



City of Franklin

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Meeting Agenda

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, April 3, 2025

6:00 PM

Eastern Flank Event Facility

MEETING LOCATION

Eastern Flank Event Facility
1368 Eastern Flank Circle

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CALL TO ORDER

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration Of Approval Of The February 6, 2025, BZA Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPLICATIONS

2. A **Variance Request** To Allow A Loading Area To Be Located To The Side Of The Building For The Property Located At 490 Downs Boulevard (F.Z.O. 10.6.3.B.).

Sponsors:

Amy Diaz-Barriga, Ariella Stanford

3. A **Variance Request** To Allow A Fence In The Front Yard Area With A Maximum Height Of 7 Feet For The Property Located At 1005 Merylinger Court (F.Z.O. 13.1.2.D.).

Sponsors:

Amy Diaz-Barriga, Ariella Stanford

4. A **Variance Request** To Allow An Accessory Structure To Be Located To The Side Of The Principal Building For The Property Located At 900 Brink Place (F.Z.O. 3.6.5.).

Sponsors:

Amy Diaz-Barriga, Ariella Stanford

OTHER BUSINESS**ADJOURN**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Langley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Jonathan Langley, John Boehms, William Scales, and Dorinda Smith

Board Members Absent: Jeff Fleishour

Staff Present: Bill Squires, Shanna McCoy, Amy Diaz-Barriga, and Ariella Stanford

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Chair Langley asked for citizen comments. There were none.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration Of Approval Of The January 2, 2025 BZA Minutes

Sponsors:

Board Member Scales motioned to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2025, BZA meeting, seconded by Board member Smith. The motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Langley asked if Staff had any announcements. There were none.

APPLICATIONS

2. **A Variance Request To Reduce The Minimum Parking Requirement From 16 Spaces To 0 Spaces For The Property Located At 117 3rd Avenue North (F.Z.O. 10.1.6.).**

Sponsors: Amy Diaz-Barriga, Ariella Stanford

Staff Presentation: Ariella Stanford. Ms. Stanford stated that the subject property is located at 117 3rd Avenue North and is zoned DD Downtown District. The property is also within the Historic Preservation Overlay and the Central Franklin Overlay. The property has an existing principal building and an existing accessory structure behind the principal building. The applicant is proposing renovations to the existing accessory structure for a beer garden with outside seating. Upon submitting an application in December 2023 for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Zoning Commission, the applicant received the following comment from Staff that parking would need to be provided for commercial use: "Be advised that parking must be provided for the new use. The Downtown District provides exemptions for additional parking when the use was legally established prior to the effective date of the ordinance. Staff have no record that any commercial use was previously legally established in this structure." The COA was approved with the condition that "the application must meet all the requirements of the City of Franklin prior to issuance of a building permit". The applicant then submitted a building permit application in August 2024 and received the following comment from Staff regarding parking: "Provide parking calculations for restaurant use. Per the Zoning Ordinance, parking for restaurants (indoor & outdoor seating) is 7.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area of the building and any outdoor seating area, +.75 spaces per employee on the largest shift. The applicant has stated that the accessory structure has housed commercial tenants for over 20 years, but because building permits have not been pulled for these commercial uses in the accessory structure, nor have certificates of occupancy ever been requested, commercial use for this property was never legally established with the city. This is possible because a business license can be acquired without legally establishing a use with the city, but is not an exception from parking standards. In accordance with the parking regulations outlined above, this restaurant use within the CFO is required to provide a minimum of 16 parking spaces. The applicant is requesting to reduce minimum parking requirement from 16 spaces to 0 spaces. Ms. Stanford explained that the variance request was deferred from the January 2, 2025, BZA Meeting and has been updated. The applicant has submitted additional information to support their request. The applicant has provided a diagram showing parking options within 1,000 feet of the site, parking study information that shows nearby parking occupancy rates at peak demand times, and documentation that they have exhausted their options for shared and deferred parking alternatives.

Staff Analysis

The BZA may authorize a variance only when the request has met all three criteria in accordance with F.Z.O §20.10.6 and State law. The staff have completed an analysis of the request in light of these criteria:

1. Where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition, such a piece of property is not able to accommodate development as required under this Ordinance. To provide the required parking on the site, the parking would need to be located behind the principal building, which would require a driveway extending along the side of the existing principal building. There is not enough space between either side of the existing principal building and the side lot lines to have a driveway extending to the back of the property for parking. For properties like this that cannot provide the necessary parking on the site, the ordinance allows shared parking and deferred parking alternatives. The applicant has provided information that these alternatives have been explored in an attempt to comply with the Zoning Ordinance, but they were unable to find a parking alternative that was feasible. Since the location of the existing historic building is preventing any on-site parking, and the applicant was unable to secure a shared parking and deferred parking alternative in attempt to meet the Zoning Ordinance requirements, Staff finds this criteria is met.
2. The strict application of any provision enacted under the Zoning Ordinance would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties for or exceptional or undue hardship for the owner of the property. The inability to provide parking on the site for an allowed use in the Downtown District due to the location of the existing building, is preventing the applicant from using the existing structure behind the existing principal building. In addition, the

applicant has exhausted their options for shared parking and deferred parking alternatives, but was not able to secure an agreement with any surrounding property owners. Seeing that the property is left with no options for providing parking within the Zoning Ordinance requirements, Staff finds this criteria is met.

3. Such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

Staff finds this would not be a detriment to the public good but would impair the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The intent of this Zoning Ordinance regulation is to ensure that there is sufficient parking per use within their site limits or within proximity to the site utilizing alternative parking plan options.

The applicant has shown the available parking options within proximity to the site and within sidewalk access to the site. The applicant has also exhausted their options for alternative parking. However, the intent of the zoning ordinance is that any new use provides sufficient parking to accommodate their use, inclusive of the on-street spaces in front of their use, or by utilizing an alternative parking plan strategy.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen discussed the downtown parking requirements at a recent work session, and they would like to engage a consultant in a downtown parking study for specific recommendations about minimum parking requirements that support downtown businesses with little impact to nearby residential neighborhoods. The study is expected to be conducted in Fiscal Year 2026, which begins in July 2025. It is likely to investigate how the larger parking demands of the downtown can be balanced and managed over the sixteen-block area, analyzing the existing pool of spaces and considering the impacts to current businesses and residents. However, this study will take time, and staff nor this board can anticipate the intended outcomes nor intent the study will produce. The intent of today's ordinance is that new uses provide parking to accommodate the demand. With that in mind, staff finds that this criteria is not met.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Zoning Appeals move to deny the Variance Request To Reduce The Minimum Parking Requirement From 16 Spaces To 0 Spaces For The Property Located At 117 3rd Avenue North, because the criteria for granting a variance have not been met.

Applicant Presentation: Brandon Priddy, 906 Studio Architects. Mr. Priddy said he would be happy to answer any questions.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Member Scales motioned to close the public comment, seconded by Board Member Smith. The motion carried 4-0.

Motion

Board Member Smith motioned to approve A Variance Request To Reduce The Minimum Parking Requirement From 16 Spaces To 0 Spaces For The Property Located At 117 3rd Avenue North because the criteria for granting a variance have been met, seconded by Board Member Boehms.

Board Member Smith explained that she believes the criteria for granting a variance have been met because the ordinance does not take into consideration that there is a parking lot adjacent to the subject building with plenty of parking available.

Chair Langley stated that the goal is not to discourage activity in downtown and, given the situation, the criteria for granting a variance have been met.

The motion carried 4-0.

3. **A Variance Request To Waive The Substantial Improvement Requirement To Raise The First Floor Elevation Of A Historic Structure Above The Base Flood Elevation (To Remain In Place) Located Within The Historic Preservation Overlay, Central Franklin Overlay, And The Floodway Fringe Overlay, And A Variance Request To Reduce The Minimum Parking Requirement To 0 Spaces For The Property Located At 106 Bridge Street (F.Z.O. 17.6.4.B, and 10.2.3.).**

Sponsors: Amy Diaz-Barriga, Ariella Stanford

Staff Presentation: Ariella Stanford. This 0.67-acre property is located at 106 Bridge Street. It is zoned 1st Avenue District and is within the Historic Preservation Overlay, the Central Franklin Overlay, the Flood Fringe Overlay, and the Floodway Overlay. The owner has proposed substantial renovations to the existing buildings, which requires compliance with the Zoning Ordinance section 17.6.4. (Provision for Flood Hazard Reduction) and chapter 10.2.3. (Minimum Parking). The existing buildings were utilized as mechanic space, storage, and office space for an auto-mechanic shop, and the owners are proposing to convert the existing buildings to restaurant use with outdoor seating. Variances may be issued for the repair and rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the proposed work will not preclude its continued designation as a historic structure and the variance is the minimum necessary deviation from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to preserve the historic character and design of the structure. It is recommended that variance requests for historic structures in the floodplain receive a recommendation by the HZC prior to consideration by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The HZC provided a favorable preliminary recommendation to the BZA at its January 2025 meeting for the building to remain at its existing First Floor Elevation, as the proposal is the most sensitive to the architectural qualities of the contributing structure and presents the least amount of adverse impact to the contributing status of the historic structure and the context of the overall historic district.

This property was on the agenda for the January 2025 Historic Zoning Commission meeting, and Planning Staff presented the following information on this property:

There are three structures on the property. The first is a circa 1930 concrete block building previously utilized by the City of Franklin for the Sanitation Department, and then it was utilized as an auto repair shop. Beside the concrete building is a Quonset hut with a brick facade that was constructed circa 1970. Behind the two buildings, there is a wood accessory structure. The National Register does not list the age of the wood structure or its existence but does have the two buildings included within the Downtown Franklin National Register District. The application includes several renderings of how the buildings would appear with it being raised to be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The concrete block building would need to be raised 4 feet in height, the Quonset hut would need to be raised 5 feet in height, and the wood accessory structure would need to be raised 9 feet in height. The Guidelines do not comment on the raising/elevation of historic structures and only comment on foundation height compatibility as related to infill construction. The foundation height required without the issuance of a variance would also require a significant change to the ca. mid-1900s buildings. This change would significantly alter the character-defining features of these historic nonresidential buildings and, therefore, compromise its historic status. The proposal to maintain the finished floor elevation as it exists currently is more sensitive to the architectural qualities of the historic structure, presents the least amount of adverse impact to the historic structure, and presents the least amount of adverse impact to the context of its overall historic district.

Given the HZC's preliminary recommendation for the buildings to remain at their First Floor Elevation, the applicant is requesting a variance to waive the substantial improvement requirement to raise the first floor elevation of a historic structure above the base flood elevation (to remain in place) located within the Historic Preservation Overlay, Central Franklin Overlay, and the Floodway Fringe Overlay.

To renovate the existing buildings into restaurant use, the property is also required to provide the necessary parking in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. The Floodway Overlay District does not permit parking lots other than those associated with public parks that are City-owned and operated. Restaurant uses within the CFO are required to provide 7.5 vehicle parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area of the building and any outdoor seating area, and 0.75 spaces per employee on largest shift. The applicant has provided an estimation of their parking demand (25- 30 spaces), but only accounted for the main building and not the associated outdoor seating demand. For this reason, Staff is estimating that the required parking for the use would be higher than the estimation provided. This project has not submitted an application for a building permit, so Staff has not had the opportunity to accurately calculate the parking demand. Regardless of the exact parking number that would be required, almost the entire property is within the Floodway Overlay, so the applicant has stated that they cannot provide any parking on the site. For this reason, the applicant is also requesting a Variance to reduce the minimum parking requirement to 0.

Staff Analysis - Request 1

Variances shall be issued only upon the determination that the variance is the minimum relief necessary, considering the flood hazard and the factors listed in Paragraph 17.6.5.A, Variances, shall only be issued upon:

1. A showing of good and sufficient cause. Because the two primary buildings are within the Downtown Franklin National Register District, and the HZC is supportive of preserving these buildings as historic resources, the need to

take measures to maintain this status amount to good and sufficient cause for granting a variance. As presented by Staff to the HZC, altering the foundation of these buildings would significantly alter the character-defining features of these historic nonresidential buildings and therefore compromise its historic status. The proposal is the most sensitive to the architectural qualities of the contributing structure and presents the least amount of adverse impact to the historic structure and the context of the overall historic district. The HZC provided a favorable preliminary recommendation to the BZA for these reasons. Staff finds that this criteria is met.

2. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship. The proposal is to keep the historic buildings at their existing level. The HZC determined that raising the buildings to meet Base Flood Elevation would affect the historic character of the buildings. Altering the historic character of the buildings would amount to exceptional hardship for the owner of the property, as it would likely compromise its historic status. For these reasons, staff finds that this criteria is met.
3. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisance, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or Ordinances. The HZC has recommended approval of the variance request to maintain the current elevation of the buildings to protect the historic character of the buildings, which contributes to the historic significance of Franklin. Based on the recommendation of the HZC along with analysis of exhibits provided by the applicant, staff finds that granting the variance would not result in any of the outcomes listed above. Staff finds that the third criteria is met.

Staff Analysis - Request 2

The BZA may authorize a variance only when the request has met all three criteria in accordance with F.Z.O §20.10.6 and State law. The staff has completed an analysis of the request in light of these criteria:

Ms. Stanford stated that she would not reread the criteria required for granting a variance but would be happy to read upon request.

1. As shown on the map exhibit, the entire property is within the Floodway Overlay. Seeing as parking for the restaurant use cannot be placed within the Floodway Overlay in accordance with the Franklin Zoning Ordinance chapter 4.2.4., there is nowhere on the site that parking could be provided. Staff finds this criteria is met.
2. The inability to provide parking within the Floodway Overlay is preventing the property owner from converting the existing historic buildings to a use that is allowed in the 1st Avenue District. As this hardship would arise for any proposed use permitted within the 1st Avenue District, because of the restrictions of the Floodway Overlay, Staff finds this criteria is met.
3. Staff finds this would not be a detriment to the public good but would impair the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The intent of this Zoning Ordinance regulation is to ensure that there is sufficient parking per use within their site's limits or within proximity to the site utilizing alternative parking plan options. The applicant has shown the available parking options within proximity to the site and within sidewalk access to the site. The applicant has also exhausted their options for alternative parking. However, the intent of the zoning ordinance is that any new use provides sufficient parking to accommodate their use, inclusive of the on-street spaces in front of their use, or by utilizing an alternative parking plan strategy. The zoning ordinance does not allow for any exceptions to this requirement due to any Overlays placed on the property, regardless of those Overlay's parking restrictions.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen have discussed the downtown parking requirements at a recent work session, and they would like to engage a consultant in a downtown parking study for specific recommendations about minimum parking requirements that support downtown businesses with little impact to nearby residential neighborhoods. The study is expected to be conducted in Fiscal Year 2026, which begins in July 2025. It is likely to investigate how the larger parking demands of the downtown can be balanced and managed over the sixteen-block area, analyzing the existing pool of spaces and considering the impacts to current businesses and residents. However, this study will take time, and staff nor this board can anticipate the intended outcomes nor intent the study will produce. The intent of today's ordinance is that new uses provide parking to accommodate their demand. With that in mind, staff finds that this criteria is not met.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Zoning Appeals move to: Approve the Variance Request to Waive The Substantial Improvement Requirement To Raise The First Floor Elevation Of A Historic Structure Above The Base Flood

Elevation (To Remain In Place) Located Within The Historic Preservation Overlay, Central Franklin Overlay, And The Floodway Fringe Overlay, Because The Criteria For Granting A Variance Have Been Met And Deny A Variance Request To Reduce The Minimum Parking Requirement To 0 Spaces For The Property Located At 106 Bridge Street, because the criteria for granting a variance have not been met.

Applicant Presentation: Greg Gamble, Gamble Design Collaborative. Mr. Gamble stated that the Chioli family recently purchased the property at 106 Bridge Street that includes what was Anderson's Garage, a Quonset Hut and an historic shed. The owners would like to convert the buildings to a casual dining restaurant featuring outdoor seating. Mr. Gamble presented photographs showing the height of the historic buildings if required to be raised one foot above the floodplain. According to the HZC, alterations to the historic buildings are not recommended as the changes would alter the character of the buildings. Also, this property is the only property in Franklin that has never had onsite parking availability. Regarding the variance request for parking, Mr. Gamble provided a map showing 396 paid parking spaces available within 500 feet of the subject property. Another option to accommodate parking is an agreement in perpetuity between property owners to share specific parking spaces. Mr. Gamble provided emails from three adjacent property owners who did not wish to enter a shared parking agreement but did not have a problem sharing their paid parking spaces. Mr. Gamble stated that he believes a business can be operated successfully considering the availability of 396 paid parking spaces.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Member Smith motioned to close the public comment portion, seconded by Board Member Boehms. The motion carried 4-0.

Motion

Board Member Scales motioned to approve a Variance Request To Waive The Substantial Improvement Requirement To Raise The First Floor Elevation Of A Historic Structure Above The Base Flood Elevation (To Remain In Place) Located Within The Historic Preservation Overlay, Central Franklin Overlay, And The Floodway Fringe Overlay, And A Variance Request To Reduce The Minimum Parking Requirement To 0 Spaces For The Property Located At 106 Bridge Street because the criteria for granting the variance requests have been met, seconded by Board Member Smith.

Chair Langley stated that the exhibits provided additional context of the area regarding the availability of paid parking spaces nearby, and it would be nice to see the property being used in a new way.

Board Member Scales agreed with Chair Langley and stated that there should be sufficient parking in the area.

Board Member Smith also agreed and added that it would be nice to see improvements to the property. Also, the needed improvements are another consideration when deciding.

The motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Langley asked if there was any further business. There was none.

ADJOURN

Board Member Smith motioned to adjourn the February 6, 2025, BZA Meeting, seconded by Board Member Boehms. The motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Chair

Date



File #: 21-0305

DATE: March 10, 2025
TO: Board of Zoning Appeals
FROM: Amy Diaz-Barriga, Asst Director of Planning Development
Ariella Stanford, Planner

SUBJECT:

A **Variance Request** To Allow A Loading Area To Be Located To The Side Of The Building For The Property Located At 490 Downs Boulevard (F.Z.O. 10.6.3.B.).

PURPOSE:

PROJECT INFORMATION

COF Project Number: 8726
Applicant: CJ Murrell
Owner: Robert Belville

BACKGROUND/STAFF COMMENTS:

Vicinity Zoning/Land Use

Site: LI Light Industrial District / Vacant
North: R4 Residential 4 District / Residential Single Family
South: LI Light Industrial District / Industrial
East: LI Light Industrial District / Vacant
West: LI Light Industrial District / Industrial

Applicable Zoning Ordinance Provisions

20.10 Variance

- A. The purpose of a variance is to:
1. Provide limited relief from the requirements of this Ordinance in cases where strict application of a particular requirement would create an unnecessary hardship prohibiting the use of land in a manner otherwise allowed under this Ordinance; and
 2. Address extraordinary, exceptional, or unique situations that were not caused by the applicant's act or omission.
- B. Variances are not intended merely to remove inconveniences or financial burdens that the requirements of this Ordinance may impose on property owners in general.

10.6.3.B. Parking and Transit; Loading Area Arrangement

- B. An on-site loading area shall be:
1. Located to the rear of the building adjacent to the loading doors.

Background

The subject property is located at 490 Downs Boulevard and is zoned Light Industrial District. The

property is currently vacant, and the applicant is proposing a warehouse for excess inventory on the site. The proposed use requires a loading dock area for delivery purposes, and the Zoning Ordinance requires one-site loading dock areas to be located to the rear of the building adjacent to the loading doors. Given the width and depth of the site, the applicant has had difficulty designing the site in a way that a semi-trailer could access a loading area to the rear of the building. The design of the building with the loading area in the rear is not conducive to the site. The applicant has also stated that there will be minimal traffic to the site, and no daily workers on the site, so the configuration should not have a negative impact on daily traffic to the site. In order to design the site in a way that is functional for semi-trailer access, the applicant is requesting a Variance to allow a loading area to be located to the side of the principal building.

Staff also wanted to note that the current setbacks for the property do not match the proposed setbacks shown on the plans. The applicant intends to re-plot the property to establish easements and revise the setbacks to match the proposed design. The proposed setbacks meet the Zoning Ordinance requirements for the Light Industrial District, so Staff does not currently foresee issues with the proposed setbacks, but they will need to be revised in order to proceed with the proposed design.

Staff Analysis

The BZA may authorize a variance only when the request has met all three criteria in accordance with F.Z.O §20.10.6 and State law. The staff has completed an analysis of the request in light of these criteria:

1. Where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition, such a piece of property is not able to accommodate development as required under this Ordinance.

Due to the width and depth of the site, the applicant has not been able to design a building with a loading area to the rear that is practical for a semi-trailer to be able to access. As shown in the "Infeasible Turning Exhibit", the building would need to be an odd shape with a loading area in the rear that is difficult to access. Seeing as the size and shape of the property is preventing accommodation with the Zoning Ordinance in a way that is practical for the use, Staff finds this criteria is met.

2. The strict application of any provision enacted under the Zoning Ordinance would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties for or exceptional or undue hardship for the owner of the property.

The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would result in an oddly shaped building with a loading area in the rear that is difficult to access. In order to fit a driveway where a semi-trailer could access the loading area in the rear area of the property, the driveway to the rear would need to be located very close to the east side of the property and require the semi-trailer to back out from behind the building. This Zoning Ordinance regulation is preventing a semi-truck from practically accessing a loading area on a lot that is zoned Light Industrial. Staff finds this criteria is met.

3. Such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

Staff does not find that this would be a detriment to the public good or impair the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The properties to the east, west, and south are also zoned Light Industrial District, so this intended use with the semi-trailer loading area fits contextually with the zoning along the street.

