Introduced by the Land Use and Zoning Committee:

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ORDINANCE 2023-544

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ADMINISTRATIVE DEVIATION APPLICATION AD-23-43, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 AT 2790 GARRIS LANE, BETWEEN YELLOW BLUFF ROAD AND GARRIS LANE (R.E. NO. 106169-0030), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY MARY LEE ANDERSON, REQUESTING TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM LOT AREA FROM 2.0 ACRES TO 1.13 ACRES IN ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL RURAL-ACRE (RR-ACRE), AS DEFINED AND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE ZONING CODE; ADOPTING RECOMMENDED FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an application for an administrative deviation, On File with the City Council Legislative Services Division, was filed by Anthony Nesmith on behalf of the owner of property located in Council District 2 at 2790 Garris Lane, between Yellow Bluff Road and Garris Lane (R.E. No. 106169-0030) (the "Subject Property"), requesting to reduce the minimum lot area from 2.0 acres to 1.13 acres in Zoning District Residential Rural-Acre (RR-Acre); and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has considered the application and all attachments thereto and has rendered an advisory recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Zoning Committee, after due notice held a public hearing and having duly considered both the testimonial and documentary evidence presented at the public hearing, has made its recommendation to the Council; now, therefore

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville: Section 1. Adoption of Findings and Conclusions. Council has considered the recommendation of the Land Use and Zoning Committee and reviewed the Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department concerning administrative deviation Application AD-23-43, which requests to reduce the minimum lot area from 2.0 acres to 1.13 acres. Based upon the competent, substantial evidence contained in the record, the Council hereby determines that the requested administrative deviation meets each of the following criteria required to grant the request pursuant to Section 656.109(h), Ordinance Code, as specifically identified in the Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department:

- (1) There are practical or economic difficulties in carrying out the strict letter of the regulation;
- (2) The request is not based exclusively upon a desire to reduce the cost of developing the site, but would accomplish some result that is in the public interest, such as, for example, furthering the preservation of natural resources by saving a tree or trees;
- (3) The proposed deviation will not substantially diminish property values in, nor alter the essential character of, the area surrounding the site and will not substantially interfere with or injure the rights of others whose property would be affected by the deviation;
- (4) The proposed deviation will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, result in additional public expense, the creation of nuisances, or conflict with any other applicable law;
- (5) The proposed deviation has been recommended by a City landscape architect, if the deviation is to reduce required landscaping; and
- (6) The effect of the proposed deviation is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Code.

Therefore, administrative deviation Application AD-23-43 is hereby approved.

Section 2. Owner and Description. The Subject Property is owned by Mary Lee Anderson and is described in Exhibit 1, dated May 22, 2023, and graphically depicted in Exhibit 2, both attached hereto. The applicant is Anthony Nesmith, 324 West 17th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206; (904) 509-5899.

Section 3. Distribution by Legislative Services. Legislative Services is hereby directed to mail a copy of this legislation, as enacted, to the applicant and any other parties to this matter who testified before the Land Use and Zoning Committee or otherwise filed a qualifying written statement as defined in Section 656.140(c), Ordinance Code.

Section 4. Effective Date. The enactment of this Ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the Council President and Council Secretary.

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

Legislation Prepared By: Bruce Lewis

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