

## Jeff Watson

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**From:** Lisa Iammarino  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2009 10:25 AM  
**To:** Jeff Watson  
**Subject:** Sandlin Variance

Jeff,  
What do you need from me in way of comment for the Sandlin Variance. I do not believe a variance should be granted in this situation. Mr. Sandlin built a cabin, did not obtain a permit final, but has been using the structure. In addition to one building violation Mr. Sandlin decided to start another by adding onto the back of the cabin without permit approval. I went up and posted a "stop work" order on the building addition/garage that was being constructed and Mr. Sandlin still has continued to work on the structure and inhabit the cabin without occupancy approval.....he did pay the first 500 fine, but I guess he just doesn't believe we are serious.

I believe a variance should be for extenuating circumstances and not a way to remedy someone's violation. I think the variance should be denied and the illegal structure should be removed.

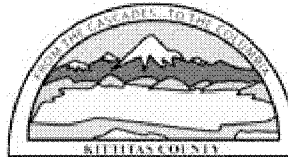
The neighbor's behind Mr. Sandlin would like it if you could call them. Penny has advised you call her daughter, Tiffany's cell phone at 425-359-5757 as they have some questions for you.

Thanks

Lisa

**Lisa Iammarino**  
**Code Enforcement Officer**

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December 29, 2009

Kittitas County Community Development Services  
Attention: Jeff Watson  
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Dear Mr. Watson,

I am a property owner adjacent to the Sandlin's in Sky Meadows. I have received the Notice of Application for the Sandlin Setback Variance, VA-09-00018. Our property is directly adjacent to the Sandlin's and is the closest to the cabin/garage in question. Our cabin was recently completed and we followed all laws and regulations in its construction. In fact, I had planned to construct a permanent roof over our original trailer on the property and later turn it into an enclosed garage. I even submitted for a permit and dug the foundations before I found out that it was too close to the road easement. I lived with my mistake and never constructed the roof/garage after paying permit fees and excavations costs for the foundation as it would not fit on the property with my desired cabin location.

While I do not believe in punishing a person for an honest and innocent mistake, I am not convinced that the Sandlin's garage construction was done without knowledge of the appropriate setbacks. Their cabin was constructed on a foundation that was put in place many years ago prior to the Sandlin's owning the property. They chose to build their cabin on the existing foundation and as a result did not have sufficient room within the setbacks to construct a garage in their desired location. They should have found another location for the garage. The corner stake of the property is very obvious and I am sure well known to them. Their claim that their property is sloped and this is the only location for a garage is a false statement. There are many properties in Sky Meadows with much greater slopes than theirs that have cabins and garages. The lack of space is the result of building on an existing foundation.

I believe we all need to follow the laws and regulations put in place and it is not appropriate to provide a variance for an individual who has failed to plan appropriately.

I would also comment that the Sandlin's have taken a very interesting approach to this variance request. To my knowledge they have not spoken to any of the neighbors asking their opinions and trying to get support for their variance. If it would have been me, I would have spoken to the neighbors before constructing and then made my variance request also before constructing.

Sincerely,

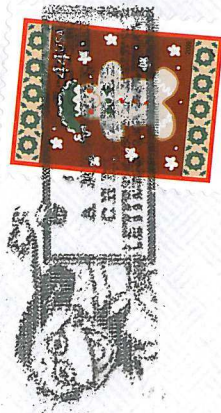
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Stacy James Bartoletti, PE, SE



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Subject: Sandlin setback Variance, VA-09-00018

The Sandlin cabin started with an existing foundation. A cabin was built and almost completed when they started building the garage. The county would have never given a permit for the garage, as it was too close to the property line. So the Sandlins decided they would build it without permits. They knew exactly what they were doing before they ever started.

Why do you have setbacks if you can just apply for a variance? And what are the doors out the back for, a big deck and stairs?

If the Sandlins had contacted the county before building the garage without a permit they would not be in this situation. Property lines and setbacks are there for a purpose.

A variance should not even be considered when you are not abiding by the rules and have no consideration for others. They claim that this is not a problem for the neighbors; the roofline is 6 feet from our property.

The structure should have to come down, this should not be allowed. If they get a variance they end up with exactly what they wanted, without playing by the rules. This is not right.

The county should stand by the rules set by the county. This was not a mistake.

Please see updated sketch, as the dimensions are not correct.