Additionally, the neighborhood to the north of this property (behind) is residential, so the loading dock being located to the side of the building is farther from the residential neighborhood than if it were behind the building, so the loading area should not have a negative impact on the residential neighborhood behind this property. The primary intent of the Zoning Ordinance in this case is to prevent loading areas from being highly visible from the street. The applicant has worked to have the loading area to the side of the building, rather than the front, and intends to screen the loading area from the property to the east. This ensures that the loading area isn't highly visible from Downs Boulevard. Staff finds that this design would not be a detriment to the public good and is intentional to meet the intent of the Zoning Ordinance in this case.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

























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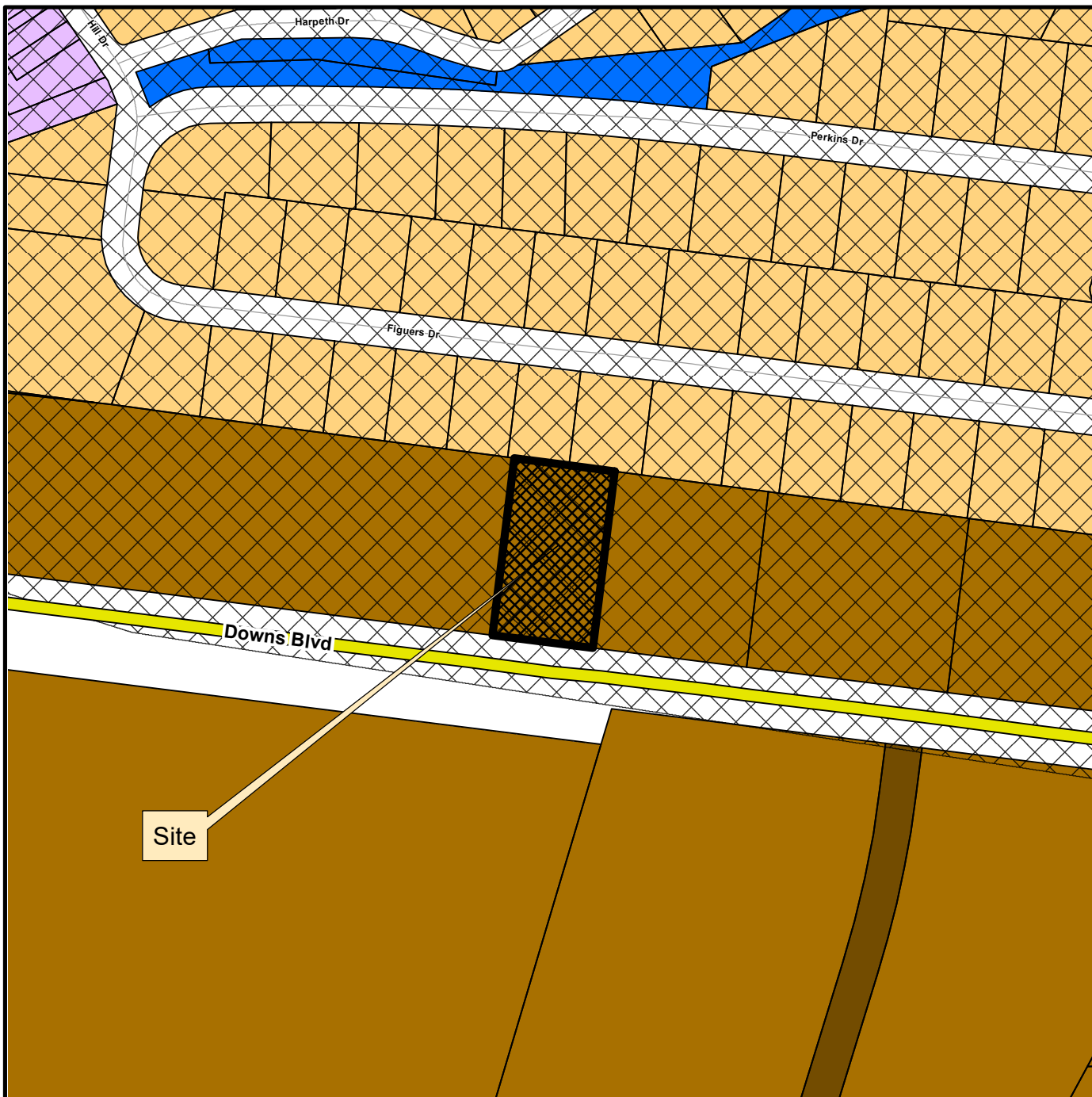
RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends the Board of Zoning Appeals move to approve the Variance Request To Allow A Loading Area To Be Located To The Side Of The Building For The Property Located At 490 Downs Boulevard, because the criteria for granting a variance have been met.

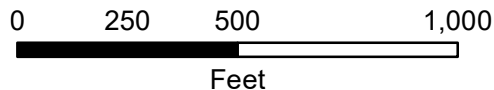
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 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 APRIL 3, 2025

Legend

-  490 Downs Blvd
-  Central Franklin Overlay
-  AG Agricultural District
-  ER Estate Residential District
-  R1 Residential 1 District
-  R2 Residential 2 District
-  R3 Residential 3 District
-  R4 Residential 4 District
-  R6 Residential 6 District
-  MR Mixed Residential District
-  PD Planned District
-  OR Office Residential District
-  CI Civic Institutional District
-  NC Neighborhood Commercial District
-  CC Central Commercial District
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February 19th, 2025

Mrs. Ariella Stanford
Planning Department
109 3rd Avenue S.
Franklin, TN 37064

RE: 490 DOWNS BLVD. – VARIANCE REQUEST

Dear Ariella,

We would like to make a formal variance request for the property located at 490 Downs Blvd. to allow for an angular, dock height door to be located on the side of the proposed building. This would allow access to the site utilizing a semi-trailer for delivery purposes.

We feel that this request is justified due to the narrowness and shallowness of the site. The attached turning exhibit shows that a semi-truck can access the angular, dock height door as proposed without impacting adjacent properties or public ROW. It is infeasible to access a dock height door located at the rear of the building due to the narrowness and shallowness of the site. A semi-trailer simply cannot make the turning maneuver necessary to meet the requirement of having the garage located at the rear of the building. The strict application of the zoning ordinance would result in a site that is inaccessible.

We feel that the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would result in a building shape and size that is not conducive to the industrial use allowed on the property.

We feel that our request will not cause detriment to the surrounding area and does not substantially impair the intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

The current zoning of the site (Light Industrial), as well as the zoning of the surrounding area should welcome the use of semi-trailers.

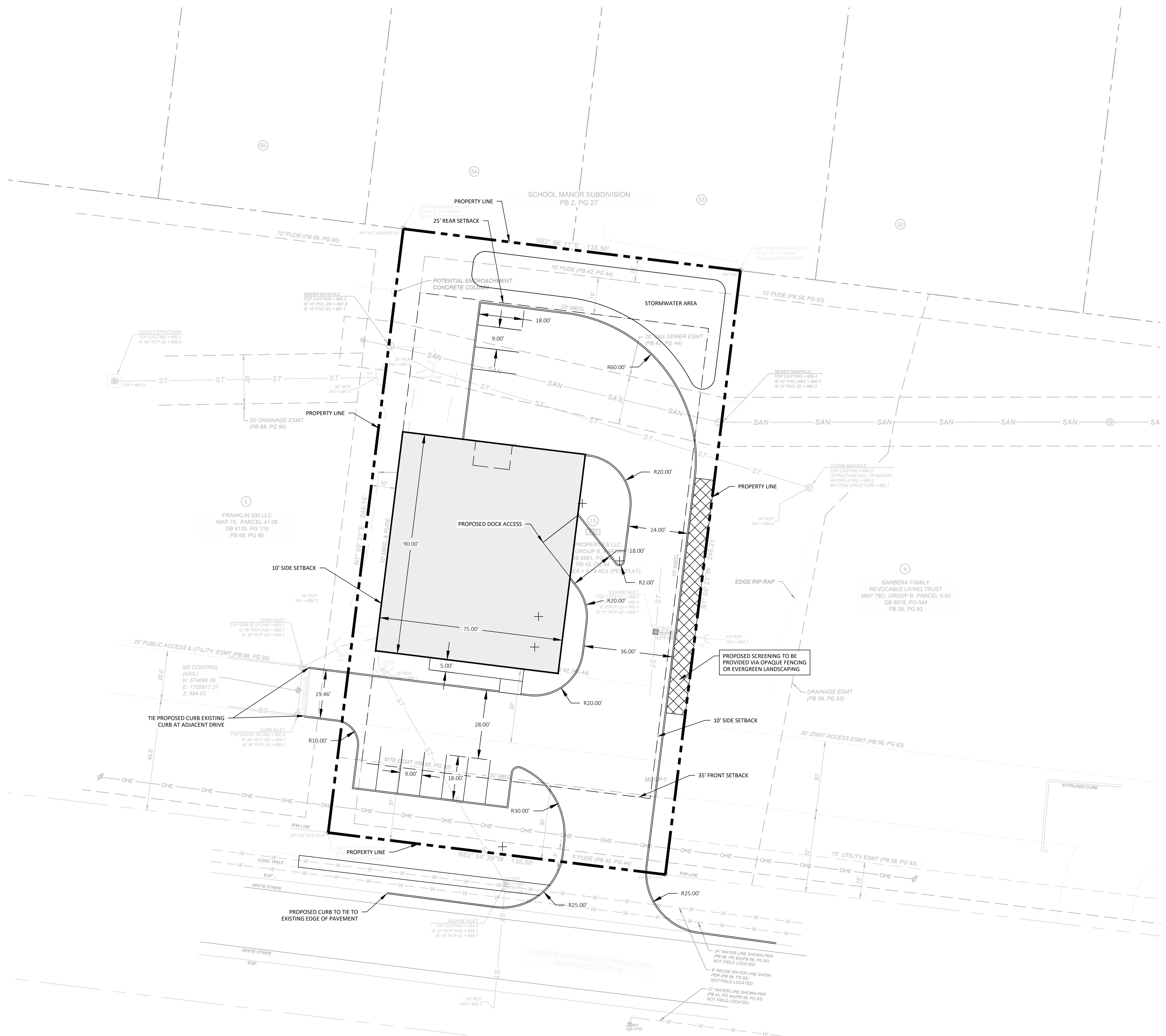
The proposed angular, dock height door has been pushed to the back of the building, and it is proposed to be screened with a fence or landscape screening.

Thank you for your time and review of the above-mentioned project. If you have any questions at all regarding the plans, you may contact me at [615-829-6899](tel:615-829-6899) or at cj@615designgroup.com.

