

Planning, Zoning and Inspections

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March 5, 2014

TO:

Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM:

Amanda Thompsop

Planning Director

RE:

Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March 10, 2014

The following items are scheduled for your consideration at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on **Monday**, **March 10**, **2014 at 7:30 PM** in the City Commission room in City Hall at 509 North McDonough Street.

- 1. Gordon Goodman has requested a variance from minimum front yard, side yards, rear yard, and floor area requirements for the property at 316 East Lake Drive.
- 2. Thrive Homes, LLC has requested a variance from the supplementary regulations to high-density single-family zoning districts for the property at 109 Hibernia Avenue.
- 3. Chris Spencer has requested a variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the property at 126 Emerson Avenue.
- 4. Andrew and Shelley Hammond have requested a variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the property at 133 Barry Street.
- 5. Alan Corey has requested a variance from the minimum setback requirements for a two story accessory building for the property at 538 East Lake Drive.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these items.

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Consistent with the requirements of O.C.G. A. 50-14-1. (e) (1)a an agenda was posted on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Summary
Decatur Zoning Board of Appeals
Decatur City Hall
509 North McDonough Street
February 10, 2014
7:30 PM

Present: Dobbs, Leavey, Lewis, Pawloski, Smith

1. The Decatur Housing Authority has requested a variance from the minimum stream buffer requirements for the property at 421 West Trinity Place.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Leavey and all voting "aye," the Board of Appeals approved a variance from the minimum stream buffer requirements for the property at 421 West Trinity Place subject to the condition that the variance and construction shall be limited to and conditioned by plans substantially similar to those submitted with the application.

2. Jeff Wren has requested a variance from the minimum front yard requirements for a property at 142 Poplar Circle.

On a motion by Mr. Leavey, second by Mr. Smith and all voting "aye," the Board of Appeals approved a variance from the minimum front yard requirements for a property at 142 Poplar Circle subject to the condition that the variance and construction shall be limited to and conditioned by plans substantially similar to those submitted with the application.

3. Nick Beaudry Homes has requested a variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the property at 231 Fairview Avenue.

On a motion by Mr. Lewis, second by Mr. Leavey and all voting "aye," the Board of Appeals approved variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the property at 231 Fairview Avenue subject to the condition that the variance and construction shall be limited to and conditioned by plans substantially similar to those submitted with the application.

4. Brian Smith has requested to enlarge a non-conforming accessory building resulting in a variance from the minimum setback requirements and maximum floor area requirements for accessory buildings for the property at 232 Spring Street.

On a motion by Mr. Leavey, second by Mr. Smith and all voting "aye," the Board of Appeals tabled the variance request for 232 Spring Street.

5. Mark Rasberry has requested to enlarge a non-conforming accessory building resulting in a variance from the minimum setback requirements and maximum floor area requirements for the property at 727 Avery Street.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Lewis and all but Mr. Leavey and Mr. Pawloski voting "aye," the Board of Appeals approved a variance from the maximum floor area limits for an accessory dwelling unit for the property at 727 Avery Street subject to the condition that the variance and construction shall be limited to and conditioned by plans substantially similar to those submitted with the application.

Mr. Leavey and Mr. Pawloski voted "no."

On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Lewis and voting "aye," the Board of Appeals approved a variance from the maximum floor area limits for an accessory building for the property at 727 Avery Street subject to the condition that the variance and construction shall be limited to and conditioned by plans substantially similar to those submitted with the application.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Lewis and all but Mr. Pawloski voting "aye," the Board of Appeals approved a variance from the maximum wall height and minimum side yard setback requirements for an accessory building for the property at 727 Avery Street subject to the condition that the variance and construction shall be limited to and conditioned by plans substantially similar to those submitted with the application.

Mr. Pawloski voted "no."

Consistent with the requirements of O.C.G. A. 50-14-1. (e) (1)a a summary was posted on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Development Department Staff Report March 2014

Applicant:

Provenance Construction

Address of Property:

316 East Lake Drive

Present Zoning:

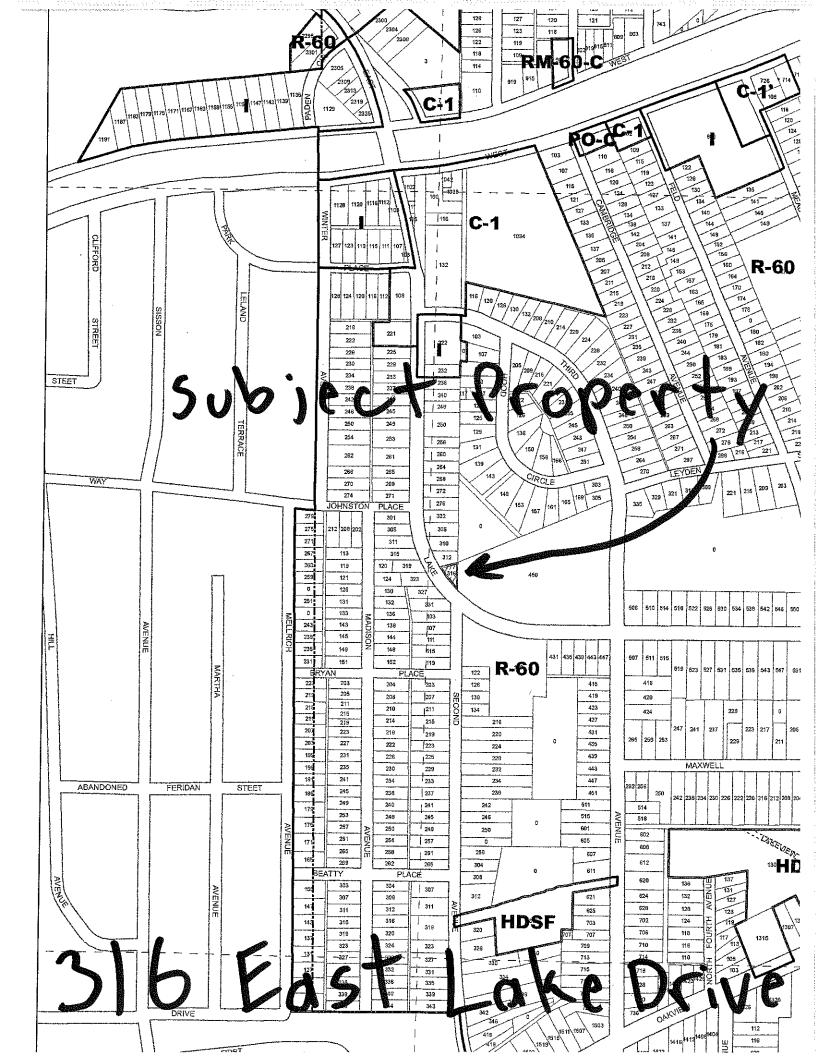
R-60 – Single Family Residential

- 1. Subject property is a 123 foot wide lot that was originally developed with a one-story single-family dwelling. The property has 5,083 square feet of lot area. The previous house was nonconforming in all setbacks. The ZBA tabled this agenda item at their meeting in January 2014.
- 2. The applicant wished to add a second story to an existing house. The project was permitted as a renovation with no site work included in the scope of work. A framing inspection indicated that the existing house had been deconstructed down to the foundation. The project was reclassified as new construction and work was stopped. The applicant wishes to utilize the existing foundation and framed walls. The applicant has submitted updated plans for the modification of interior walls and floor systems to reduce the floor area of the house to bring it in compliance with the 40% limit on floor area.

Variances Needed for Proposed Project	Existing	Proposed	Ordinance
Minimum Front Yard Requirements	11 feet	10 feet	15 feet
Minimum Rear Yard Requirements	20 feet	20 feet	30 feet
Minimum Side Yard (South) Requirements	2 foot	2 foot	10 feet
Minimum Side Yard (North) Requirements	7 feet	7 feet	10 feet
Minimum Side Yard for unroofed porch	1 feet	1 feet	5 feet

3. This site is allowed 3,171.8 square feet of lot coverage or 62.4%. The applicant has proposed 1,386 square feet of lot coverage or 27%.

The as built plans show a floor area of 2,121 square feet and the proposed plan shows a floor area of 1,937 square feet or 38%.



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Development Department Staff Report January 2014

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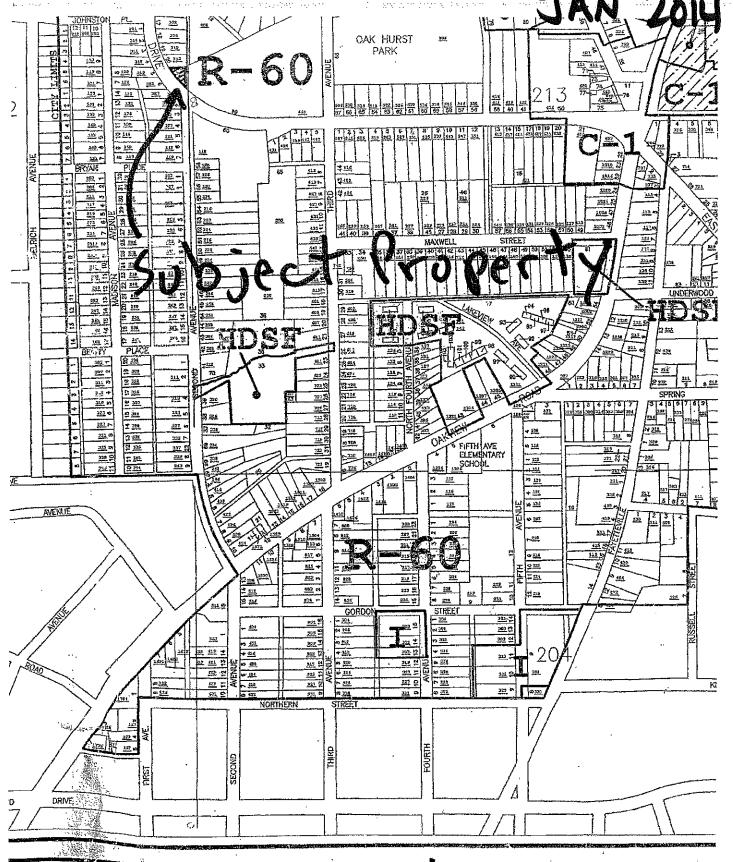
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Minimum Side Yard for unroofed porch	0 feet	0 feet	5 feet
Maximum Floor Area	NA	43.3%	40%

3. The proposed project will meet the lot coverage limits for the site.



214 East Lake Drive



Application for Variance City of Decatur, Georgia

Please print or type all information

Name of Applicant: Provenance Construction

Address: 2221 Peachtree Road

Address: 678 G18-8540

Name of Property Owner: Pirect Properties

Address: 202 Paradise Peak Dr.

Las Vegas NV 89134

Telephone: 818-987

Address of property for which variance is sought: 316 Edert Lake Orive

Righ, left, Front and Rear Setback

Fee: Please include a check in the amount of \$100 payable to the City of Decatur.

Attachments: Attach a survey of the property and scale drawings showing existing and proposed improvements. Provide one full-size copy of all plans, as well as one copy of all plans in an 8½" x 11" format. It is helpful to floor plans and elevations of proposed building improvements, as well as a letter of support from adjacent property owners. If the applicant is not the current property owner, provide a notarized authorization for this application from the current property owner.

Please provide the following information. All questions must be answered.

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from? Set Dack Variance - R-60 Zoning

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3. Explain how the application of the zoning ordinance to this specific piece of property results in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties?

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4. Are the circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question peculiar to the premises? Do they apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity?

5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.

Variance would be required to build any Structure on this Site Attemption to Preserve current USE

6. Did the condition for which the variance is sought result from an action by the applicant?

NO.

7. Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent property, the traffic on the public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values.

8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

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I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date



November 4, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I authorize Nave Edelshtein, our Project Manager and Gordon Goodman, our Builder to be our representatives in Decatur, Georgia in the Zoning Hearing for all matters regarding the property located at 316 East Lake Drive, Decatur GA 30030. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at 714-389-4500.

Sincerely,

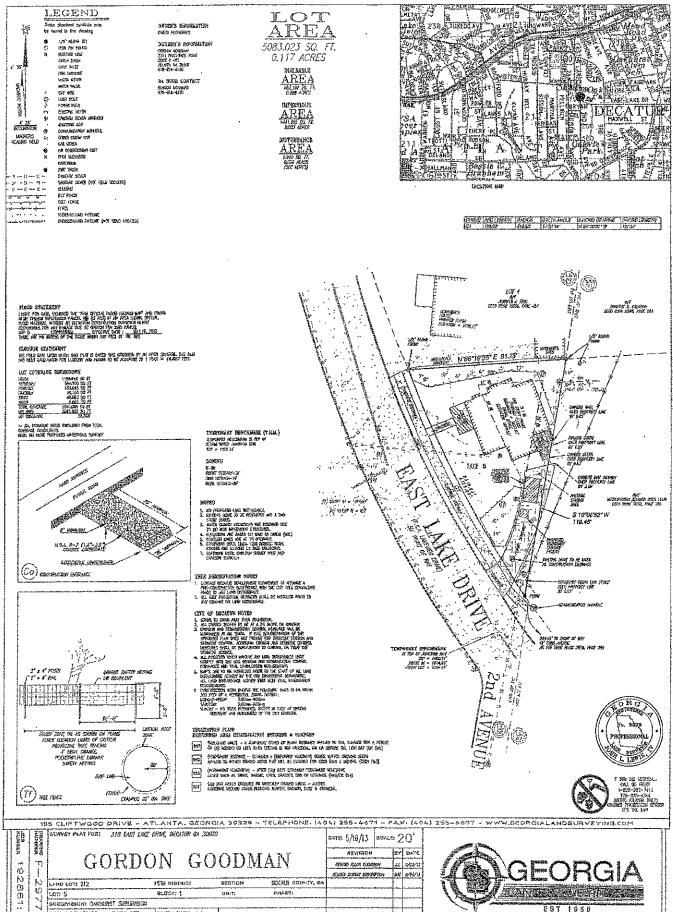
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Notary Signature

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SUPPLEMENT TO VARIANCE APPLICATION OF PROVENANCE CONSTRUCTION 316 EAST LAKE DRIVE

TO VARY THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE:

- The front yard setback requirements of Section 10.6.1 to allow for a front yard setback reduction and thereby allow the original front porch footprint to remain from 15 feet to 10.7 feet;
- 2) The north side yard setback requirement of Section 7.2.3(6) to allow for a side yard setback reduction from 10 feet to 7.6 feet;
- 3) The south side yard setback requirement of Section 7.2.3(6)) to allow for a side yard setback reduction from 10 feet to 2.1 feet;
- 4) The setback requirement of Section 10.5.2 for open, unroofed porches to allow the original back/side porch to remain from 5 feet to approximately 1.5 feet;
- 5) The rear yard setback requirement of Section 7.2.3(7) to allow for the new house as built to remain from 30 feet to as shown on the as built survey.

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I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND RELEVANT TO VARIANCE REQUEST

316 East Lake Drive is a triangular historic lot of record located on the east side of East Lake Drive at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and East Lake Drive and zoned R-60. To the immediate east of the Subject Property is the Oakhurst dog park (owned by the Boys and Girls Club and largely in flood plain) and to the north is an older single family residence at 312 East Lake Drive. The property is only 5085 square feet (0.117 acres; approximately 4000 square feet less than the lot size minimum required) and encumbered by a sanitary sewer easement along its entire east side. The original home on the site was built in 1924 and did not conform to most of the current R-60 development standards. It was nonconforming as to all setbacks, lot area, and dwelling size. By the time of the purchase by Direct Properties, LLC, in May of 2013 the original house was in very poor condition. Photographs of the original home in 2013 are included with this Supplement. The new incomplete house on site is two stories on a crawl space. 33.3 feet in height and less than 2000 square feet. It will be clad in hardi-plank, has two front gables with 10/12 roof pitches and a brick water table. The front porch will have three box columns and a metal roof. The original rear/side porch of the home has been retained. There is no garage. An as-built survey is

submitted contemporaneously with this Supplement to show the existing setbacks, height, floor area ratio and lot coverage. Additionally, the Applicant submits what are titled "Proposed Plans" in conjunction with this Supplement. It proposes to make minor changes to the as builts to reduce the FAR and to enhance the aesthetics of the home. Specifically, the revisions made on February 17, 2014, propose to revise windows at the rear of the home, add patio stairs and railings to the stoop on the south western side of the home and to eliminate the unfinished space on the second floor by vaulting the first floor family room ceiling and thereby reduce the as built floor area ratio.

Upon purchase of the property, because of the challenges posed by the substandard nature of the lot, its size and shape, Direct Properties intended to retain the existing foot print of the original house and three of the four original walls, renovate and add a second story. Plans for the renovation were submitted to and approved by the City in the fall of 2013. A copy of the renovation permitted plans are included with this Supplement and dated September 1, 2013. Unfortunately, upon stripping of the cladding from the original home it was discovered that the walls could not be saved due to termite damage and wood rot. The original foundation, front and side porches however were maintained such that the setbacks on the new home do not vary in any way from the foot

print of the original house. However, because failure to retain the walls required the Applicant to comply with new construction requirements, including setbacks, rather than renovation requirements, the Applicant filed for variances on October 23, 2013. ¹ The City inspectors completed an inspection of the framing on the house November 5, 2013. A copy of the framing inspection is included with the Supplement materials. Rightly or wrongly, Applicant was under the impression from City officials that it could continue work on the house pending a decision on the variance application and it did so continue until such time as a stop work order was issued. This occurred one day after the framing inspection, on November 6, 2013. There has been no construction on the site since November 6th. ²

Just like the house currently on the Subject Property, the original house was set back from the street 10.7 feet. The current home under construction has retained the brick floor of the original front porch and its original location. The original porch was screened and enclosed along its entire frontage. The new home's front porch would have a roofed front porch entry but be open at the

¹ Applicant had been verbally advised that due to the inability to utilize the original walls, the house was considered "new construction" and new construction setbacks etc would apply. The variance application of October 23, 2013, has been before the Board in December and in January of 2014. In January the Board "tabled" the matter and asked the Applicant to meet with neighbors and provide as built information for the Board's consideration.

² It should be noted that there is a minor difference between the permitted plans and the as built plans. The first floor master bedroom at the rear of the house on its south eastern side was moved in to create a two story bump in. As built plans are submitted with this Supplement.

sides. The majority of homes along this stretch of East Lake are set much closer to the front property line than the minimum 30 feet generally required in an R-60 zoning district. See photographs in packet to this Supplement. The setback average of the existing homes per Section 10.6.1 of the Zoning Ordinance along this stretch of East Lake, according to City staff, is 15 feet. The as built environment with respect to side yard setbacks also appears to be largely nonconforming along this stretch of East Lake. See photographs. For example, the neighboring home to the north has a single car garage less than one foot from its southern property line where it adjoins the Subject Property and several other homes along this stretch of East Lake appear to have less than 10 feet between structures and side lot lines. ³ Similar to the Subject Property, the only separation between homes is often a driveway with a single line of trees providing a visual buffer between lots. This is evident in the photographs filed along with this Supplement.

³ Because there are no as builts available and because Applicant cannot take measurements on private property of others, it can only say that the side yard setbacks "appear" to be non-conforming. However, filed contemporaneously with this Supplement is an accurate as built survey showing the current lay out of the lot and new home under construction.

The only significant difference between the house under construction, the old house and prior conditions is the fact that the new house is two stories rather than one. In reviewing the variance application it would seem that the key issue is whether somehow the addition of a second story impairs an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or increases the danger of fire, or impairs established property values within the surrounding areas. See condition no. 4 below.

II. APPLICABLE ORDINANCES

Applicant seeks variances from the R-60 development standards for side yard and rear yard setbacks. R-60 requires 10 foot side yards and 30 foot rear yards. See Sections 7.2.3(6) and (7). Applicant also seeks a variance from the set back averaging requirements of Section 10.6.1 and the requirement for uncovered porch setbacks found in Section 10.5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance⁴.

Section 12.5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance provides that variances may be granted by the Board if the following conditions exist:

1. That the special circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question are peculiar to such premises and do not apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity.

⁴ Originally it appeared that FAR and lot coverage variances would be needed. However, as can be seen from the as built survey and proposed plans such variances will not be needed. Lot coverage is at 27.25% as built and FAR at 38.09% below the maximums allowed.

- 2. That the granting of the application is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and not merely to serve as a convenience to the applicant.
- 3. That the condition from which relief or a variance is sought did not result from action by the applicant.
- 4. That the authorizing of the variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire, or imperil the public safety, or unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding areas, or in any other respect impair the health, safety, comfort, morals or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Decatur.
- 5. That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur Land Use Plan.
- 6. That the granting of the variance will not allow a structure or use in a district restricted against such structure or use.

Applicant submits that it meets all the criteria for the variances requested as set forth in the Legal Argument section below.

III. LEGAL ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF VARIANCES REQUESTED

Per criterion No. 1 above, special circumstances or conditions apply to the Subject Property that are peculiar to the property and do not apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity. Of the 15 residential lots in the same block fronting on East Lake, the Subject Property is the only triangular lot. It is significantly shallower than the other lots and much smaller in area. The building envelope is only 19.2 feet wide at the rear and 34.4 feet deep on the north side.

The average lot fronting East Lake in the immediate vicinity of the Subject Property appears to be approximately 8000 square feet in area (approximately 3000 square feet larger than the Subject Property) and 120 feet + deep, whereas the Subject Property is only approximately 95 feet deep at its widest point. The size and shape of the lot are "special circumstances or conditions ...peculiar to" this property. Although the City of Decatur allows for the use of lots of record with less area that that required in the district in which it is located, per criterion No. 2 above, variances are necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the right to use the property for a single family residence because no marketable house meeting modern standards could be built in the building envelope left after the application of the minimum required setbacks. Under such circumstances, the variances requested do not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant. Moreover, per criterion No. 3, the condition from which a variance is sought did not result from action by the Applicant. The old home was on exactly the same foot print for in excess of 85 years. The termite damage and wood rot in the walls was unknown to the Applicant until the cladding from the original house was removed. The Applicant did not create these conditions nor did it create the size and shape of the historically platted lot. Per criterion No. 5, the proposed singlefamily residence as built on the Subject Property will be in harmony with the

general purpose and intent of the Decatur Land Use Plan. Specifically, the new home on the property is a vast improvement over the deteriorated housing that previously occupied this space. Approval of the variances to enable it to remain as sited on the lot is consistent with the goals in the Land Use Plan of maintaining a small town quality of life and small town character while accommodating appropriate redevelopment and improving the individual character and identity of established neighborhoods. Per criterion No. 6 allowance of the requested variance will not allow a structure or use in a district restricted against such structure or use.

It is possible that someone will argue that the variance application does not meet criterion No. 4 above. However, upon close examination of that criterion, Applicant submits that it also meets that criterion and thus the requested variances must be granted. First, although the home on the Subject Property is two stories, rather than the previous one story home, the home will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property. The only adjoining properties are the dog park, a non-developed wooded lot with no structures and 312 East Lake. Between the home on the Subject Property and the home at 312 East Lake is a row of tall mature hardwood trees, a driveway (approximately 10 feet wide), and some landscaping and then the house. As shown in the Google

Earth street view photo included with this Supplement, there is adequate room to assure not only light and air but the row of trees provides visual buffering between the two properties. Congestion on the streets will not increase with the granting of these variances—one house is being replaced with one house. There is nothing credible to suggest that the granting of the variances will somehow increase the danger of fire, or imperil the public safety. The new structure will have a higher property value than the demolished home on site and be in substantially better condition. With an initial listing price of \$650,000, it will enhance not only property values nearby but improve the aesthetics from its previous condition. Even if a home could be built in the odd building envelope created by application of the required minimum setbacks, it would be an odd out of place structure that could diminish values within the surrounding area.

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the application meets all the criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for the granting of the requested variances. As such, the Applicant requests that the Board of Zoning Appeals approve the variances requested and

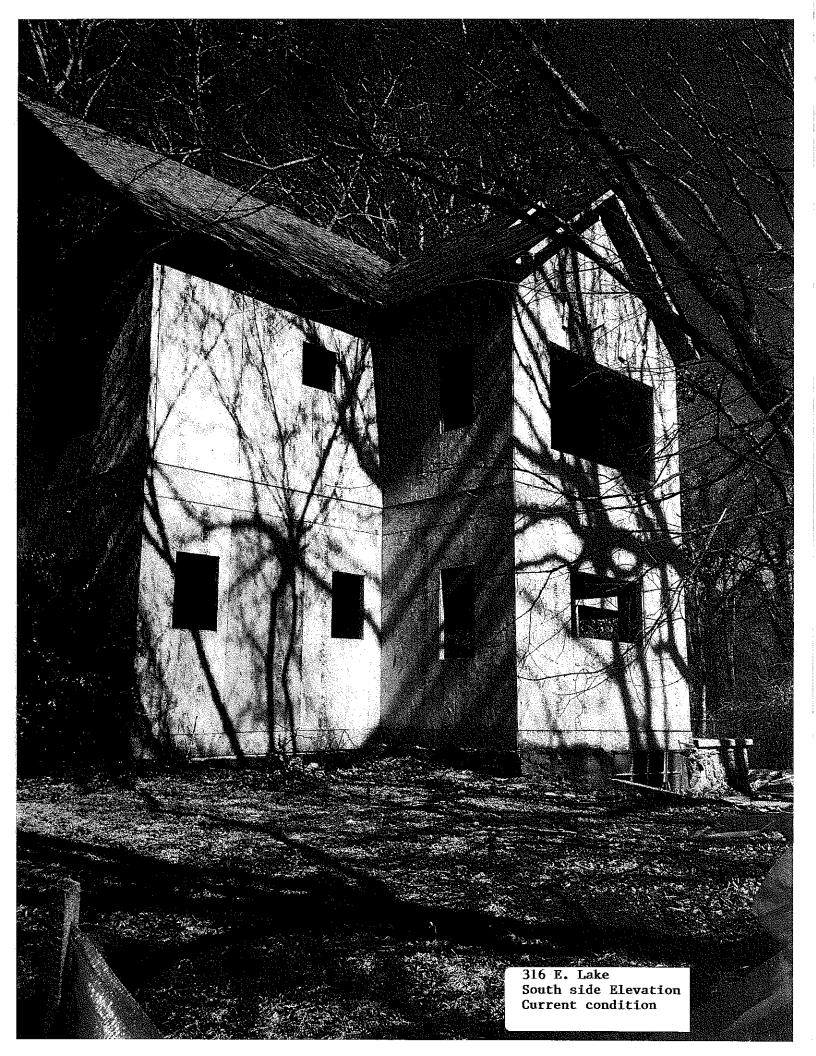
allow the construction of the new home at 316 E. Lake to be completed such that it can contribute to the City and the immediate neighborhood.

