

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2018-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND MARAIS,  
MINNESOTA APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FOR ANNA AND SARAH  
HAMILTON FROM THE MINIMUM LOT DIMENSIONS AND STRUCTURE WIDTH

WHEREAS, the applicants, Anna and Sarah Hamilton, seek a variance to the minimum lot dimensions build a 16' wide residential structure on a lot 300sq' less than the required 10,000sq' and 25' less than the required 120' of depth on their property zoned R-1 Permanent Residential and represented in the application materials; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 3, 2018, and received public testimony regarding the proposed Variance; and

WHEREAS, all required notices regarding the public hearing were properly made; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the request and recommended approval of the Variance: and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the requested Variance and Planning Commission recommendation at its meeting of October 10, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND MARAIS, MINNESOTA, that it adopts the following findings of fact related to the requested Variance:

Criteria #1     **The variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of the ordinance.**

Finding #1     Single family housing is a desired use in the R-1 Permanent Residential zone.

Criteria #2     **The variance is consistent with the comprehensive plan.**

Finding #2     The plan identifies additional housing, particularly in-fill and affordable, as needed in the community.

Criteria #3     **The proposal seeks to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance.**

Finding #3a    The lot is of reasonable size and shape to accommodate the proposed structure.

Finding #3b    The 16' structure is a reasonable size for the structure.

Criteria #4     **The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner**

Finding #4 The dimensions of the property were created prior to the establishment of the zoning ordinance.

Criteria #5 **The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.**

Finding #5 The neighborhood is primarily single family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Variance to allow Anna and Sarah Hamilton construct a 16' wide single family structure on a lot 300sq' less than the required 10,000sq' and 25' less than the required 120' of depth on their property zoned R-1 Permanent Residential is hereby approved.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Grand Marais, Minnesota this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

(SEAL)

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Mayor Jay Arrowsmith DeCoux

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Roth  
City Administrator

Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: