

February 19, 2026

RE: Request for Variance – 16 Beaver Ck Rd, Boise Idaho 83716

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully request a variance that would allow the removal of that portion of our existing house structure that encroaches on our neighbor's property in a more cost-effective way than other solutions such as a mini-sub. This request, when granted, would allow the clearance of the encroachment and the reconstruction of the affected housing structure consistent with Boise County property requirements.

My wife and I are retired and 80+ years old. We have been living at this location since 1993. The west-facing side of our house where the encroachment exists was extended in 2008. This extension provided much needed usable space and was the first step in the construction of inside year-round access to the basement. The existing entrance to the basement is dangerous with heavy amounts of snow sliding from the roof and accumulating in depths of several feet. We haven't been able to safely use the basement in the winter where we otherwise could store produce from the garden to help feed our family.

During the planning and permitting phase of our addition to the basement allowing a safe entrance, we learned of the property encroachment. We also learned that approval of the construction of an inside basement access is delayed until the encroachment issue is resolved. Money had already been allocated to digging a basement extension space and work began with the excavation of a hole on the west side of the property this past summer. The existing laundry room was also removed in anticipation of a completed project. We are now without a reasonable place for our washing machine—it's in the bathroom. The removal and reconstruction of existing house structures will place an unexpected and significant hardship on available finances, but it is less expensive than the alternative. A hardship of finances and the loss of space left will also occur if we proceed with the standard Boise County setback.

A setback variance will significantly reduce the financial demand and the loss of space availability options. The alternative solution of a mini-subdivision proved much more costly in time and money. We are therefore requesting a one foot set back inside the structure overhang.

This proposed structure will be in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood and land use. It will not cause any material detriment to the public welfare or neighboring property owners.

With this variance we, as elderly property owners, will be able to have a safer place to live without using up all our saving.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ted & Florence Meyers