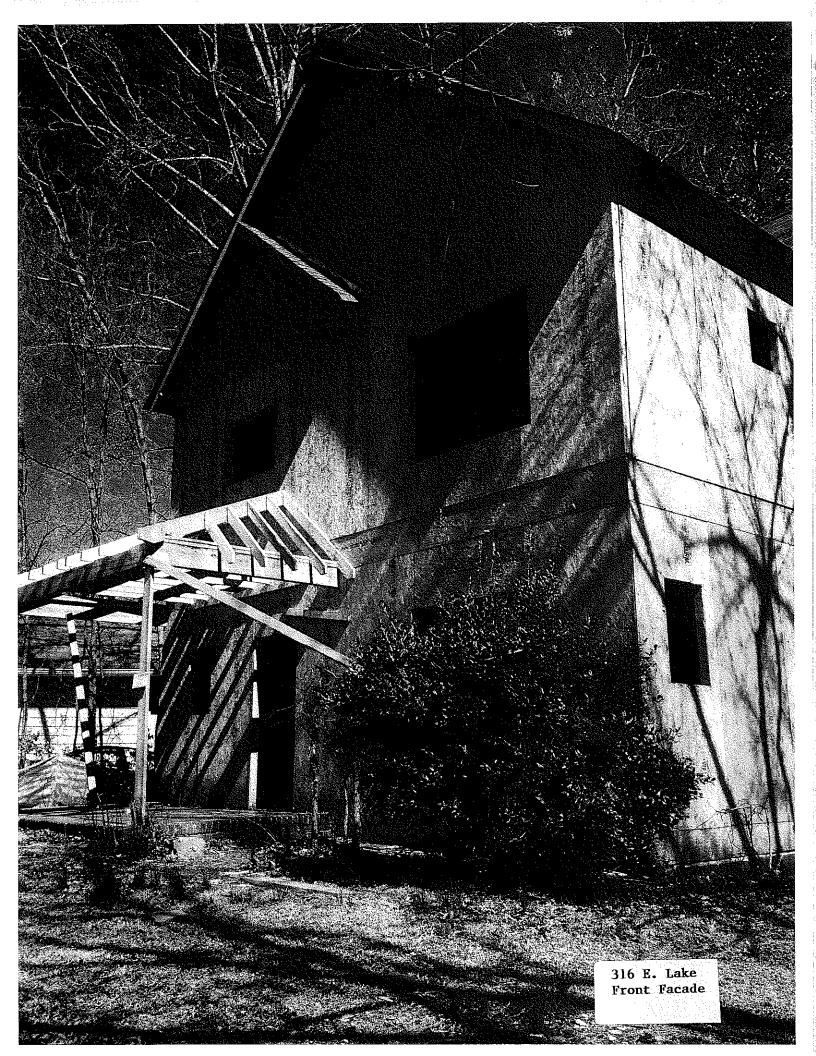
Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of March, 2014.

Linda I. Dunlavy

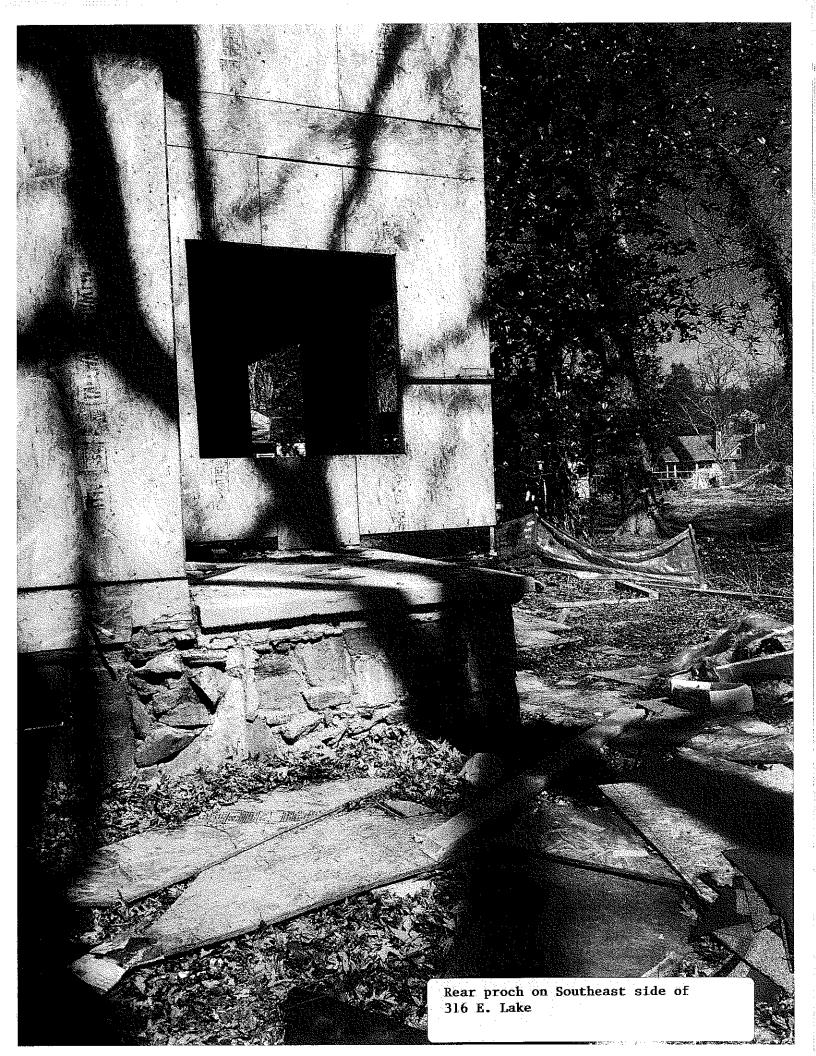
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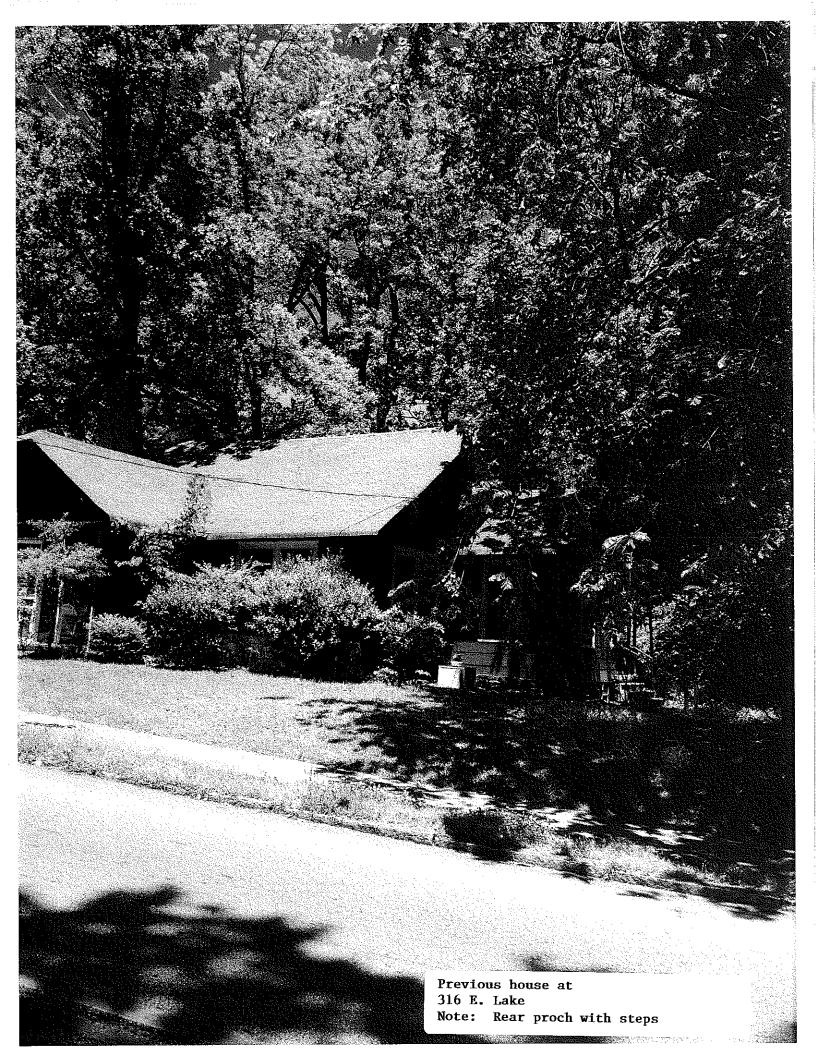
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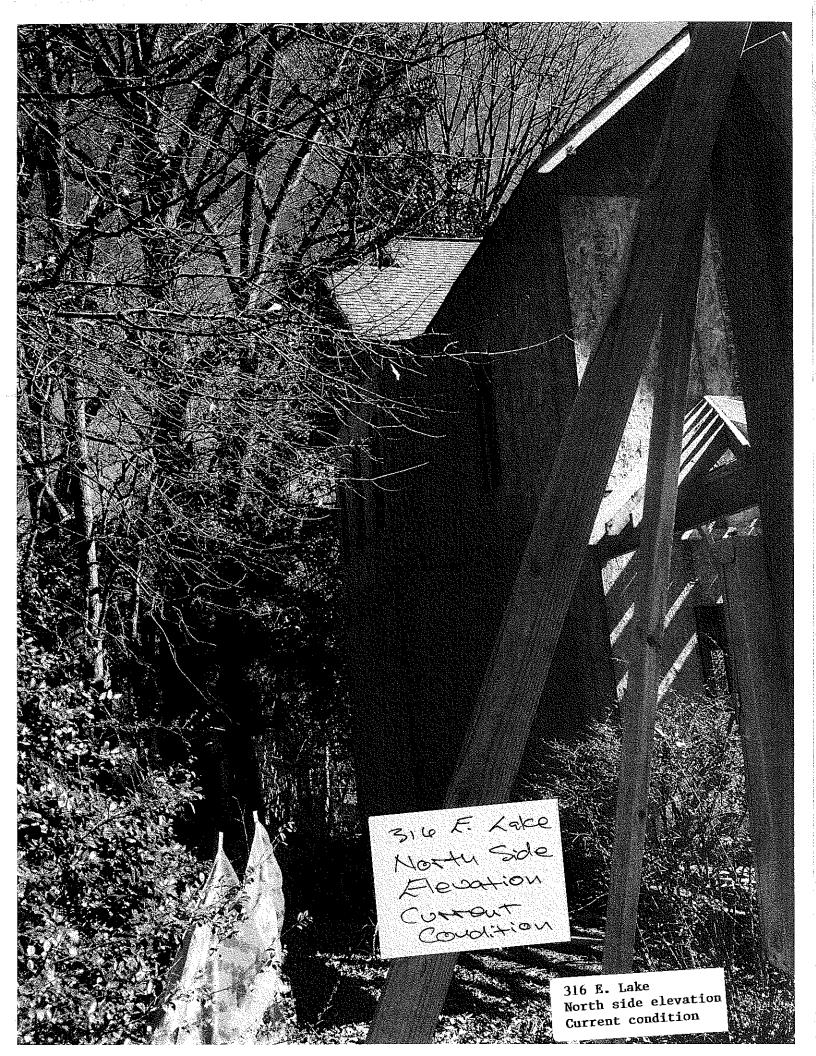


