

To The City of Johns Creek:

I am writing this letter of appeal for a variance for my barn located on my home property at 735 Old Oak Trace, Johns Creek, GA 30022. I need this variance because my original barn was built before the neighborhood ever existed. The piece of property that the barn sits on was part of the original farm that was parceled off to build the neighborhoods around the piece of property. The property, along with the adjacent lot, is just under six acres. The four acres the barn sits on is basically woods and a large area I plant. The larger part of the original barn dates back to the 1930/40's according to previous owners and those who have come to look at it. An important piece of the renovation of the original barn is to stabilize the pier foundation of the barn built so many years ago. Due to zoning laws that were passed over time, a portion of the barn is now too close to the property line. I am wanting to stabilize the original barn structure, renovate part of the original barn, and attach a structure to the original barn that will be built within the zoning property line offset requirements. The new barn will be built with reclaimed barn timbers and wood in order to look like the original barn. The idea is that if you are new to the property, you will not be able to tell from the outside that the structure was built at different times. The new structure built with reclaimed materials will have a cement floor that will allow me to store yard and garden/planting type equipment. The original barn has a wooden floor and therefore is not ideal for storing such equipment. I will use the renovated, original barn with the wooden floor as an area to hang out with my sons playing ping pong, watching sports, etc. (man cave). Although the property is in Johns Creek, when you are in the barn it feels like you are in the country. Allowing me to stabilize and renovate the original barn as well as connect the new barn to the original structure will allow for me to remain true to the property and keep it looking as it always has. In addition, connecting the two structures makes the entire structure more user friendly. I am happy to answer any questions anyone may have to clear up any concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration!