

April 11th, 2022

To the Town of Palm Beach Council,

Last month, I wrote to ARCOM and detailed my experiences of moving to Sandpiper Drive in 1967, building 280 Sandpiper Drive with my late wife, and living here for the past 55 years as a full-time resident. Life on Sandpiper Drive is peaceful and enjoyable, predominantly due to the quietness of the North End, the large width of the street, which allows the ocean breeze to pass through, and the homogeneity of one-story homes on the street. I, among other residents of Sandpiper, enjoy the tranquility of Sandpiper Drive, and cherish the ability to live on such a beautiful, aesthetic, and homogenous street.

The variance proposed for 250 Sandpiper Drive, which was approved by ARCOM, would not only ruin the previously set precedence of only one-story homes on Sandpiper Drive, but would also destroy the beauty and harmony of this street, as a two-story home would stick out like a sore thumb. Since 250 Sandpiper was built, it has always been referred to as a one-story home with an uninhabitable attic situated over the garage which has been used as a storage area. Fulfilling the proposed variance and building out this space to accommodate for a bathroom and two bedrooms would force an expansion of the previous storage area, making the house into a two-story home.

I urge you, the Council, to prevent 250 Sandpiper Drive from becoming a two-story property. Not only would 250 Sandpiper stick out against the other houses on Sandpiper, therefore disrupting the harmony and aesthetic of Sandpiper Drive, but it would also serve as a source of endless complications and troubles for Sandpiper in regards to future home remodels and builds. 250 Sandpiper would set a new precedent, allowing two-story homes to be built on Sandpiper Drive. In no time, Sandpiper Drive will lose its charm and begin to look like other streets on Palm Beach – cramped, lacking charm, and full of monstrosities. Therefore, I hope you, the Council, oppose this variance, as do the current residents of Sandpiper Drive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
All my best,

Kurt Hasenhuttl, M.D. and Family