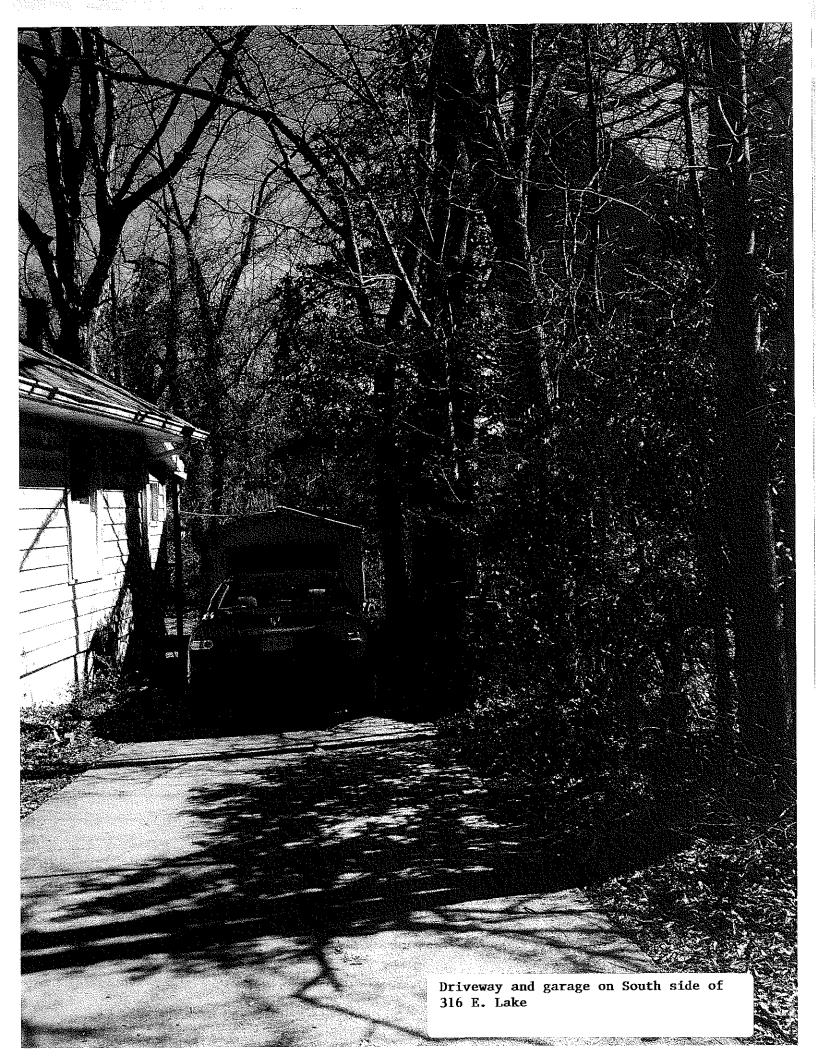


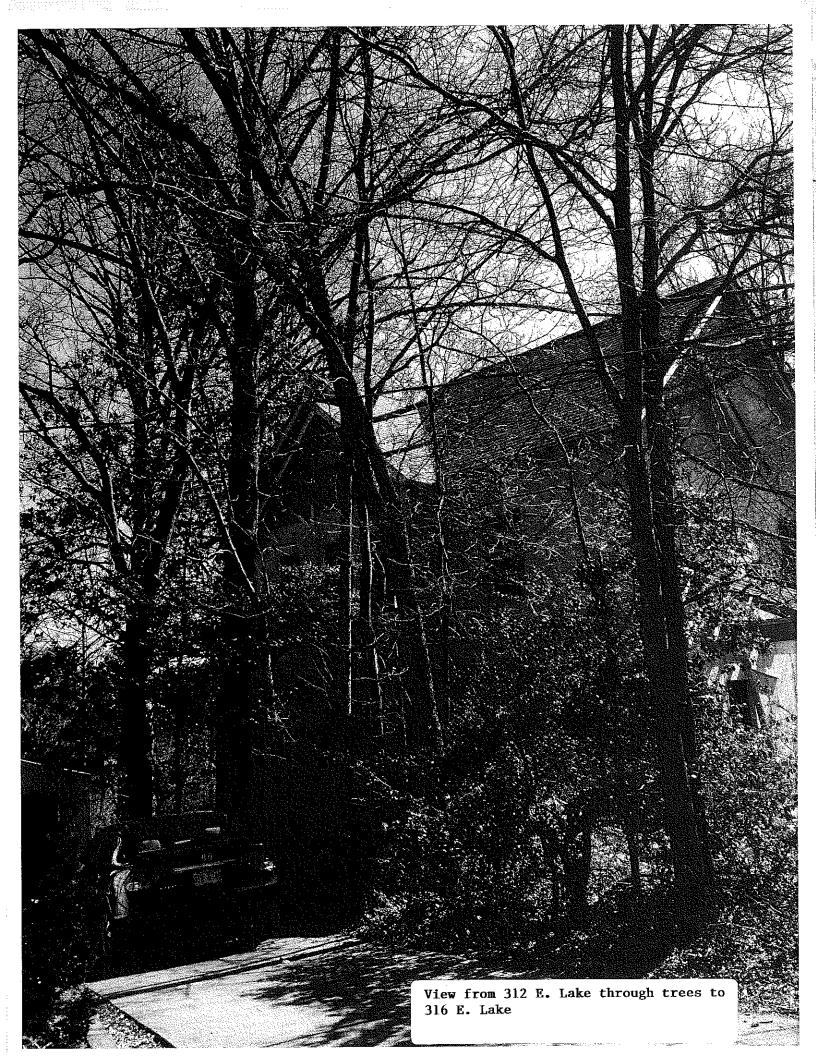


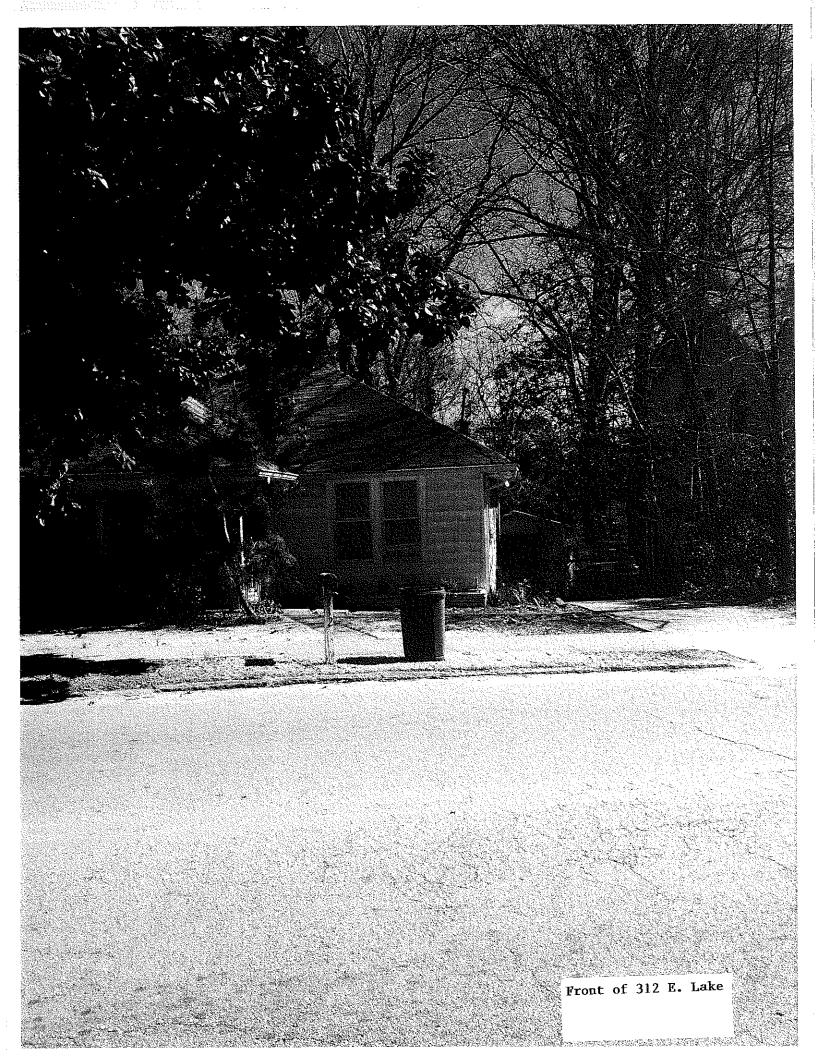


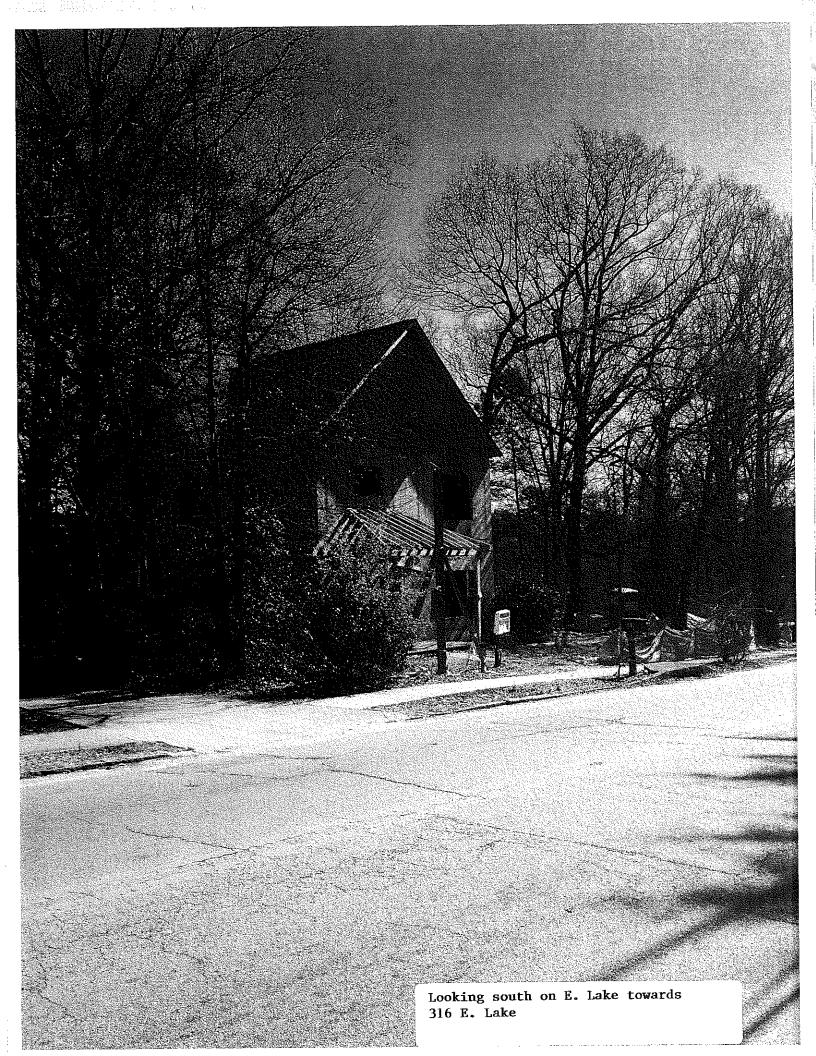


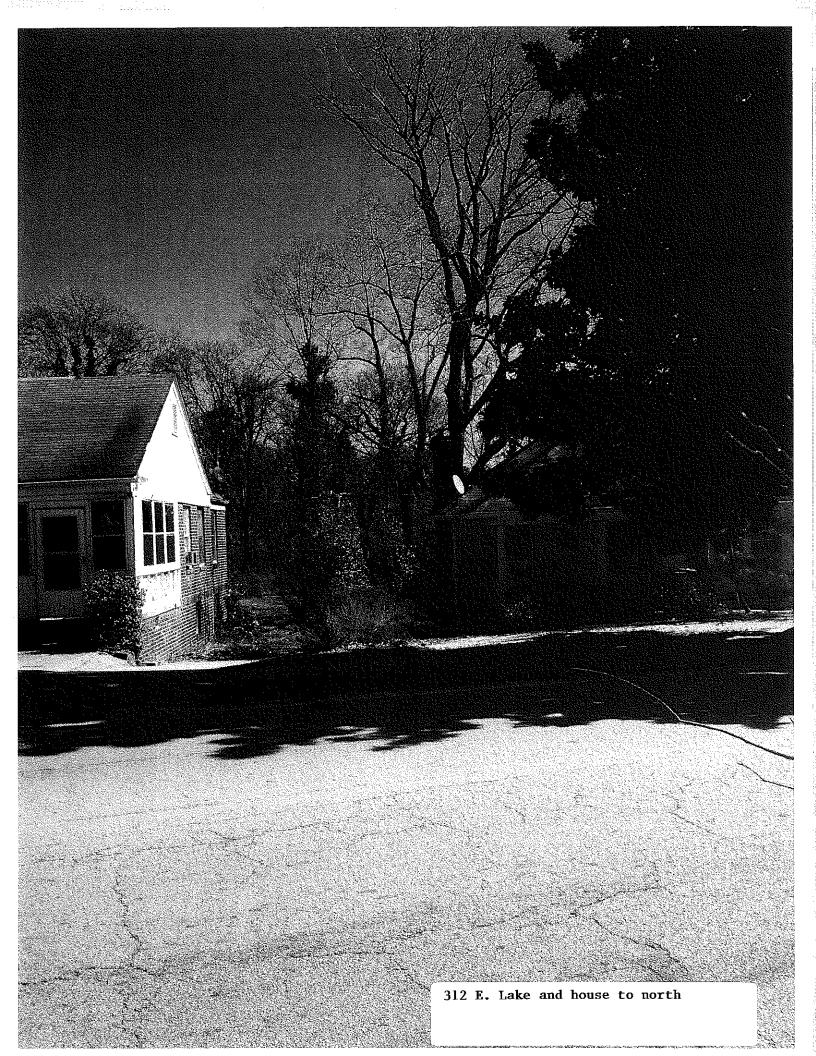


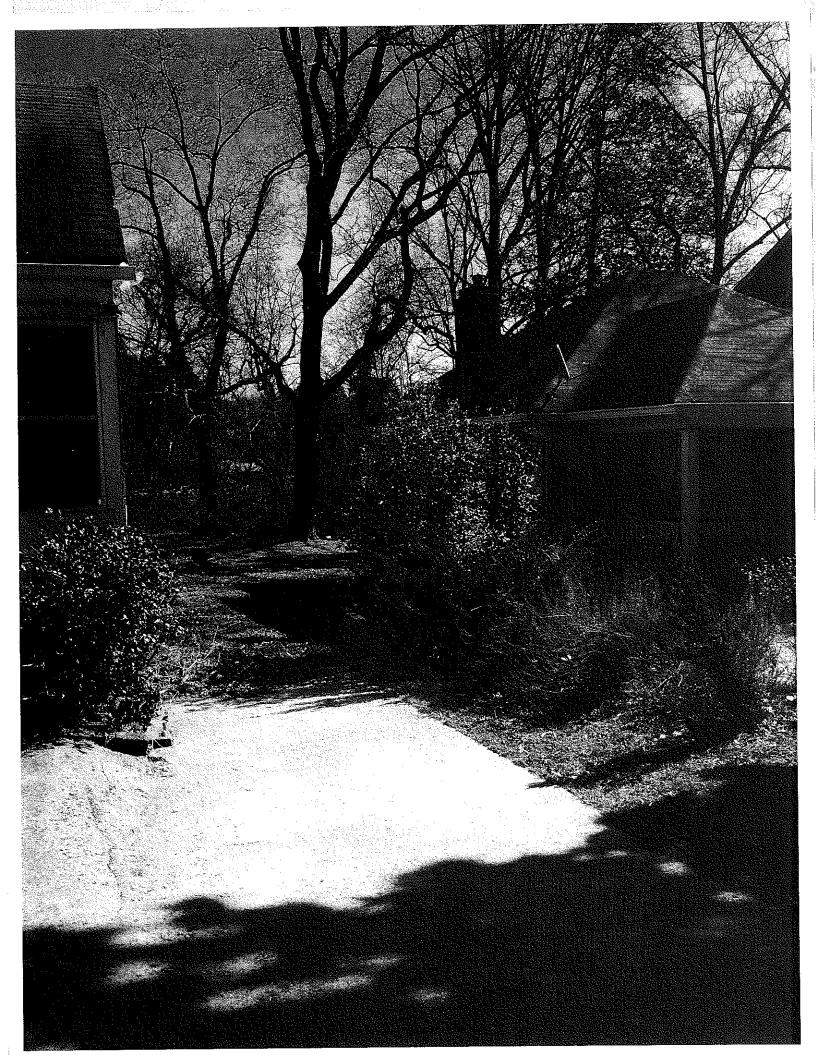


