



# City of Smyrna

## Issue Sheet

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File Number:

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**Agenda Date:** 12/13/2023

**In Control:** License and Variance Board

**File Type:** Variance Item

**Agenda Section:**  
Formal Business

**Agenda Number:** {{item.number}}

**Department:** Community Development

**Agenda Title:**

Public Hearing - Variance Request - V23-074 - Allow maximum impervious surface area increase from 30% to 55.6% - Land Lot 702 - 2294 Goodwood Boulevard - Fernando Melo

***Ward 2 Councilmember - Latonia P. Hines***

**ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:**

The applicant is seeking a variance to allow an increase in the impervious surface area from 30% to 55.6% for a deck replacement on the rear of the single-family townhome located at 2294 Goodwood Boulevard. Section 801 sets the maximum impervious surface area at 30% for any properties within the RTD zoning district prior to the Ordinance amendment in September 2022 (Ordinance 22-21).

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:**

The applicant is requesting to deviate from the development standards established by the City for the RTD zoning district, which requires a maximum impervious area of 30%. According to Section 1403 of the Zoning Ordinance, variances must be reviewed under the following standards: (1) Whether there are unique and special or extraordinary circumstances applying to the property; (2) Whether any alleged hardship is self-created by any person having an interest in the property; (3) Whether strict application of the relevant provisions of the code would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the property; and (4) Whether the variance proposed is the minimum variance needed. After a review of the standards above, Community Development believes that the impervious surface increase will not adversely affect surrounding residents; therefore, staff recommends approval of the requested variance with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the requested variance is conditioned upon substantial compliance with the site plan submitted with the variance application.
2. An indemnity letter shall be provided by the property owner prior to issuance of the building permit.
3. The portion of the deck on the western side of the home shall either be built of fire-retardant lumber or painted with fire-retardant paint, or as deemed necessary by the Chief Building Official.



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