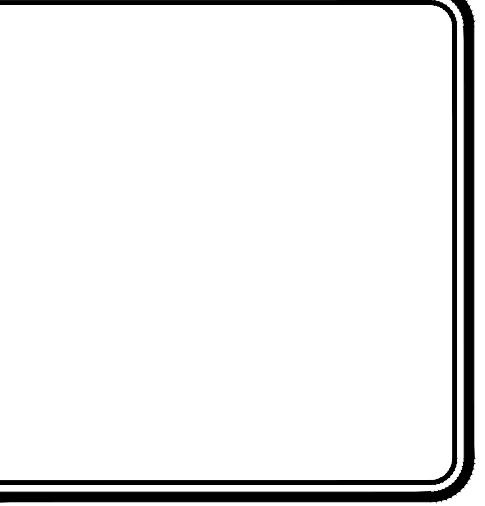
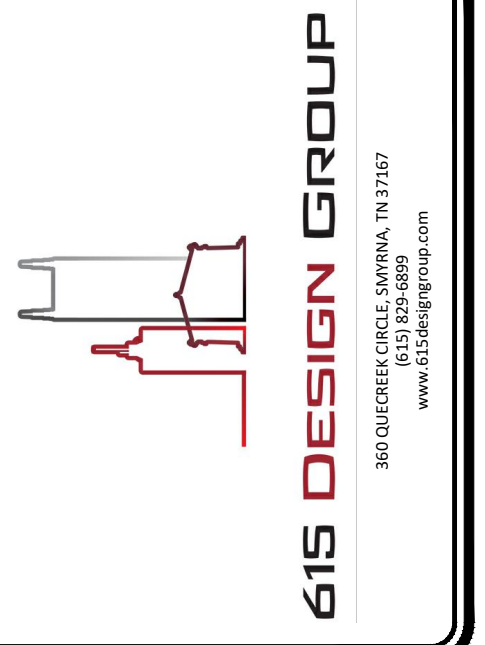
Thank you,



CJ Murrell, P.E.
615 Design Group
1517 Hunt Club Blvd., Suite 300
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PAGE #:	328
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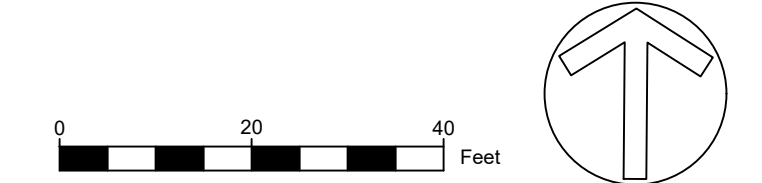
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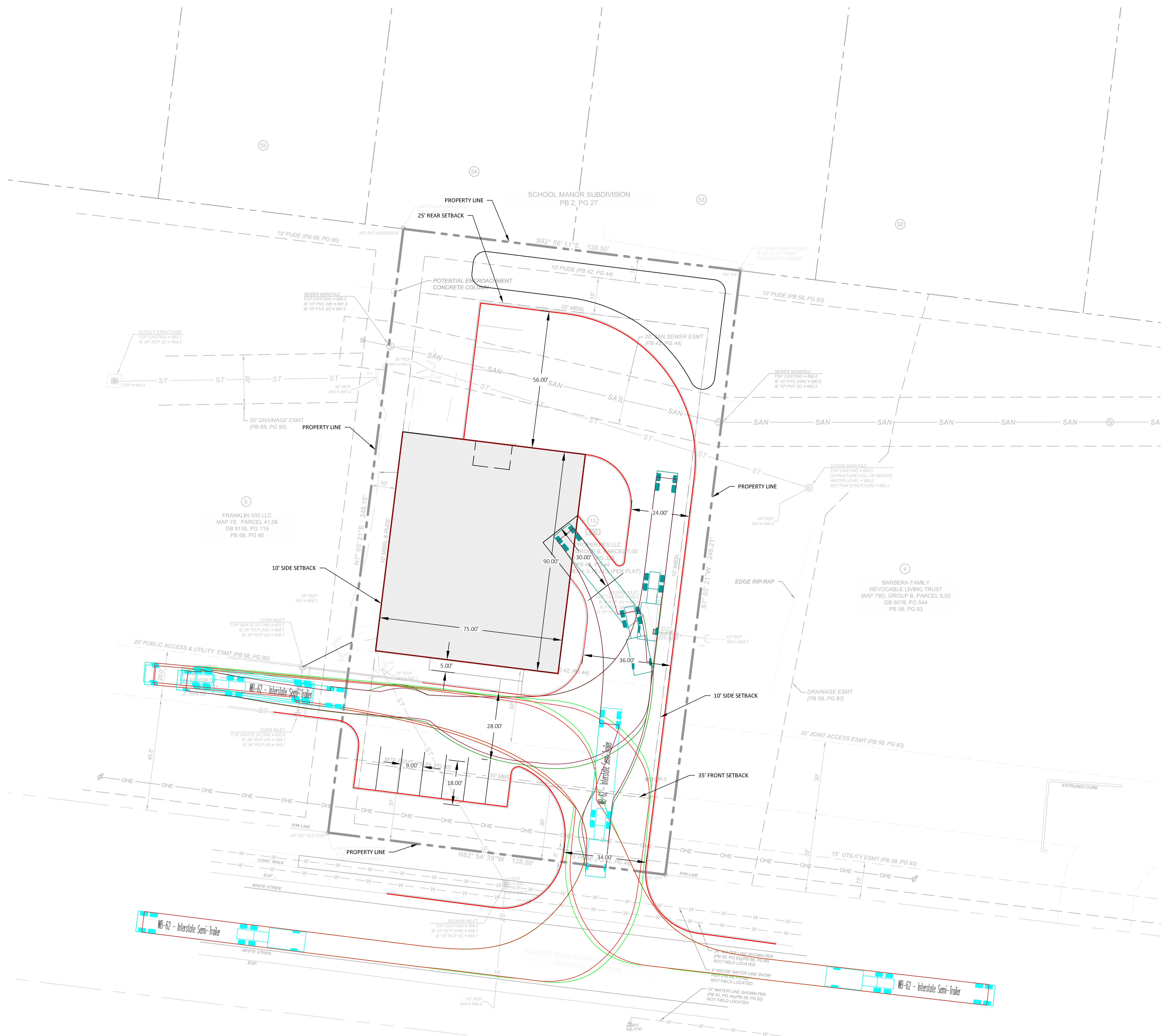
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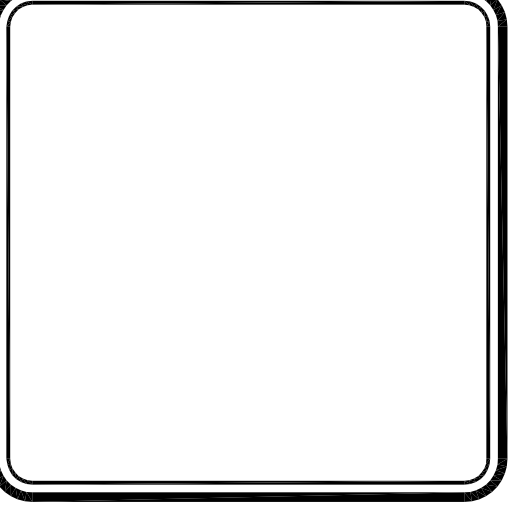
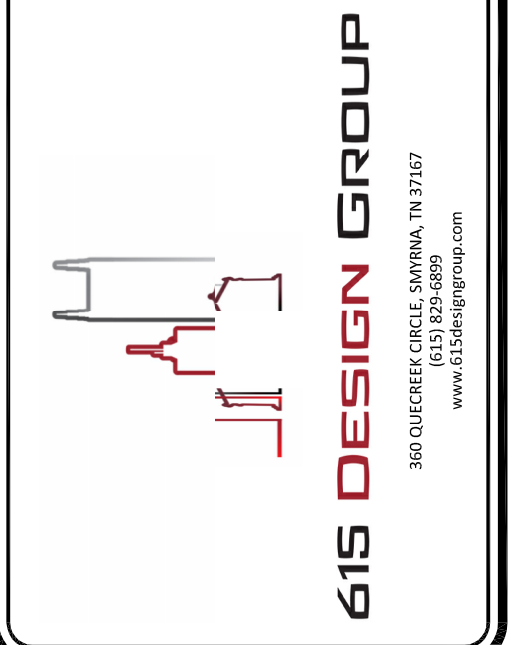
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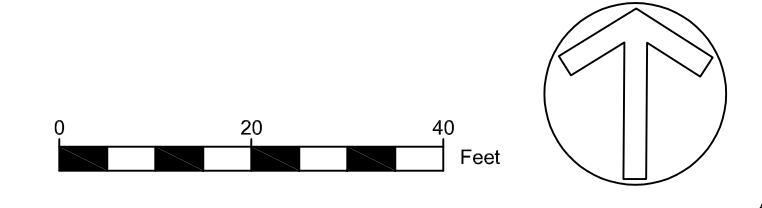
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File #: 21-0306

DATE: March 10, 2025
TO: Board of Zoning Appeals
FROM: Amy Diaz-Barriga, Asst Director of Planning Development
Ariella Stanford, Planner

SUBJECT:
A **Variance Request** To Allow A Fence In The Front Yard Area With A Maximum Height Of 7 Feet For The Property Located At 1005 Merylinger Court (F.Z.O. 13.1.2.D.).

PURPOSE:

PROJECT INFORMATION

COF Project Number: 8727
Applicant: Andrew Dennis
Owner: Big Picture, LLC; Gunnar Peterson (Representative)

BACKGROUND/STAFF COMMENTS:

Vicinity Zoning/Land Use

Site: RC4 Regional Commerce 4 District / Commercial
Southeast: PD Planned District / Residential Multifamily
Southwest: RC4 Regional Commerce 4 District / Commercial
Northeast: RC6 Regional Commerce 6 District / Assisted Living
Northwest: RC4 Regional Commerce 4 District / Commercial; Retail

Applicable Zoning Ordinance Provisions

20.10 Variance

- A. The purpose of a variance is to:
 1. Provide limited relief from the requirements of this Ordinance in cases where strict application of a particular requirement would create an unnecessary hardship prohibiting the use of land in a manner otherwise allowed under this Ordinance; and
 2. Address extraordinary, exceptional, or unique situations that were not caused by the applicant's act or omission.
- B. Variances are not intended merely to remove inconveniences or financial burdens that the requirements of this Ordinance may impose on property owners in general.

13.1.12.D. Fences and Walls; Height

Location	Maximum Height
Front Yard	3 feet, but may be 4.5 feet for board horse fencing

Background

The subject property is located at 1005 Merylinger Court and is zoned Regional Commerce 4. The property currently has one existing principal building that is located 165 feet from the front lot line and the owner is proposing a gym facility behind the existing building. This property received approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals in September 2023 for the proposed principal building to be located 225 feet from the front lot line. Because the existing and proposed buildings are located far from the front lot line, a large portion of the lot is considered the front yard area, and the majority of the front yard area runs along the rear and side of the properties southwest of this site. For privacy purposes, the owner would like to have a 7 foot fence extending along both sides of the property in the front yard area.

Staff Analysis

The BZA may authorize a variance only when the request has met all three criteria in accordance with F.Z.O §20.10.6 and State law. The staff has completed an analysis of the request in light of these criteria:

1. Where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition, such a piece of property is not able to accommodate development as required under this Ordinance.