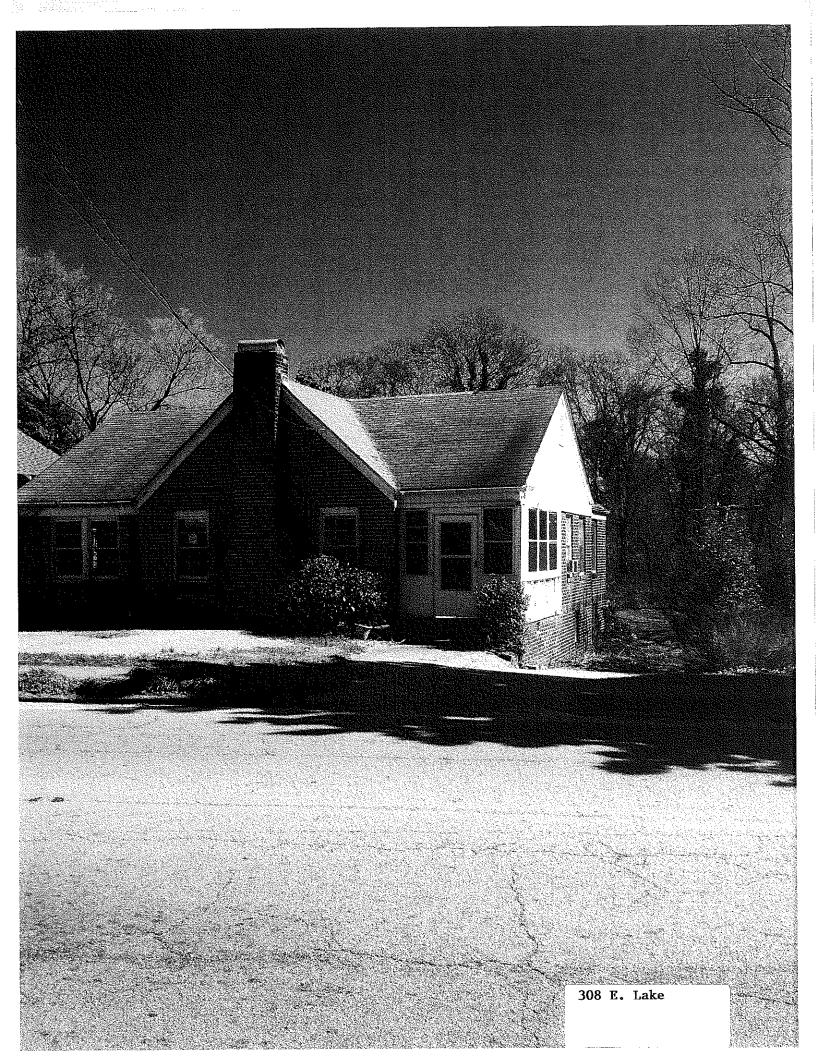


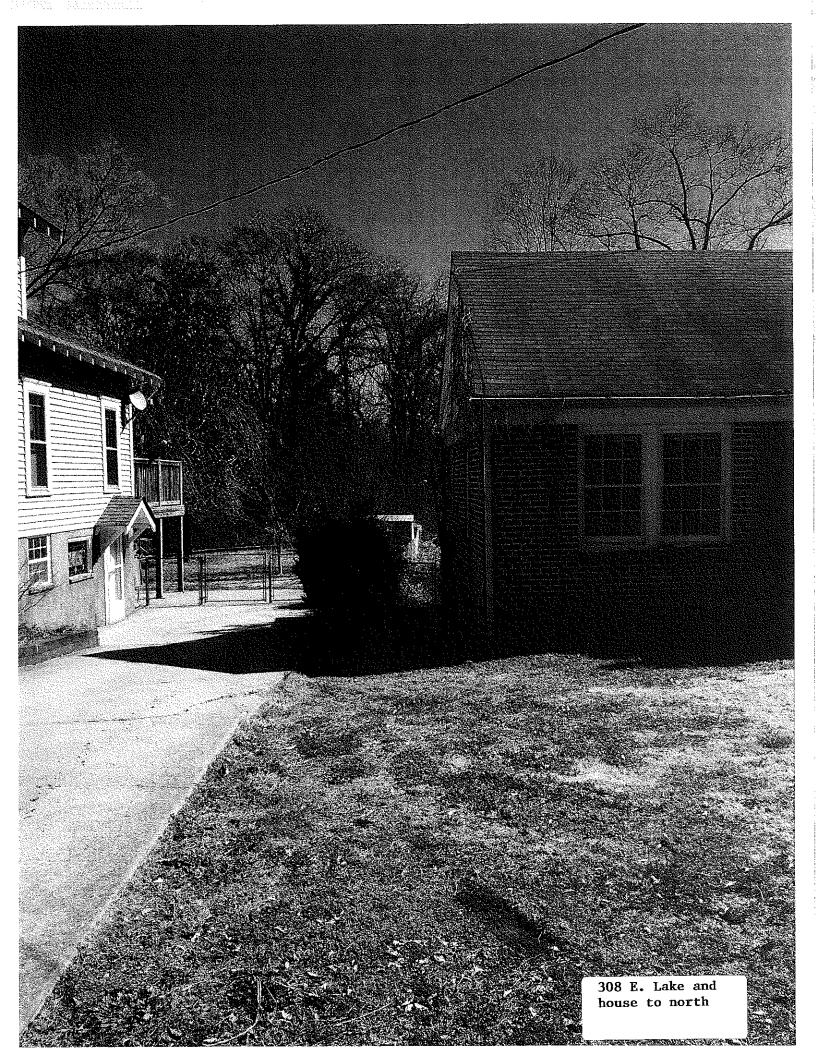


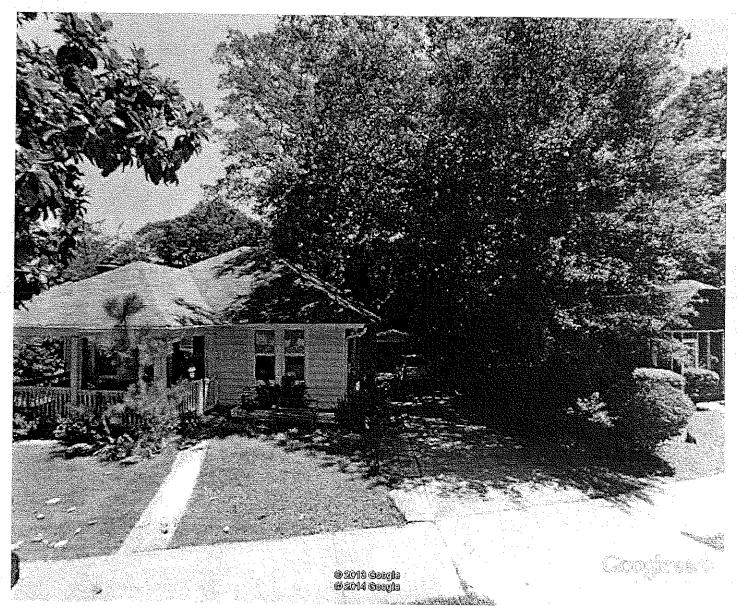






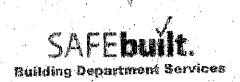






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