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Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals
327 N. Ashley Street 3rd Floor
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Dear Members of the Board:

I am submitting this letter with the intent to request a variance to the Lowndes County Unified Land Development Code for property I own at 5149 Griffin Drive, Hahira, Georgia (Part 1) and property my grandfather, Mr. Larry Eidson, owns at 5143 Griffin Drive, Hahira, Georgia (Part 2).

The conditions under which I am seeking this variance are conditions C, D and H in Section 9.02.03 Requirements for Variances in the Lowndes County Unified Development Code. Both one acre lots were divided with separate dwellings prior to the development of this code.

Part 1: (5149 Griffin Dr. Hahira, Georgia)

My grandfather purchased a one acre lot at 5149 Griffin Drive in 2004 from his neighbor with the intent of deeding the lot to me in the future to build a home. This lot sits right next to a one acre lot that he purchased where he built a single family home (5143 Griffin Drive) in 1992. At the time he purchased 5149 Griffin Drive, it contained an older mobile home. He removed this mobile home and obtained a permit to place a newer mobile home on the property where my mother lived for the next six years until 2010. The mobile home was then removed as my mother moved in with me and the lot has been vacant since. When my grandfather purchased this property he assumed a single family home could be built there based on being permitted to build a single family home on the same size lot next to it that he purchased in 1992. In April 2018, I sold my home located in the city of Hahira, GA with plans to build a home next to my grandparents. In July 2018, my grandfather deeded me the property. My intention is to build a house on the property as my mother and I are my grandparents caretakers as they age. The house is approximately 2500 square feet and is intended to be my forever home. I have obtained an approved construction/permanent loan from a local bank.

Part 2: (5143 Griffin Dr. Hahira, Georgia)

My grandfather purchased a one acre lot at 5143 Griffin Drive in 1992 and built a single family home on the property. We are also requesting a variance on this lot in the event that any future unforeseen circumstances require this home be repaired, rebuilt, or expanded upon.

The intention for the future is for both properties to remain within our family.