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**THE VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**  
GRUNDY & WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

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BATISTA IN THE VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**

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**WHEREAS**, an application for variance from Sections 156.161 and 156.171 of the Village of Coal City Zoning Code (“Zoning Code”) was filed by Donna Echevarria (“applicant”) on August 4, 2017 for the placement of a 6 feet high fence along with a shed; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 156.171(a)(2) states, “Fences shall be permitted in the rear or interior side yard...”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 156.161 states, “Accessory uses may be located in...required yards...”; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was noticed and duly held on September 5, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Coal City Planning and Zoning Board met on September 5, 2017, and considered passage of the variance request to the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 156.250 permits the Village Board to approve variations from the Zoning Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees and the President of the Village of Coal City believe it is in the best interests of the Village to grant the requested variances.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Coal City, Grundy and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

**Section 2.** Findings of Fact. The Board of Trustees find as follows:

- A. **Special Circumstances Not Found Elsewhere.** The property is a corner lot and has a great deal of the open recreational area of the property contained within the corner side yard unlike a majority of the residential lots within the area.
- B. **Unnecessary Hardship.** Being unable to utilize such a large portion of the residential lot for recreational space would cause an unnecessary hardship since the erection of a fence according to the petition would not interfere with vehicular traffic at the adjacent intersection.

- C. **Preserves Rights Conferred by the District.** The shed shall be built and sized within the maximum allowable square footage and the exterior shall match the residential area.
- D. **Necessary for Use of the Property.** Being adjacent to Thomas Street, the use of a fence within the corner side yard shall allow safe enjoyment of the corner side yard area without constant supervision of minors.
- E. **Consistency with the Local Area and Comprehensive Plan.** Granting this variance is consistent with the principles provided in the Comprehensive Plan. The use shall stay residential and vision safety within the adjacent intersection shall be maintained.
- F. **Minimum Variance Recommended.** The petitioner has requested a variance consistent with other corner side yards considered previously within the residential subdivision, leaving 10 feet from the side yard boundary.

**Section 3.** Description of the Property. The property is located at 610 E. Batista in the Village of Coal City within an RS-2 District.

**Section 4.** Public Hearing. A public hearing was advertised on August 9, 2017 in the Coal City Courant and held by the Planning and Zoning Board on September 5, 2017, at which time a majority of the Planning and Zoning Board members recommended passage of the Variance to the Board of Trustees.

**Section 5.** Variations. The variations requested in the August 4, 2017 Variance Application to the Zoning Code are granted as follows:

- A. A variance in conjunction with Section 156.171(a)(2) is hereby granted to allow the 6-ft. high fence as described by the applicant, to be installed within the corner side yard.
- B. A variance in conjunction with Section 156.161 is hereby granted to allow the placement of a shed as described by the applicant, to be installed within the corner side yard

**Section 6.** Conditions. The variances granted herein are contingent and subject to the following conditions:

- A. The fence shall be constructed in a manner consistent with the presentation to the Planning & Zoning Board and the Board of Trustees.

**Section 7.** Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds this ordinance or any provision hereof to be invalid or unenforceable as applied, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the application thereof to the greatest extent permitted by law.

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**Section 8.**     Repeal and Savings Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Coal City prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section 9.**     Effectiveness. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

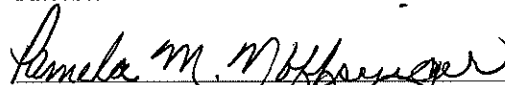
SO ORDAINED this 13 day of September, 2017, at Coal City, Grundy & Will Counties, Illinois.

AYES:    3  
NAYS:    0  
ABSENT:  3  
ABSTAIN: 0

**VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**

  
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Terry Halliday, President

Attest:

  
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Pamela M. Noffsinger, Clerk