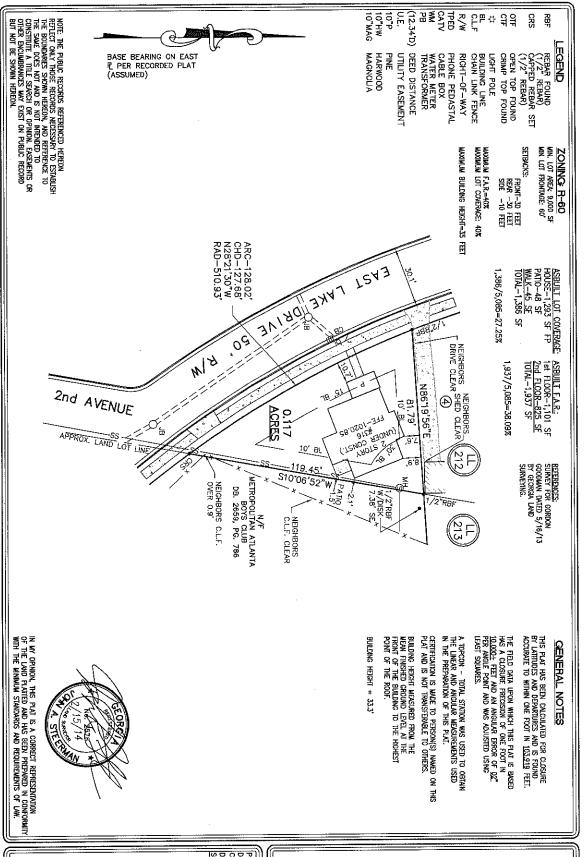
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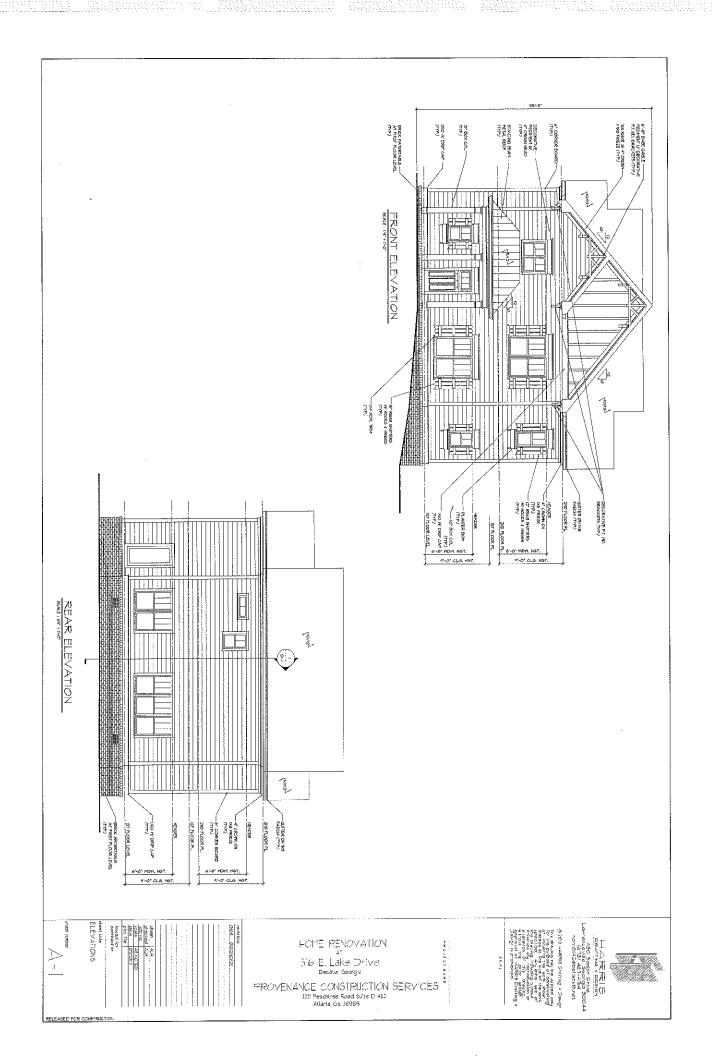
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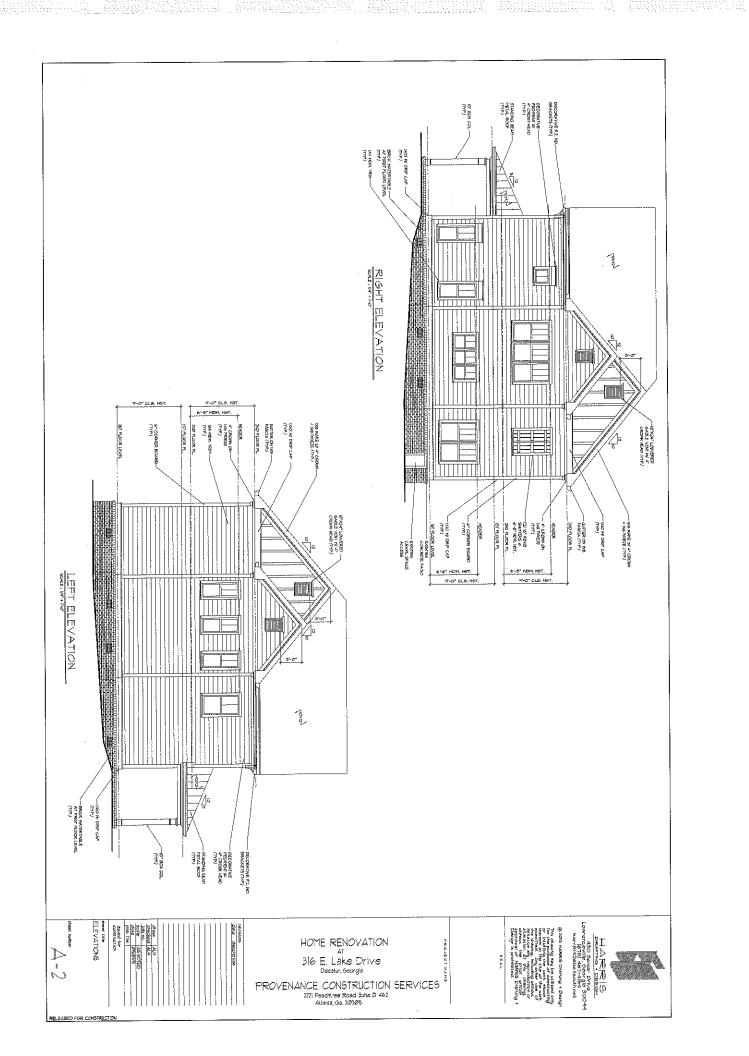
