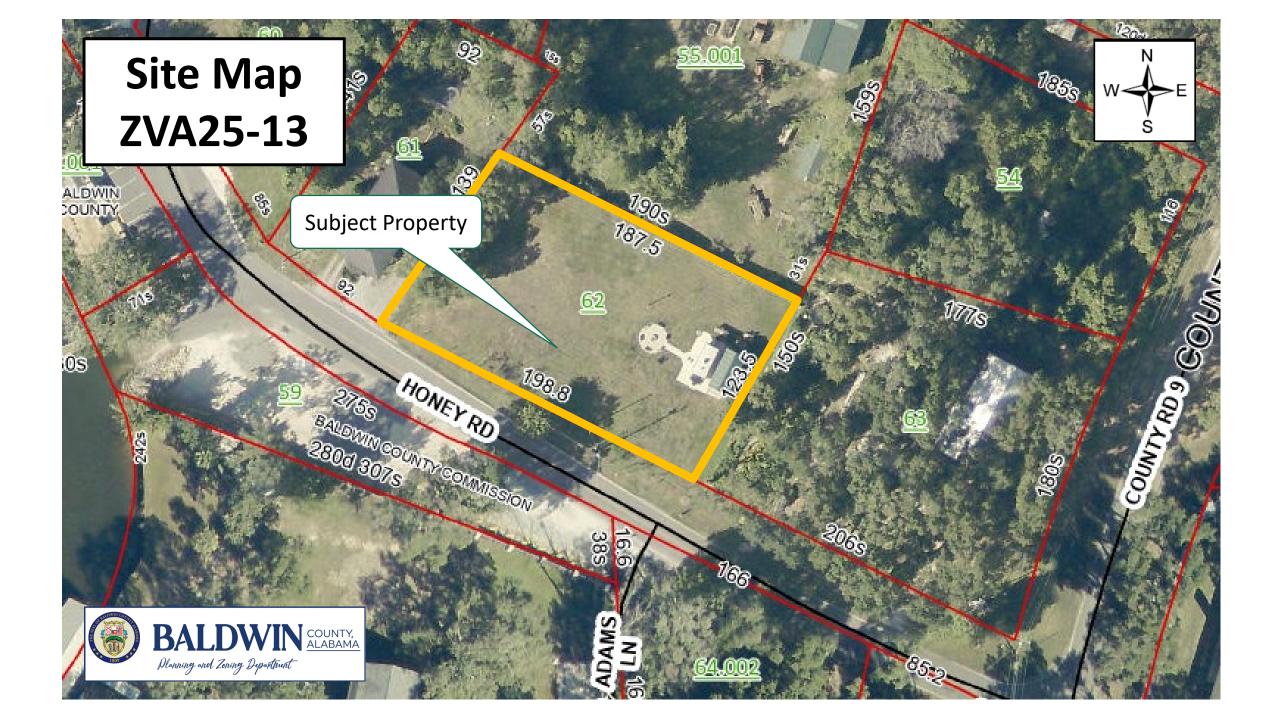
### **Locator Map**

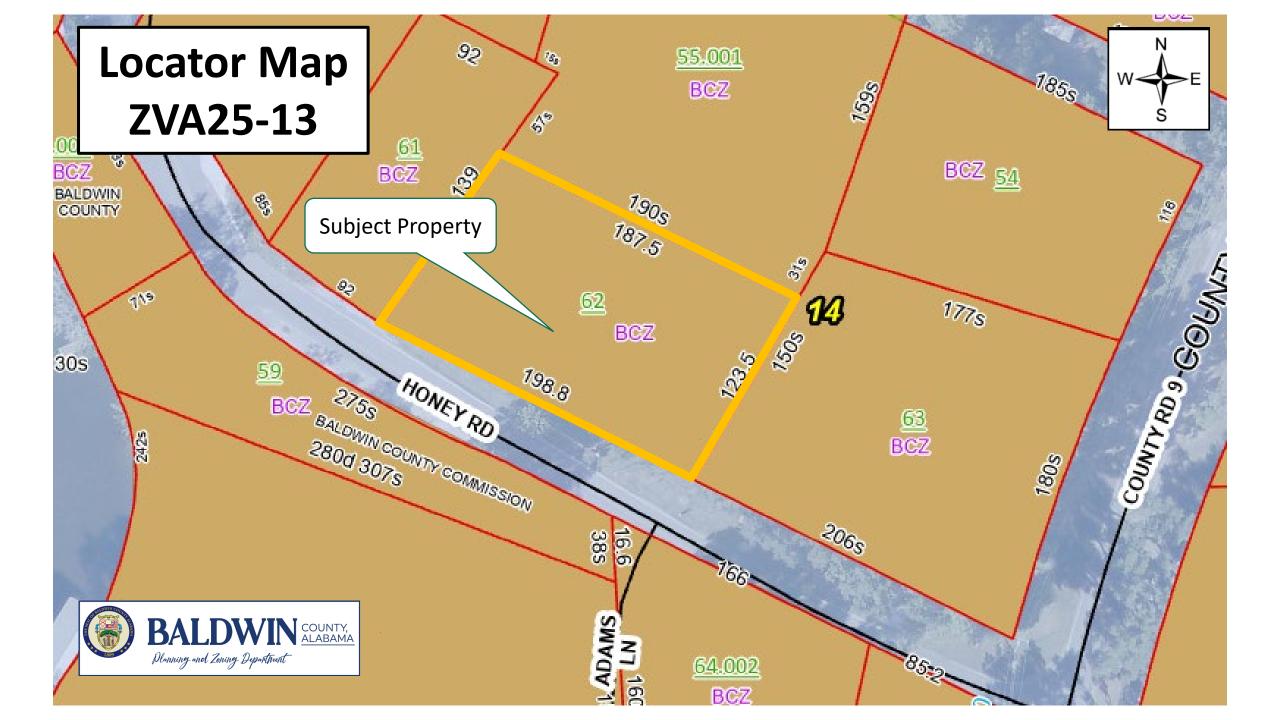
## Site Map





	Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Use
North	BCZ, Base Community Zoning	Residential Use
South	BCZ, Base Community Zoning	Public Boat Launch
East	BCZ, Base Community Zoning	Residential Use
West	BCZ, Base Community Zoning	Residential Use















### **Permit Requirements**

3.4.5 Area and dimensional regulations. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, and unless a change is triggered by Section 3.4.2(i), the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed for new construction:

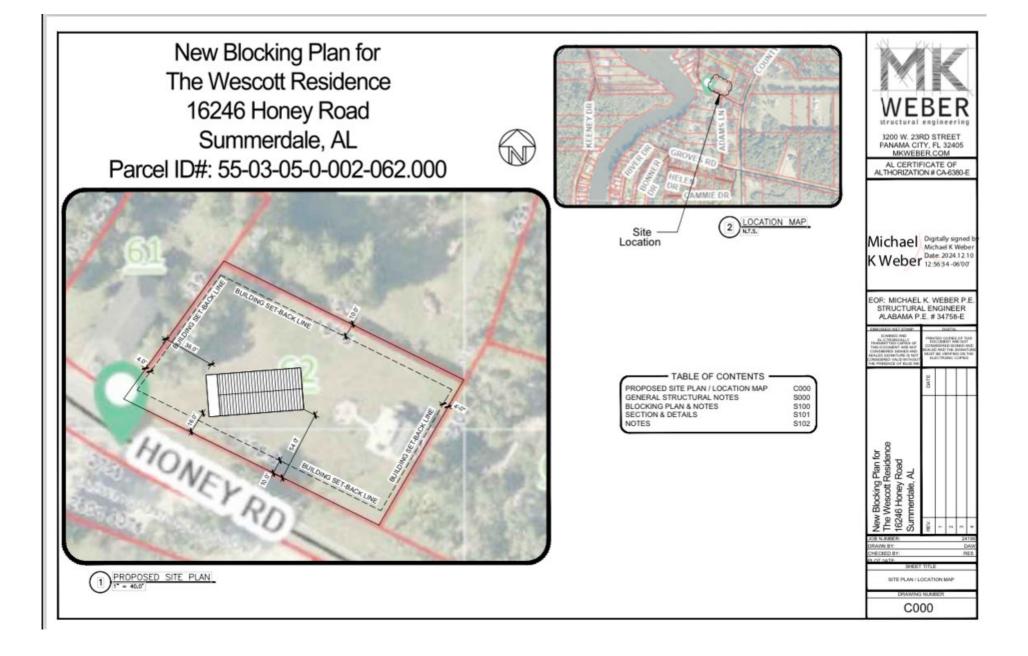
### (a) Primary Structures:

Maximum Height of Structure	35-Feet
Maximum Height in Habitable Stories	2 ½
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet

#### **PROPERTY HISTORY**

- FLD24-000079: Approved Flood Land Disturbance (FLD) 2/4/24, Mobile Home Install: Applicant-Spartan Homes of Summerdale. Applicant submitted a Site Plan meeting setbacks for Section 3.4.5 (a) BCZ, Base Community Zoning, Area and dimensional regulations.
- **BPR25-000087:** Created on 1/13/25, Pending Building Department Approval: Property Owner applied for **FLD** approval for the accessory structure on the northwest corner of subject property. The permit was approved by Planning and Zoning on 2/10/2025.
- BPR25-000455: Created on 2/24/25, Not Approved Per Ordinance: Property Owner applied for FLD approval for the addition of 2 porches on the Approved Mobile Home Install FLD24-000079. Owner submitted site plan showing area of proposed disturbance and Staff discovered the placement of the Mobile Home approved under FLD24-000079 did not match the approved site plan and did not meet the zoning front setbacks for Section 3.4.5 (a) BCZ, Base Community Zoning, Area and dimensional regulations. Owner stated he was unaware of the approved site plan from FLD24-000079 as Spartan Homes of Summerdale applied for the permit on his behalf and did not place the Mobile Home as stated on the Approved Site Plan, resulting in Mobile Home not following the zoning setbacks.