The shape of this lot and the fact that the majority of the front yard area runs along the rear and side of the properties southwest of this site, make this property unique. With the existing building being located far from the front lot line due to the uniquely narrow front end of the lot, the existing building is facing the rear and side of most of its neighboring properties. In order to have privacy from the rear and sides of neighboring properties that most other properties are allowed to have, this property cannot accommodate the Zoning Ordinance requirements for fence height in the front yard area. Staff finds that this criteria is met.

2. The strict application of any provision enacted under the Zoning Ordinance would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties for or exceptional or undue hardship for the owner of the property.

The majority of the front yard area runs along the rear and side of the properties southwest of this site, which means those neighboring properties would be allowed to have fences up to 8 feet along that same property line. This creates a unique hardship, that this property owner cannot have a 7-foot fence along a property line abutting the rear of another property, where the other properties could have an 8-foot fence at that same location. Therefore, this Zoning Ordinance regulation is preventing this property from having reasonable privacy from the side and rear yard of its neighboring properties. Staff finds this criteria is met.

3. Such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

Staff finds that the fence height is not a detriment to the public good and meets the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Part of the intent of this Zoning Ordinance in this case is to ensure that fences in front yard areas and facing streets are consistent in height and are not obtrusively tall along the street. Given the unique shape and the recessed location of the existing and proposed buildings, the fence height would be minimally visible. The majority of the fence would be screened by trees, and

the unique shape and orientation of the property contributes to the fence being contextually appropriate along the property lines. Staff finds this criteria is met.

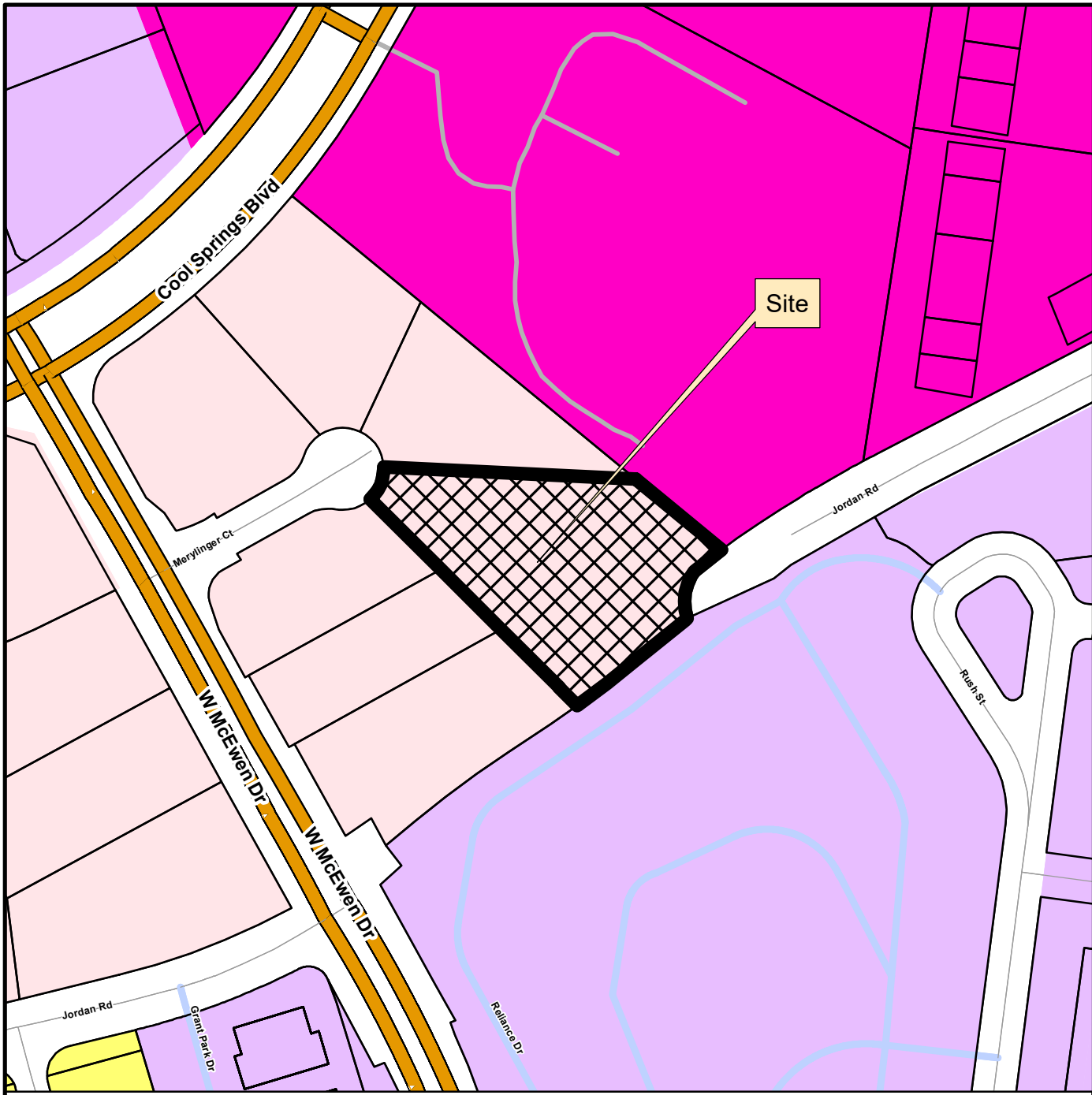
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




















RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends the Board of Zoning Appeals move to approve the Variance Request To Allow A Fence In The Front Yard Area With A Maximum Height Of 4 Feet For The Property Located At 1005 Merylinger Court, because the criteria for granting a variance have been met.

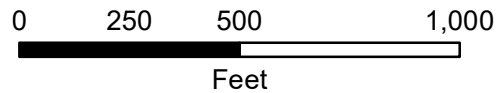
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 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
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City of Franklin

Variance Request - Fencing

1005 Merylinger Court

March 7, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this variance request is to increase the height of the allowed perimeter fence at 1005 Merylinger from 3 feet to 7 feet. The current ordinance concerning non-residential fencing allow for a 3 foot wooden fence in the front yard of the property. There are three reasons concerning the variance request and they are below:

1. The shape of the property
2. The need for privacy and discreetness of the clients of the business located on property
3. The need to screen the property from unsightly neighboring structures and animals

The property is located at the end of a cul-de-sac and is very narrow at the front and becomes wider towards the rear. As can be seen in the image taken from the middle of the cul-de-sac, the fencing on the left and right side of the property that will run towards the rear is minimally visible. The fencing that will be installed along the front of the property line will meet city ordinance and will be allow first responders to see the entire property with no obstructions.



The property owner operates a private personal training facility, and their client base is comprised of high-profile executives, celebrities and athletes who demand a level of privacy and confidentiality. The owner is in the process of constructing a 2nd building onsite to expand the capabilities of the business and increase the number of clients. The 7 foot fencing along the sides of the property will provide an increased level of privacy and allow for increased growth of the personal training business. Currently, there are 4 businesses and 1 residential building located long the sides of the property that have a clear line of sight onto the property at 1005 Merylinger. The owner's clients come to train in a private setting and wish not to be visible to others during intense training sessions. Having the ability to install a 7 foot fence to the front corners of the property would provide a greater opportunity for success of the business. The current lack of privacy has had a negative on the business.

Two of the neighboring businesses have a number of unsightly objects, structures and activities that are visible from the property at 1005 Merylinger. The veterinarian clinic to south has a green space at the property line that they use for the animals under their care to defecate and urinate. In addition, there is a chicken coop that is visible. The clients of the personal training business expect a level of professionalism. The requested 7 foot fence will hide the unsightly operations of the veterinarian clinic from the property owner's clients. The radio station to the southwest of the property has 2 large satellite dishes that are very close to the property line. They are unsightly and very visible. In addition, the radio station has multiple sections of dilapidated fencing along with an unattractive shed structure. The 7 foot fence will provide a screen that will shield all of the grotesque neighboring structures and activities. Images of these items are included below.





Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

Andrew Dennis

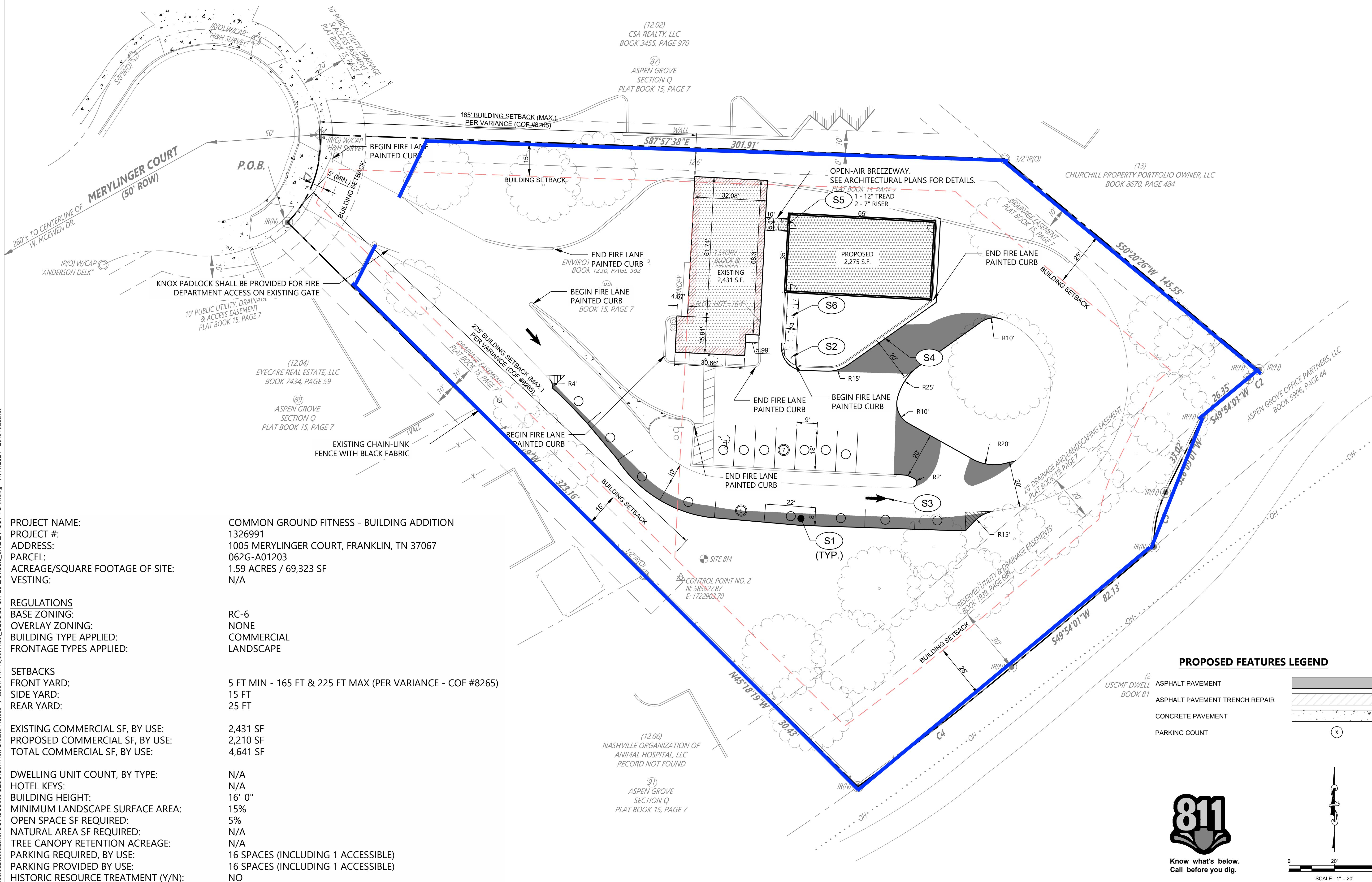
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PROJECT NAME:	COMMON GROUND FITNESS - BUILDING ADDITION
PROJECT #:	1326991
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PARCEL:	062G-A01203
ACREAGE/SQUARE FOOTAGE OF SITE:	1.59 ACRES / 69,323 SF
VESTING:	N/A
REGULATIONS	
BASE ZONING:	RC-6
OVERLAY ZONING:	NONE
BUILDING TYPE APPLIED:	COMMERCIAL
FRONTAGE TYPES APPLIED:	LANDSCAPE
SETBACKS	
FRONT YARD:	5 FT MIN - 165 FT & 225 FT MAX (PER VARIANCE - COF #8265)
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EXISTING COMMERCIAL SF, BY USE:	2,431 SF
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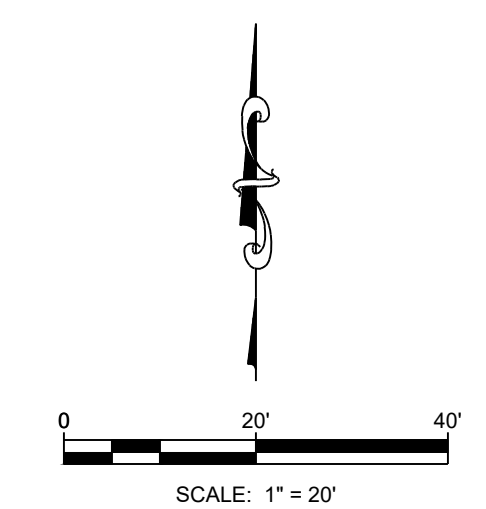
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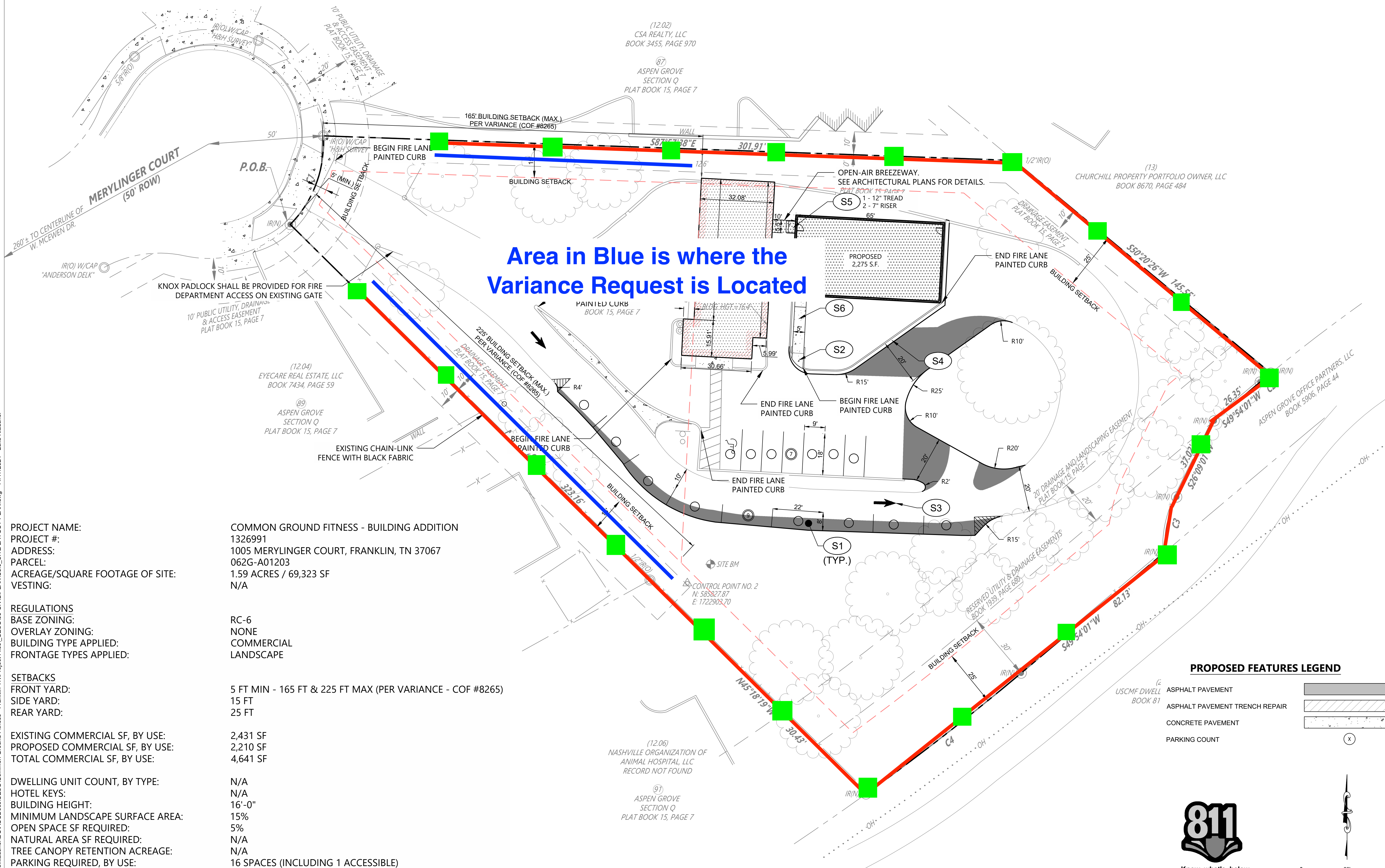
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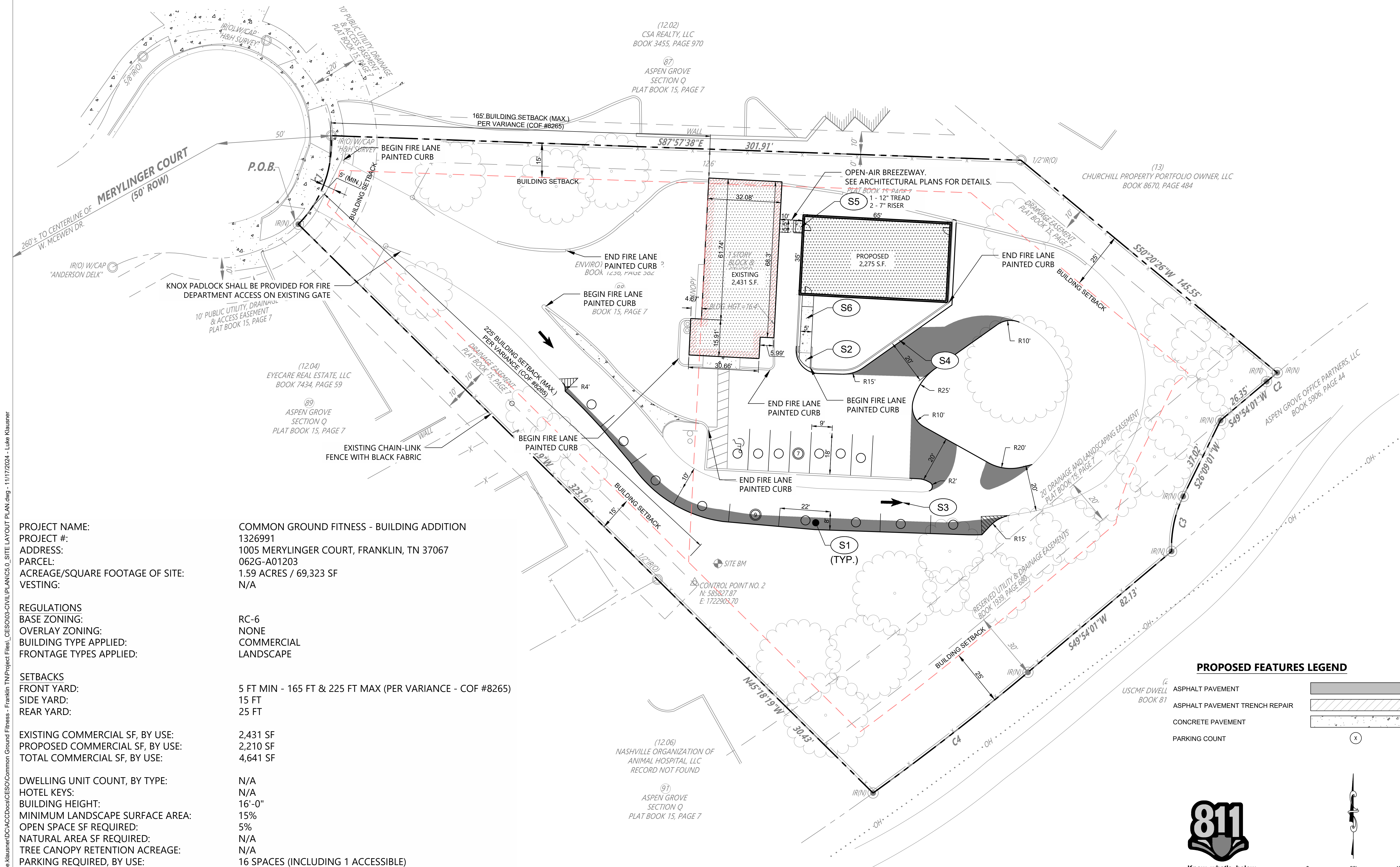
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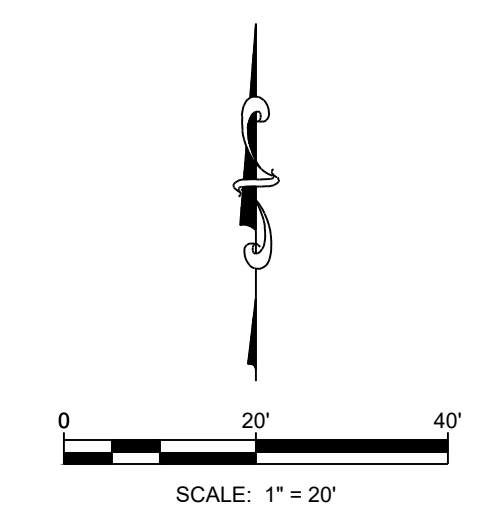
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 Project Number: 765704
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 Date: 11/18/2024
 Issue: One-Stop Submittal

Drawing Title:
SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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File #: 21-0307

DATE: March 10, 2025
TO: Board of Zoning Appeals
FROM: Amy Diaz-Barriga, Asst Director of Planning Development
Ariella Stanford, Planner

SUBJECT:
A **Variance Request** To Allow An Accessory Structure To Be Located To The Side Of The Principal Building For The Property Located At 900 Brink Place (F.Z.O. 3.6.5.).

