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**The CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENT, Petitioner,**

**v.**

**Dan MARELLI, Marilyn Dewey, William  
and Sharon Kadow, Lawrence and Lynn  
Kendrick, and Elizabeth Doerr,  
Respondents.**

**No. 98-04121.**

**District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second  
District.**

**March 12, 1999.**

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Michael S. Davis, City Attorney, and Deborah  
Glover-Pearcey, Assistant City Attorney, St.  
Petersburg, for Petitioner.

Richard P. Hirtreiter, St. Petersburg, for  
Respondents.

PER CURIAM.

The Board of Adjustment (Board) of the City  
of St. Petersburg filed a petition for writ of  
certiorari requesting this court to review a grant  
of certiorari by the circuit court in a zoning  
variance matter. The property owner for whom  
the variance was granted, Compro Corporation,  
has filed a motion to intervene as an  
indispensable party in this action. Both the  
petition for certiorari and the motion to intervene  
are denied.

In 1995 the Board granted a parking variance  
that would enable Compro Corporation to put a  
laundromat and restaurant in a recently  
purchased building. The city code required  
fourteen parking spaces for this use, but the  
Board granted a variance to permit Compro  
Corporation to provide just seven spaces.

Neighboring property owners timely filed a  
petition for writ of certiorari in the circuit court  
challenging the Board's decision. The petition was  
granted by order entered September 28, 1998.  
The circuit court found that the decision of the  
Board was not supported by competent,  
substantial evidence. The court found that *no*  
competent evidence supported an essential  
criterion for granting a variance, i.e., that refusal  
to grant the variance would deprive the owner of  
reasonable use of its property.

The circuit court applied the proper standard  
for certiorari review of an administrative action  
set out in *Haines City Community Development  
v. Heggs*, 658 So.2d 523, 530 (Fla.1995). The  
court considered: 1) whether the agency action  
afforded the parties procedural due process; 2)  
whether the essential requirements of law were  
observed; and, 3) whether the agency action is  
supported by competent, substantial evidence.

This court may review only "whether the  
circuit court afforded procedural due process and  
whether the circuit court applied the correct law."  
*Id.* In its petition, the Board challenges the court's  
finding that no competent, substantial evidence  
supported the required finding that without the  
variance the owner would be deprived of  
reasonable use of its property. However, the  
Board has not identified any denial of procedural  
due process or incorrect application of the law by  
the circuit court. Instead, the Board is asking this  
court to review the circuit court's interpretation of  
the evidence and its application of the term  
"reasonable."

The Board and Compro Corporation also  
challenge the omission of the property owner,  
Compro Corporation, as a party to the litigation.  
This challenge is without merit. In *Brigham v.  
Dade County*, 305 So.2d 756 (Fla.1974), the court  
found that a party challenging an administrative  
action concerning a zoning regulation change  
need not join the affected property owner as a  
respondent in a petition for writ of certiorari.  
Consequently, Compro Corporation is not an  
indispensable party to this action.

The Board questions the standing of the neighboring property owners to bring this action. A multitude of cases recognize that neighboring property owners affected by zoning changes have standing to challenge the changes. See *Rinker Materials Corp. v. Metropolitan Dade County*, 528 So.2d 904 (Fla. 3d DCA 1987), and cases cited therein.

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Petition denied, and motion to intervene denied.

CAMPBELL, A.C.J., and BLUE and GREEN, JJ., Concur.