Sincerely,

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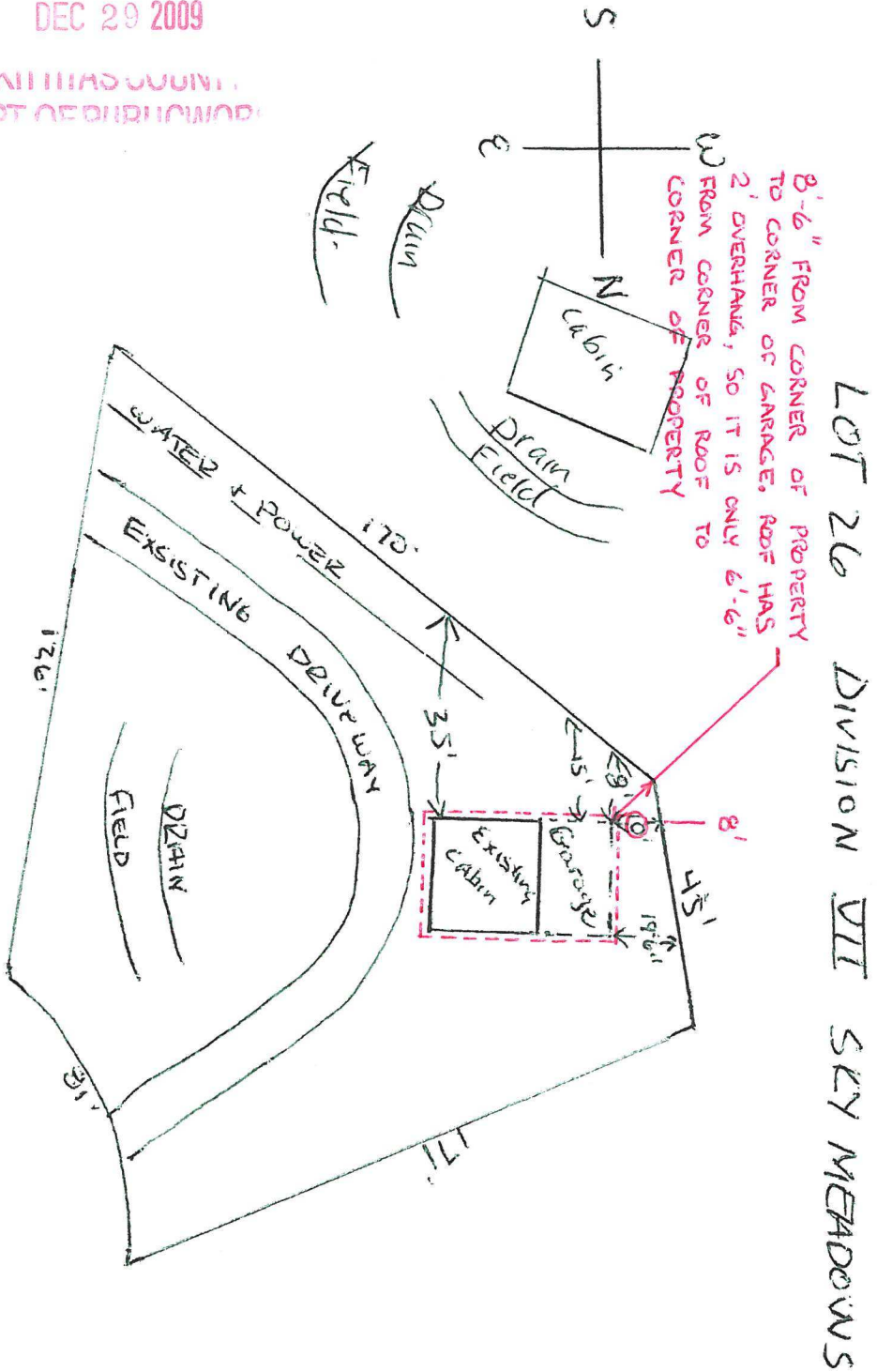
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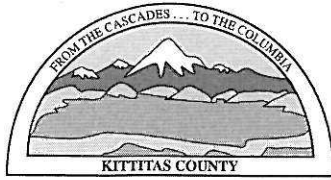




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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Watson  
FROM: Christina Wollman, Planner II *cw*  
DATE: December 23, 2009  
SUBJECT: Sandlin Setback Variance VA-09-00018

The proposal does not appear to impact the existing or future transportation needs of Kittitas County. The Department of Public Works has no comment.



# KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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January 4, 2010

Jeff Watson  
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Re: Sandlin Setback Variance, VA-09-00018

Dear Mr. Watson:

After conducting a review of the above named project, I have the following comments:

- All future development must comply with the International Fire Code and Kittitas County Code.
- Ensure that any structure hereafter erected does not encroach on neighboring structures, tanks, etc.

Any questions or concerns regarding fire service features may be directed to the Kittitas County Fire Marshal's Office. 509-962-7000.

Sincerely,

Brenda Larsen  
Fire Marshal