PURPOSE:

PROJECT INFORMATION

COF Project Number: 87280
Applicant: Casey Chrisman
Owner: Casey and Jolinda Chrisman

BACKGROUND/STAFF COMMENTS:

Vicinity Zoning/Land Use

Site: R-3 Residential / Residential Single Family
North: R-2 Residential / Residential Single Family
South: R-3 Residential / Residential Single Family
East: R-3 Residential / Residential Single Family
West: Civic and Institutional District / Recreation

Applicable Zoning Ordinance Provisions

20.10 Variance

- A. The purpose of a variance is to:
 1. Provide limited relief from the requirements of this Ordinance in cases where strict application of a particular requirement would create an unnecessary hardship prohibiting the use of land in a manner otherwise allowed under this Ordinance; and
 2. Address extraordinary, exceptional, or unique situations that were not caused by the applicant's act or omission.
- B. Variances are not intended merely to remove inconveniences or financial burdens that the requirements of this Ordinance may impose on property owners in general.

3.6.5. Zoning Districts; R3 Residential 3 District; Dimensional Standards

Accessory Structure Setbacks

Location	At least 5 feet behind the principal building At least 5 feet from any lot line
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Background

The subject property is located at 900 Brink Place and is zoned R3 Residential 3 District. There is an existing single-family house on the property and the owner is proposing an accessory structure (detached garage) for storage use. Because this property is a corner lot, it fronts both Brink Place and Del Rio Court, with the front door facing Brink Place. The existing house is set back 50 feet from Brink Place which significantly reduces the backyard space, so the owner is proposing an accessory structure to the side of the house, between the existing house and Del Rio Court. The Zoning Ordinance requires accessory structures to be located at least 5 feet behind the principal building. For this reason, the applicant is requesting a Variance to allow an accessory structure to be located to the side of the principal building.

Staff Analysis

The BZA may authorize a variance only when the request has met all three criteria in accordance with F.Z.O §20.10.6 and State law. The staff has completed an analysis of the request in light of these criteria:

1. Where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition, such a piece of property is not able to accommodate development as required under this Ordinance.

This property is a corner lot, the existing house is set back significantly from Brink Place, and there is a small existing shed in the backyard. Given these conditions, the desired accessory structure cannot fit in the backyard area and therefore is not able to accommodate development as required under this Ordinance. Staff finds this criteria is met.

2. The strict application of any provision enacted under the Zoning Ordinance would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties for or exceptional or undue hardship for the owner of the property.

The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance in this case would prevent the owner from having an accessory structure for storage use. The existing home does not have a garage that is suitable to store equipment to maintain the property, and the existing accessory structure in the backyard is much smaller than the required size of a garage so it is not suitable for storage space. Given the conditions of the lot, the only space that can fit the proposed accessory structure is the side yard facing Del Rio Court, which does not comply with the Zoning Ordinance requirements. Therefore, the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance is preventing the owner from having an accessory structure to store equipment to maintain the property. Considering this hardship, Staff finds this criteria is met.

3. Such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

Staff finds this request would not be a detriment to the public good or impair the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Part of the intent of this regulation is to minimize visibility of accessory structures from the street, and prevent accessory structures from being in front of the principal building. There is tall and lush greenery that extends from the corner at Brink Place and Del Rio Court to the northwest corner of the property. Given the unique shape of the property, this greenery would minimize visibility of the accessory structure from both Brink Place and Del Rio Court. With the greenery to screen the accessory structure, and the accessory structure being to the side of the existing building, the proposed request meets the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Since it will be well screened from the

street, the accessory structure should not have a negative impact on the neighborhood aesthetically or be a detriment to the public good. Staff finds this criteria is met.

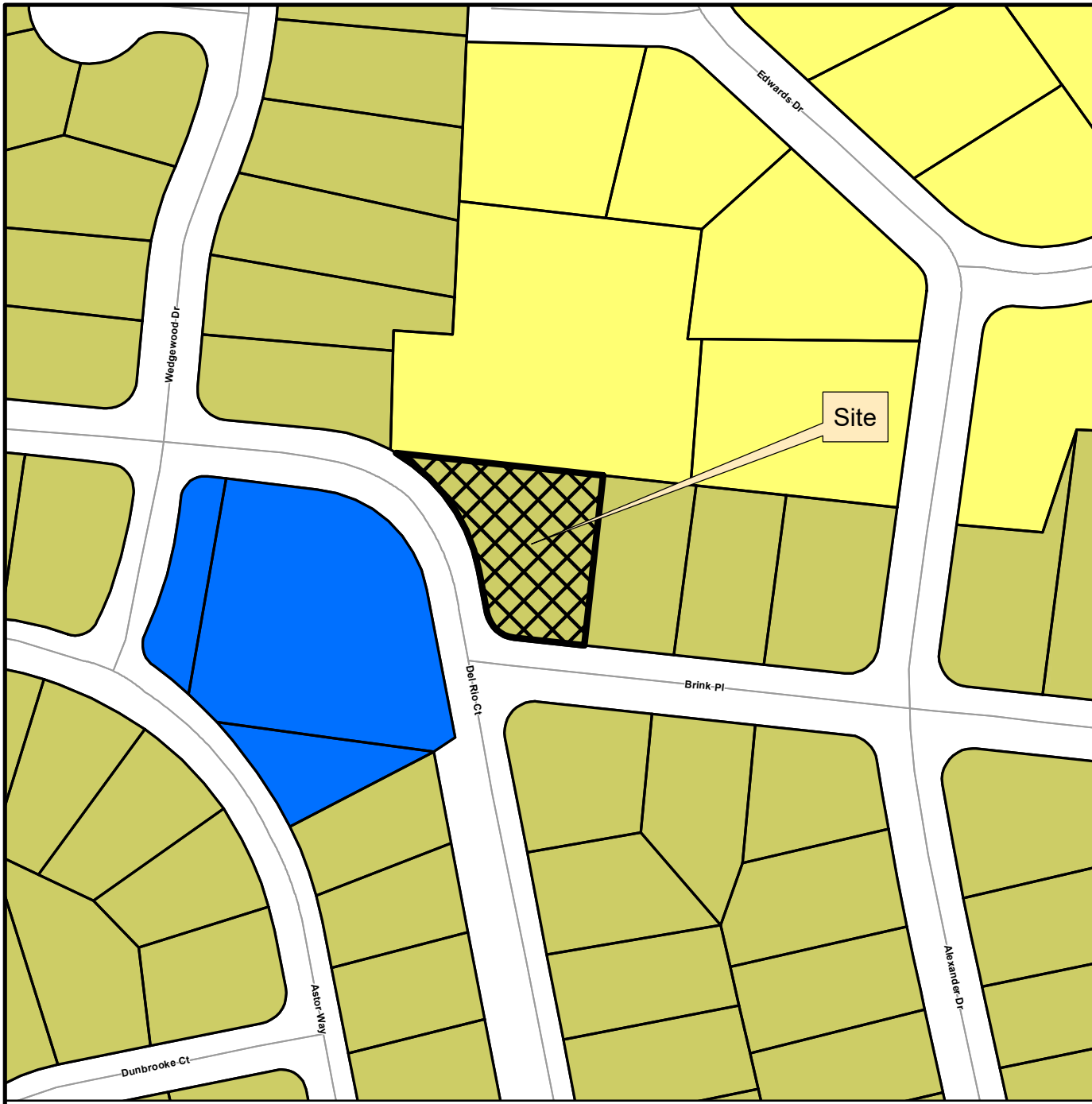
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




















RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends the Board of Zoning Appeals move to approve the Variance Request To Allow An Accessory Structure To Be Located In Front Of The Principal Building For The Property Located At 900 Brink Place, because the criteria for granting a variance have been met.

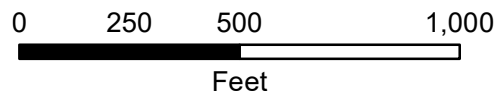
900 BRINK PLACE
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 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 APRIL 3, 2025



Legend

-  900 Brink Place
-  AG Agricultural District
-  ER Estate Residential District
-  R1 Residential 1 District
-  R2 Residential 2 District
-  R3 Residential 3 District
-  R4 Residential 4 District
-  R6 Residential 6 District
-  MR Mixed Residential District
-  PD Planned District
-  OR Office Residential District
-  CI Civic Institutional District
-  NC Neighborhood Commercial District
-  CC Central Commercial District
-  DD Downtown District
-  1ST Avenue District
-  5TH Avenue District
-  RC4 Regional Commerce 4 District
-  RC6 Regional Commerce 6 District
-  RC12 Regional Commerce 12 District
-  GO General Office District
-  LI Light Industrial District
-  HI Heavy Industrial District

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Casey Chrisman
900 Brink Place
Franklin TN. 37064
615-521-2916
Casey Chrisman

3/10/2025

Board of Zoning Appeals

Subject: Justification for Detached Garage Placement in Secondary Front Yard

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am writing to formally request approval for the construction of a detached garage on my property located at 900 Brink Place. As my property is a corner lot, it is subject to the zoning ordinance's front yard setback of 50 feet and a 25-foot side yard setback. Due to the unique configuration of my property, the only location on my lot that allows for a detached garage is the side yard, which is classified as the secondary front yard and falls within the 25-foot setback.

I respectfully request the Board's approval for this variance, as I believe my situation satisfies the criteria outlined in the city ordinance.

- 1. Exceptional Conditions of the Property:** My property is exceptional in its shape, being a corner lot with narrow at the front and wide at the rear dimensions. The lot's configuration limits the available area for development. The required 25-foot side yard setback, in addition to the limited space created by the lot's odd shape, make it impractical to locate the garage in any other area. The odd shape of the lot, combined with the corner lot condition, significantly limits the use of my property for necessary functions, such as the addition of a detached garage.
- 2. Practical Difficulty and Undue Hardship:** The strict application of the zoning ordinance would result in significant practical difficulty in utilizing the property to its full potential. The only feasible location for a detached garage is the side yard, which is also considered the secondary front yard. Without a variance, I would be unable to construct the garage at all and would face a continued difficulty in providing proper storage, which is necessary for the functionality and maintenance of the property. This situation is not of a personal or financial nature but rather stems from the unique topographical and spatial limitations imposed by the property's location on a corner lot.
- 3. Impact on Public Good and Zoning Intent:** Granting this variance will not result in substantial detriment to the public good or impair the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinance. The detached garage will be designed to blend with the primary structure, maintaining the aesthetic integrity of the area. Additionally, the garage will not obstruct visibility, traffic flow, or create any negative impact on the safety of pedestrians or motorists. The variance would allow me to utilize the property in a way that is consistent with the needs of the neighborhood without compromising the intent of the zoning regulations.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask the Board to approve my request for a variance to allow the construction of a detached garage in the secondary front yard setback. This will enable me to make reasonable use of my property while adhering to the spirit of the zoning ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your favorable decision.

