

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINDINGS OF FACT AND
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE
REQUEST BY MELLISSA GRISWOLD FOR A FRONT/SIDE YARD
SETBACK VARIANCE FOR A GARAGE AT 6538 ALPHA ROAD,
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP BE DENIED**

WHEREAS, Princeton Township has received a request from Mellissa Griswold (Applicant) for a front yard / side yard setback variance to allow construction of a garage at 6538 Alpha Road, Princeton Township, PID# 16-035-2100; and after having conducted a public hearing relative thereto, the Planning Commission of Princeton Township forwarded the application with no recommendation of approval or denial. On the motion to approve the application, the Planning Commission voted 3 to 3, and the motion failed. The Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township makes the following findings of fact and resolution:

1. The real property affected by said application is legally described as follows, to wit:

The legal description is S 16 RDS of E 10 RDS of SE of SW Section 35 Township 36, Range 26, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota. PID # 16-035-2100;

and

2. The Applicant has submitted an application and supporting documentation to Princeton Township on file at the Town Hall at 10039 55th Street, Princeton Township; and

3. The property is zoned Rural Residential R-R District in which single family dwellings and accessory buildings are a permitted use; and

4. The garage is proposed to be 22 feet by 32 feet or 704 square feet in conformance with the size limitations of the Zoning Ordinance; and

5. The Applicant is proposing the garage at a 96 foot setback from the centerline of Alpha Road/County Road 1; and

6. The Rural Residential R-R District requires a 100 foot setback from the centerline of a County Road; and

7. The Applicant is proposing the garage at a 45 foot setback from the centerline of 65th Avenue; and

8. The Rural Residential R-R District requires a 75 foot setback from the centerline of a Township Road; and

9. The Board of Supervisors have indicated that there is no practical difficulty in meeting the required front / side yard setbacks in that there is adequate area on the lot for the proposed garage near the west property line, behind the house. It was determined that there were no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances applying to the property such as topography, preservation of trees, that would limit the placement of the garage; and

10. Staff prepared planning reports dated July 30, 2025, and August 12, 2025, reviewing the request and the criteria for reviewing a variance in Section 300:223 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

11. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their August 4, 2025, meeting, took comments from the Applicant and public, closed the public hearing, and forwarded the application with no recommendation of approval or denial. On the motion to approve the application, the Planning Commission voted 3 to 3, and the motion failed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRINCETON TOWNSHIP THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

A. The application submitted by Mellissa Griswold for a front yard / side yard setback variance to allow construction of a garage at 6538 Alpha Road, Princeton Township, PID# 16-035-2100;

Be and the same as hereby denied by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township on this 19th day of August 2025.


Eugene Stoeckel Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Tammy Creasy, Township Clerk/Treasurer