## Original Site Plan Proposal sent to Property Owner by Spartan Homes



### FLD24-79: Approved Site Plan from Spartan Homes for Principal Dwelling



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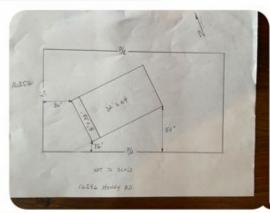
Maximum Height of Structure 35-Feet
Maximum Height in Habitable Stories 2 ½
Minimum Front Yard 30-Feet
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#### **Statement from Property Owner**

03/19/25 To WHOM THIS May CONSEN: I DO NOT KNOW HOW A SITE PLAN WAS GIVEN TO THE COUNTY SHOWING THE HOME PLACED ON THE SOUTH EAST CONVER OF THE PROPERTY. I WAS CLEAR WITH SPAPTAN HONGS WHERE WANTED IT PLYED LOD PROLIDED & SITE PLAN. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS APPROVED SITE PLAN UNTIL I TAKED TO BET A PERMIT FOR MY PORCHES. SPARTAN HOME HANDLED ALL THE PERMITS FOR THE HOME I HAD A ENGINEERED FOUNDATION WITH SITE PLAN. I WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS APPROVED by THE COUNTY INSPECTOR, APPER THE CONCASTE WAS PORCED IT WAS CHECKED BY THE ENGINEER AND THEN APPROVED THE BY THE COUNTY INSPECTER I PURCHASED THIS PROJECT GARLEY IN 2019 AND HAVE BEEN PLANNING SENSE. THOSE JUST EVER 1/2 ACRE AND ACCOUNT VIEW OF THE RIVER. WHY WOULD I WANT THE HOME ON TOP OF MY EXISTING STRUCTURES, HE ARE MOJED IN AND ARE DEALING WITH SIEDS THAT PARE TOO LOW. TO MOVE THIS HOME WOULD BE VERY LOSTLY MUD AN EXTREME HARD SHIP. I AM RETIRED AND TO YEAR 5 020 THIS IS GOING TO BE MY FINAL HOME.

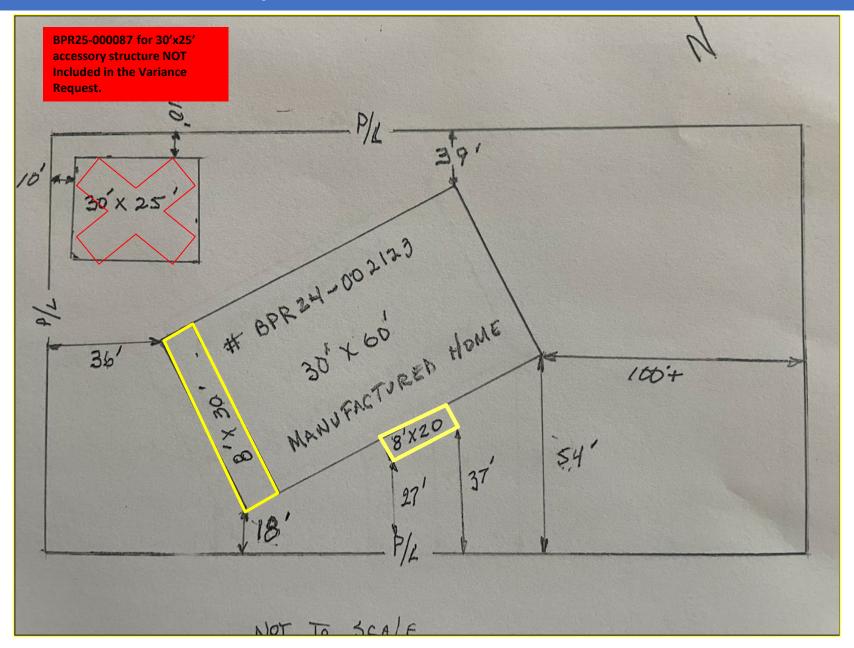






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## Variance Proposed Site Plan with Porches



## No HOA/POA

No active PDA
on this parcel.