Sincerely,

Casey Chrisman

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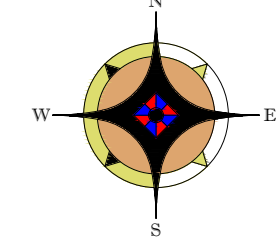
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- c. DATE OF SURVEY: 2/4/2025
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- e. PUBLISHED / FIXED CONTROL: TDOT CORS NETWORK
- f. GEOID MODEL: GEOID 18
- g. COMBINED GRID FACTOR: 0.99992990

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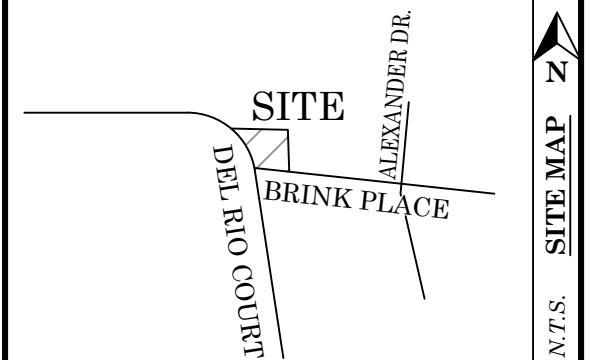
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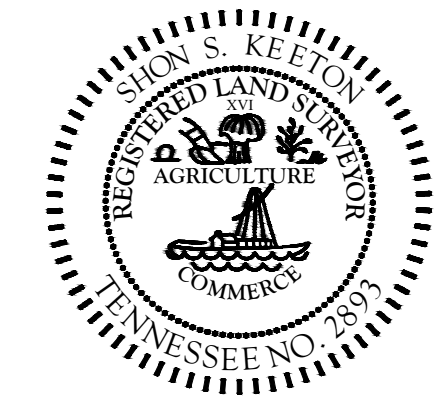
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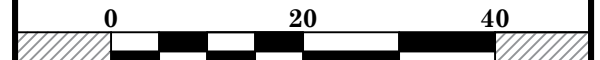


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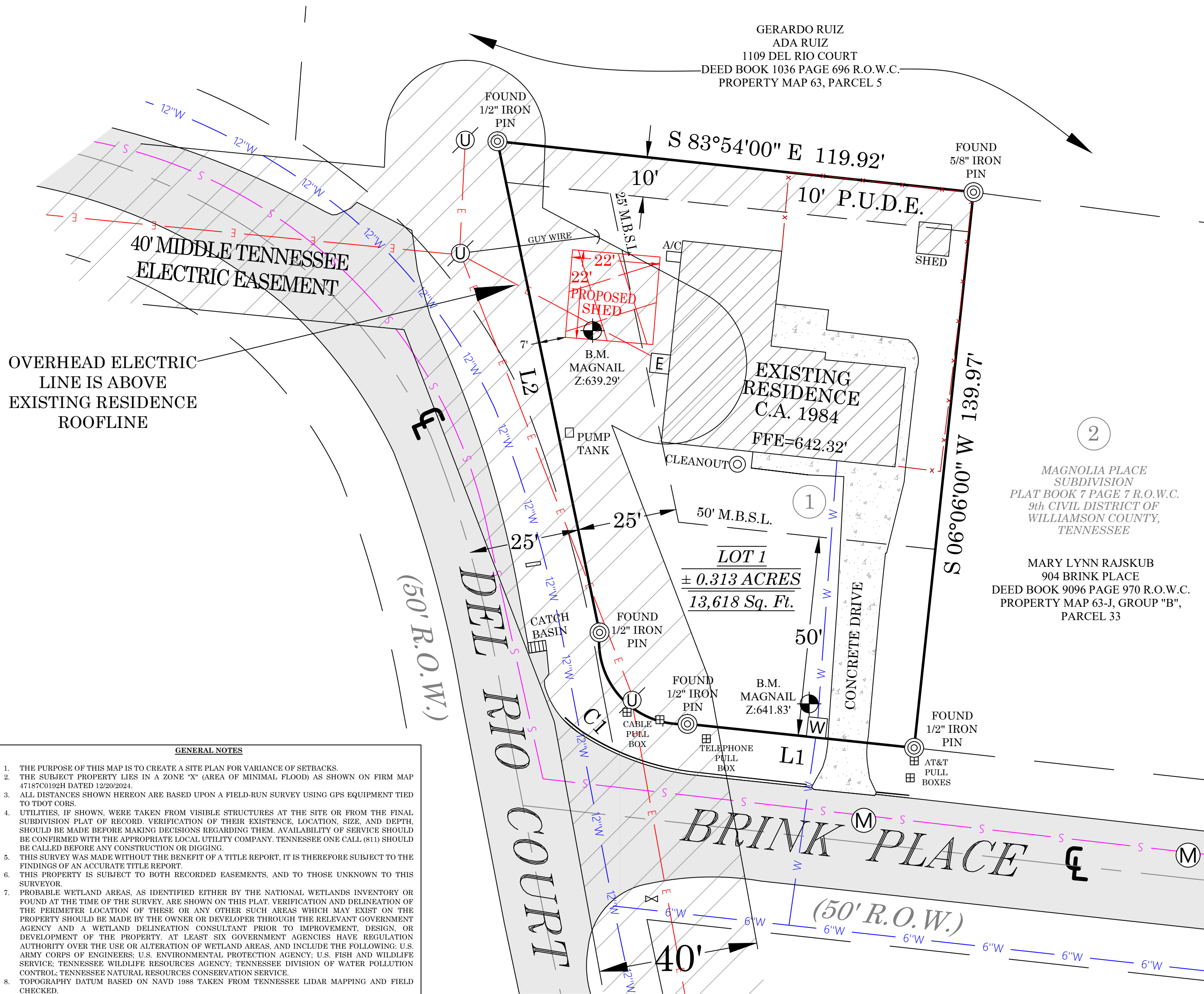
JOLINDA CHRISMAN
CASEY CHRISMAN
900 BRINK PLACE FRANKLIN, TN. 37064
DEED BOOK 9350, PAGE 341 R.O.W.C.
LOT 1 MAGNOLIA PLACE
PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 7
9th CIVIL DISTRICT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PROPERTY MAP 63-J, GROUP "B", PARCEL 34

REVISION #	DATE

DATE: MARCH 7, 2025
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LEGEND

- UE- UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE
- E- OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINE
- T- TELECOMMUNICATION LINE
- X- WIRE FENCE
- W- WOOD FENCE
- C- CHAIN LINK FENCE
- W- WATER LINE
- S- SEWER LINE
- FM- FORCE MAIN SEWER
- G- GAS LINE
- SF- SILT FENCE
- - - DRAWN BY DEED (NOT SURVEYED)
- ⊕ WELL
- ⊕ UTILITY POLE
- ⊕ GRID STAKE (XX) TYPICAL
- ⊕ FOUND IRON PIN (UNLESS NOTED)
- ⊕ FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT
- ⊕ SET 1/2" IRON PIN (UNLESS NOTED)
- ⊕ POINT
- ⊕ BENCHMARK
- ⊕ FIRE HYDRANT
- ⊕ ELECTRIC METER
- ⊕ WATER METER
- ⊕ GAS METER
- ⊕ SEWER MANHOLE
- ⊕ STORM MANHOLE
- ⊕ WATER SPIGOT
- ⊕ WATER VALVE
- ⊕ ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER BOX
- ⊕ ELECTRIC PULL BOX
- ⊕ SOIL PIPE
- ⊕ CLEAN OUT

GENERAL NOTES

- THE PURPOSE OF THIS MAP IS TO CREATE A SITE PLAN FOR VARIANCE OF SETBACKS.
- THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LIES IN A ZONE "X" (AREA OF MINIMAL FLOOD) AS SHOWN ON FIRM MAP 47187C0192H DATED 12/20/2024.
- ALL DISTANCES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON A FIELD-RUN SURVEY USING GPS EQUIPMENT TIED TO TDOT CORS.
- UTILITIES, IF SHOWN, WERE TAKEN FROM VISIBLE STRUCTURES AT THE SITE OR FROM THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF RECORD. VERIFICATION OF THEIR EXISTENCE, LOCATION, SIZE, AND DEPTH, SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS REGARDING THEM. AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE SHOULD BE CONFIRMED WITH THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL UTILITY COMPANY. TENNESSEE ONE CALL (811) SHOULD BE CALLED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION OR DIGGING.
- THIS SURVEY WAS MADE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT, IT IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO THE FINDINGS OF AN ACCURATE TITLE REPORT.
- THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO BOTH RECORDED EASEMENTS, AND TO THOSE UNKNOWN TO THIS SURVEYOR.
- PROBABLE WETLAND AREAS, AS IDENTIFIED EITHER BY THE NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY OR FOUND AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, ARE SHOWN ON THIS PLAT. VERIFICATION AND DELINEATION OF THE PERIMETER LOCATION OF THESE OR ANY OTHER SUCH AREAS WHICH MAY EXIST ON THE PROPERTY SHOULD BE MADE BY THE OWNER OR DEVELOPER THROUGH THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND A WETLAND DELINEATION CONSULTANT PRIOR TO IMPROVEMENT, DESIGN, OR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY. AT LEAST SIX GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE REGULATION AUTHORITY OVER THE USE OR ALTERATION OF WETLAND AREAS, AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS; U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY; TENNESSEE DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL; TENNESSEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.
- TOPOGRAPHY DATUM BASED ON NAVD 1988 TAKEN FROM TENNESSEE LIDAR MAPPING AND FIELD CHECKED.
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SITE PLAN FOR VARIANCE OF LOT 1
FOR JOLINDA CHRISMAN & CASEY CHRISMAN PROPERTY

OWNER AFFIDAVIT
City of Franklin, Tennessee

When an application is not filed by the owner of the property, the City requires documentation that the owner of the property is aware of an application being filed on their behalf.

Well Casey Chrisman Jolinda Chrisman
(please print name as listed on deed; if property owner is a company, provide full company name plus specific name of representative)

being duly sworn, depose and say(s) that (I am)/(we are) the owner(s) of the property described as:

063J-B-034.00
(Property Parcel/Tax ID Number)

and located at:

900 Brink place Franklin TN. 37064
(Street Address)

am fully aware of the request for development approval in the City of Franklin, Tennessee. Furthermore, (I)/ (we) hereby appoint

Casey Chrisman Jolinda Chrisman
(Please print Name/Names in Full - This should be the applicant listed in IDT)

to act as my/our authorized agent on my/our behalf on all matters pertaining to the processing and obtaining the application with the exception of legal documents for recording purposes.

[Signature]
Owner Signature

[Signature]
Additional Owner Signature, if applicable

900 Brink Place
Property Owner Mailing Address

Franklin TN. 37064
City, State & Zip

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20 day of February 2025.

[Signature]
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: July 21, 2026





