

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17

**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 GARY JOHNSON FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A
THIRD DWELLING ON THE NORTHWESTERLY 40 ACRES IN
SECTION 22 ON 40TH STREET, WEST OF 70TH AVENUE
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP BE APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, Princeton Township has received a request from Gary Johnson for a variance to allow a third dwelling on the northeasterly 40 acres in Section 22 at 40th Street, west of 70th Avenue/County Rd 1, PID 16-022-0102, and after having conducted a public hearing relative thereto, the Planning Commission of Princeton Township recommended that the application be approved with conditions. 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 found in Exhibit A; 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 AC Agriculture Conservation District in which single family dwellings and accessory buildings are a permitted use; and
4. Section 300:053 of the Zoning Ordinance provides a density limit of no more than two structures to be used for dwelling purposes within any quarter-quarter section within the AC - Agriculture Conservation District; and
5. The Township issued a building permit for construction of a house at 3763 70th Avenue, PID 16-022-0100. Mr. Johnson has provided documentation that construction was not allowed on that property in that he was given the right to develop the second house on the 40 acres in Section 22. There is an existing house at 3885 70th Avenue, PID 16-022-0101 that is adjacent to these properties; and
6. There is no alternative other than a variance to allow Mr. Johnson to construct a single family home on this property; and

7. By allowing Mr. Johnson to build on his property will not set a precedence because of the unique circumstances. It will not give other owners the perceived right to build a third dwelling on a 40 acre parcel in the AC Agriculture Conservation District; and

8. Staff prepared planning reports dated October 28, 2025, and November 10, 2025, reviewing the request and the criteria for review of a variance in Section 300:223 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

9. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their November 3, 2025, meeting, took comments from the Applicant and public, closed the public hearing, and recommended that the application be approved with conditions.

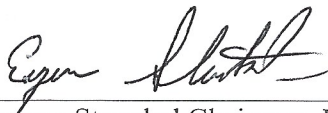
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRINCETON TOWNSHIP THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

A. The application submitted by Gary Johnson for a variance to allow a third dwelling on the northeasterly 40 acres in Section 22 at 40th Street, west of 70th Avenue/County Rd 1, PID 16-022-0102.

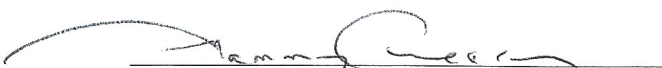
Be and the same as hereby approved by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township with the following conditions:

1. Dwellings or accessory structures constructed on this property comply with all requirements of Chapter 300, Zoning Regulations, all building requirements, and be subject to review and approval of the Building Official.
2. The septic system shall comply with Mille Lacs County requirements for installation, location, design and permitting.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township on this 18th day of November 2025.


Eugene Stoeckel Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Tammy Creasy, Township Clerk/Treasurer