

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH FLORIDA APPROVING VAR20230175 TO ALLOW A GARAGE CLOSER TO THE ESTERO BOULEVARD STREET RIGHT-OF WAY LINE THAN THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5137 ESTERO BLVD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal service, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the Town Charter of the Town of Fort Myers Beach empowers the Town to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the Town; and

WHEREAS, owners Rick Loughery and Amy Lefebvre, is requesting a variance from LDC 34-1174(b) which prohibits location of accessory structures, including garages, closer to the street right-of-way line than the principal building; and

WHEREAS, the STRAP number for the subject property is 28-46-24-W4-0020A.0040; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in the “Low Density” category of the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and the “Residential Single-Family” zoning district of the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this matter was legally noticed and held before the Local Planning Agency (LPA) on October 10, 2023, and at said hearing the LPA gave full and complete consideration to the request of Applicant, recommendations of staff, the documents in the file, and the testimony of all interested persons, as required by Section 34-87 of the LDC. The LPA voted unanimously to recommend approval of the variance with conditions; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2023, the Town Council held a duly noticed public hearing to fully consider the request of the Applicant, the recommendations of Town staff and the LPA, the documents in the record, and testimony of all interested persons as required by 34-87 of the LDC; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council determined it is in the best interest of the Town to approve the request.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct, incorporated herein by this reference, and adopted as the legislative and administrative findings of the Town Council.

Section 2. The Town Council determines the Applicant did meet its burden of proof that the requested Variance do meet the requirements of the Town Comprehensive Plan and LDC, and approving the Variance is in the best interest of the Town. Therefore, based upon the recommendations, testimony, and evidence presented by the Applicant, Town staff, and interested parties and public, the Town Council APPROVES the variance from LDC 34-1174(b) which prohibits location of accessory structures, including garages, closer to the street right-of way line than the principal building in RS zoning district.

Section 3. In approving the Variance, the Town Council makes the following findings and conclusions in accordance with the requirements of Section 34-87 of the LDC:

- A. There are exceptional or extraordinary conditions or circumstances that are inherent to the property in question, and the request is for a de minimis variance under circumstances or conditions where rigid compliance is not essential to protect public policy.
- B. The conditions justifying approval of the variance are not the result of actions of the Applicant taken after the adoption of the regulation in question.
- C. The variance is the minimum variance that will relieve the Applicant of an unreasonable burden caused by the application of the regulation to the Property.
- D. The granting of the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
- E. The conditions or circumstances on the Property are not of so general or recurrent a nature as to make it more reasonable and practical to amend the regulation in question.

Section 4. If the Town Council approves the requested variance, the following conditions of approval are imposed on the Applicant and the Property:

- A. Approval of this variance does not give the Applicant an undeniable right to permit approval. Development or redevelopment of the Property must comply with all applicable requirements of the Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan and LDC in effect at the time of permit approval, except as specifically modified herein.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Vice Mayor Atterholt and seconded by Council Member King, and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Dan Allers, Mayor	Aye
Jim Atterholt, Vice Mayor	Aye
John R. King	Aye
Bill Veach	Aye
Karen Woodson	Aye

ADOPTED this 6th day of November 2023 by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

Dan Allers

[Dan Allers \(Dec 17, 2023 09:56 EST\)](#)

Dan Allers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Baker

[AMY BAKER \(Dec 20, 2023 12:54 EST\)](#)

Amy Baker, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH ONLY:**

Becky Vose

[Becky Vose \(Dec 18, 2023 09:36 EST\)](#)

Gretchen R. H. Vose., Town Attorney

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this 15th day of December 2023.