



City of St. George, Louisiana  
**Board of Adjustment**  
**Minutes**

Monday, August 4, 2025 at 5:00pm  
St. George City Hall, 14100 Airline Hwy, St. George, LA 70817

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Christina Peck called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Board Member Present**

Braden Jones  
Sheila Lewis  
Christina Peck  
Robert Douglas  
Sam Speer

**Board Member Absent**

**Others Present**

Rachel Zhou, Senior  
Planner  
Joann Nguyen, Planning  
Technician  
Justin Dupuy, Floodplain  
Administrator  
Scot Byrd, Program  
Director  
Mark Balkin, Counsel

**3. Minutes.** Robert Douglas moved to approve the June 2, 2025 minutes; seconded by Braden Jones. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

**4. Public Hearing**

- a. **V25-12 Variance to Reduce Rear Yard Setback:** This 0.35-acre property is located at 7634 John Newcombe Ave. The applicant requests a variance to Sec. 7:11.2.1 to reduce the rear setback from 25ft to 7.5ft for a proposed addition to a single-family dwelling in the A1 Single Family Residential Zoning District. The Board has the authority to permit the variance under Sec. 7:2.3.3.C. (Applicant: Michael Street)

Michael Street presented the request along with a letter of support from his neighbor, Alphonse Stewart.

Saud Dara submitted a comment in support, prior to the meeting on June 25, 2025.

Stephen Frederick submitted a comment in support, prior to the meeting on June 30, 2025.

Sam Speer asked whether the tree in the backyard would be retained.

Michael Street stated that the tree was removed about a year ago in hope of the proposed addition.

Christina Peck opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

Christina Peck closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve: Sam Speer; seconded by Robert Douglas.

Yea: 5 (Jones, Lewis, Speer, Douglas, Peck)

Nay: 0

Motion passed and V25-12 was approved.

- b. **V25-13 Exception for Fence Height:** This 0.28-acre property is located at 16246 Batavia Ave. The applicant requests an exception to Sec. 7:9.5.2.D.2.b to increase the height of a solid wooden fence from 4ft to 6 ft in the corner side yard in the A1 Single Family Residential Zoning District. The Board has the authority to permit this exception under Sec. 2.3.3.D.7. (Applicant: Jason Harris)

Jason Harris, representing the homeowner, explained that Jerome Marquette hired his company to replace the existing four-foot fence with a new six-foot treated pine wood fence. Although the request mentioned increasing the height from four to six feet, the current fence is already six feet tall.

Braden Jones asked whether the fence would be replaced in the same location.

Jason Harris stated that the fence will be shifted forward by approximately one foot to maintain privacy and conceal the area from street and sidewalk view. It will be the same type and style as the previous fence.

Christina Peck opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

Christina Peck closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve: Braden Jones; seconded by Sheila Lewis.

Yea: 5 (Jones, Lewis, Speer, Douglas, Peck)

Nay: 0

Motion passed and V25-13 was approved.

## 5. Other Business

## 6. General and Public Comments

7. **Adjournment.** Sam Speer moved to adjourn; seconded by Robert Douglas. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.