## **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.

The subject property is zoned **BCZ**, **Base Community Zoning** and is located west of the city Summerdale, west of County Road 9. The parcel consists of approximately .53 +/- acres with lot dimensions of 198'(S) X 123.5'(S) IRR (approximately 23,086.8 square feet). Planning District 14 came into effect on June 6, 2023. The Subject Property meets the required minimum lot size, area and dimensional requirements of Section 5.4(a) of the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations. **The subject property does not present a notable hardship** that would impact the ability to comply with setbacks or Section 3.4.5 (a) BCZ, Base Community Zoning, Area and dimensional regulations. Therefore, <u>staff does not believe this factor should be considered</u> in this request.

BCZ Required minimum lot size: 7,500 sf (.172 +/- acres) Actual size: 23,086.8 sf (.53 +/- acres) Lot size hardship: NO

BCZ Required minimum width at building line: **80'** Actual lot width: **198.8'** Lot width hardship: **NO** 

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

Staff does not perceive this property to have any exceptional topographic condition or other extraordinary situation, or condition contained on the subject property which requires 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 zoned BCZ, Base Community Zoning and is in Planning District 14, which allows Mobile Homes as Primary Dwellings by right. BCZ zoning requires minimum setbacks for the Primary Structure of Minimum Front Yard 30-Feet, Minimum Rear Yard 30-Feet and Minimum Side Yards 10-Feet. A Flood Land Disturbance (FLD) was submitted on 2/4/24 meeting all regulations and local provisions for the principal residence and was approved with FLD24-000079. A second application, BPR25-000455, created on 2/24/25 requesting a FLD for the addition of porches brought to the staff's attention that the setbacks and site plan for FLD24-000079 were not followed with the installation of the mobile home by Spartan Homes. Staff believes that allowing relief from Section 3.4.5 (a) BCZ, Base Community Zoning, Area and dimensional regulations of the Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the area & dimensional ordinances (setbacks) for the Primary Structure is not necessary for the preservation of a property right. Not adhering to the zoning ordinance setbacks for BCZ, Base Community Zoning appears to serve merely as a convenience and based primarily on 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 anticipates no major impacts, therefore staff does not believe the granting of this application 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.

### VARIANCE REQUEST

The Applicant is requesting a variance from Section 3.4.5 (a) BCZ, Base Community Zoning, Area and dimensional regulations of the Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the area & dimensional ordinances (setbacks) for the Primary Structure, to allow the existing Mobile Home to remain & allow the construction of the proposed porches within the required setbacks of the BCZ zoning ordinance as stated in Section 3.4.5 (a).

Staff perceives no hardship and therefore recommends **Denial** of the variance request.

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

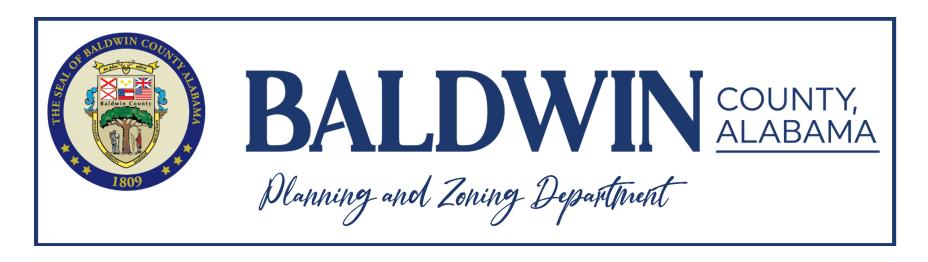
Any party aggrieved by a final judgment or decision of the Board may within fifteen (15) days thereafter appeal therefrom to the Circuit Court, but without expense to the Board of Adjustment, appear in person or by attorney in the Circuit Court or any other court, in defense of said order of the Board.

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.

# **ZVA25-13 Wescott Property**VARIANCE REQUEST

## If it is of the pleasure of the Board to Approve this variance, staff recommends the following conditions and memorialized information:

- 1. If approved, the variance is limited to the request as shown on the Site Plan.
- 2. Submission of a Flood Land Disturbance (FLD) for review and approval by staff depicting the site plan included within the variance for the Primary Structure with proposed porch additions and meeting all remaining requirements not excluded with variance approval.
  - a. Any deviations within the FLD from the site plan included in the approved ZVA may require additional variances.
  - b. Staff memorializes that the site plan provided with the variance request is not stamped by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor and has not been presented as nor approved as engineering or survey data.
  - c. Staff reserves the right to require corrective action in lieu of allowing additional variance requests should a blatant disregard for the provisions of an approved ZVA occur.
  - d. Approval of BPR25-000087 for the accessory structure in Northwest corner of property is Excluded from this Variance request.
- 2. This variance relieves subject property of no other requirements of the Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance, Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations, Baldwin County Building Department (building permit), Baldwin County Highway Department (driveway or turnout permit), or requirements of other agencies.



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