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I am a neighbor at 1312 Bickler Rd.  
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Generally I believe folks should be able to do what they want. But many of us have successfully done remodels without requesting significant variance approval. It seems the purpose of variance approval is to navigate constraints imposed by nature, plats, or other criteria unforeseen in as-written development code. Variance approvals are not appropriate just so the owner can do whatever they want.

We encourage the city to decline this approval, there is plenty of room on the lot for a successful architectural solution that conforms to city code.

If the argument is made to look ahead to what CodeNext envisions, increased density, I would point out that this neighborhood now has density such that you cannot drive in a straight line down Bickler or Newning, but now must weave between cars parked on alternating sides of the street, and frequently yield to oncoming cars because our two lane streets are in fact not.

Thank you,  
Eric de Valpine

Sent from my iPhone