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Department of Community Development, Zoning Section
Lee County Government
1500 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Subject: Request for Variance – Shed Location – Section 34-1174

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

I am writing to formally request a variance for the location of a proposed shed on my property located at 2002 Irving Ave., Alva, FL 33920. After carefully reviewing the zoning regulations in section 34-1174, we understand the required setbacks and understand the importance of following these guidelines. However, we believe that a variance is necessary in this case due to the unique characteristics of the property and our intent to preserve important environmental features.

As indicated on the submitted site plans, the shed has been proposed for a specific location on the property that will allow us to maintain the integrity of our landscape, particularly the pool area and several mature oak trees. The location suggested by the zoning department for the shed would place it directly where our pool and trees are situated. These trees are well-established, and we are committed to preserving them due to their ecological and aesthetic value. Removing or damaging these trees would significantly alter the natural environment of our property and diminish the overall character of the area.

The proposed shed location on the plans, as shown, has been carefully selected to avoid disturbing any of the mature oak trees. This location allows us to keep the existing landscape intact, minimizing any environmental impact, and ensuring that the pool area and trees remain undisturbed. The preservation of these trees is not only a matter of personal preference, but also reflects our desire to contribute positively to the neighborhood by maintaining green space and supporting local wildlife.

In conclusion, the variance request is made with the aim of ensuring that the shed can be placed in a manner that avoids the destruction of mature oak trees and allows for the continued enjoyment of the pool area, while still adhering to the functional needs of the property. We ask for your consideration in granting this variance to help us preserve the natural beauty and ecological value of our property.

Thank you for your time and understanding. We look forward to your favorable response and are happy to provide any additional information or clarification needed.

Sincerely,

Robert Marzzacco