

**CITY OF ORONOCO**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ORONOCO, MINNESOTA APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO  
THE FRONT YARD SETBACK  
FOR A GARAGE AT 220 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE SE, ORONOCO, MINNESOTA**

WHEREAS, the applicant, Garret Sorensen, own the property at 220 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE (“Property”) in Oronoco in the R-1 zoning district, legally described on the Certificate of Survey from WSE Massey dated 1/5/2024; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant wishes to build a new garage on the north side of the property; and,

WHEREAS, the Oronoco Zoning Code establishes a minimum front yard setback in the R-1 zoning district of 25 feet; and,

WHEREAS, other locations on the property are impacted by significant slopes and trees, making it impractical to locate a garage in any other location; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant seeks a variance to the build the garage at a 10-foot front setback versus the required 25-foot setback; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the request and heard testimony at a public hearing at its meeting on September 12, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Oronoco City Council reviewed the request at its meeting on September 17, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oronoco, Minnesota approves a variance to the front yard setback for a new garage at 220 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE, as submitted by the applicant, with the following condition and findings of fact:

**Conditions of Approval of Variance**

1. The applicant will submit an accurate site plan before a building permit is issued showing the location of the garage as no closer than 10 feet to the front right-of-way line to 2nd Avenue NE and no closer than 6 feet to the north side lot line.

**Findings of Fact for Approval**

1. Garret Sorensen owns the property at 220 2nd Avenue NE, legally described on the Certificate of Survey from WSE Massey dated 1/5/2024.
2. The Applicant wishes to build a new garage on the property 10 feet from the front lot line with roof-mounted solar panels.
3. Required setbacks for a new garage in the Oronoco Zoning Code are 25 feet to the front lot line and 6 feet to the side lot line.
4. The only practical location for a garage on the site is on the north side of the property within 10 feet of the front lot line, requiring a variance.

MOTION BY: RICHARDS  
SECOND BY: PHILLIPS


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5. The variance request meets the criteria for approving a variance in Sect. 151.401 of the Oronoco Zoning Code.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Oronoco, Minnesota this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ryland Eichhorst, Mayor	X			
Jim Phillips	X			
Paul Pendergrass	X			
Jim Richards	X			
Erv DeValeminck	X			

  
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Ryland Eichhorst, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jason Baker, City Administrator