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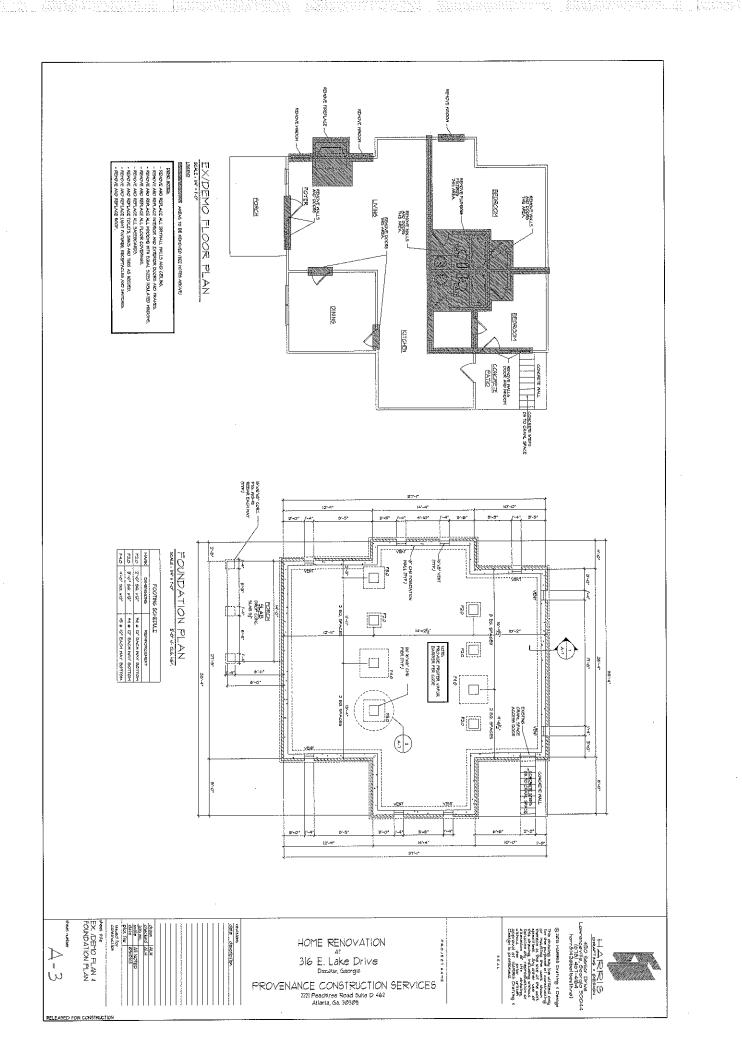
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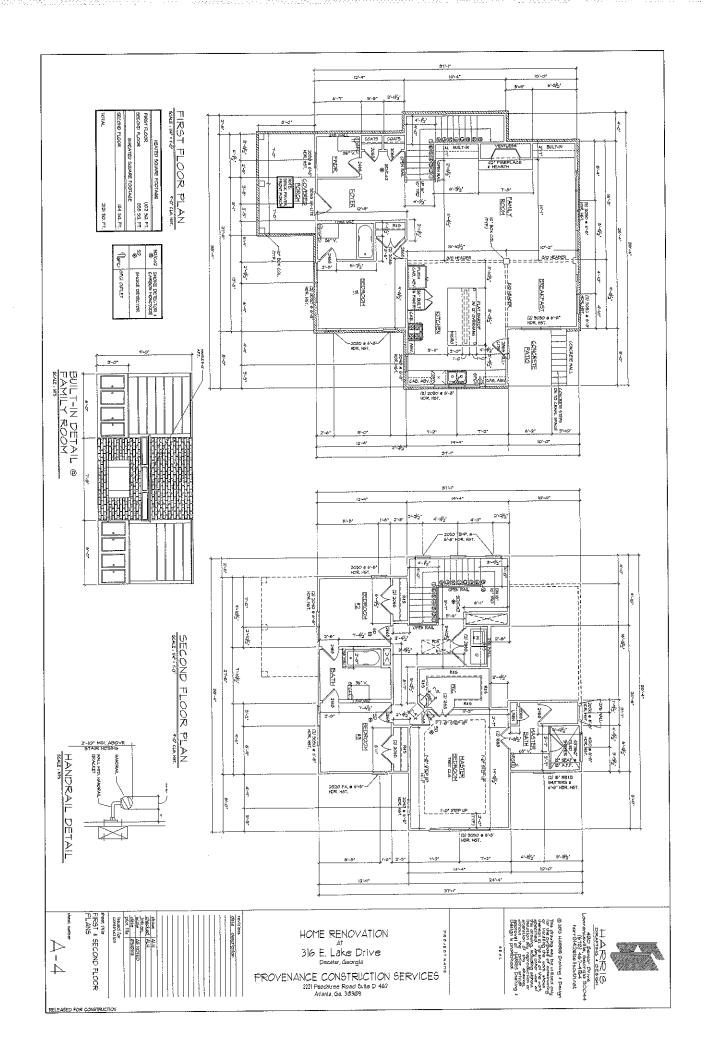
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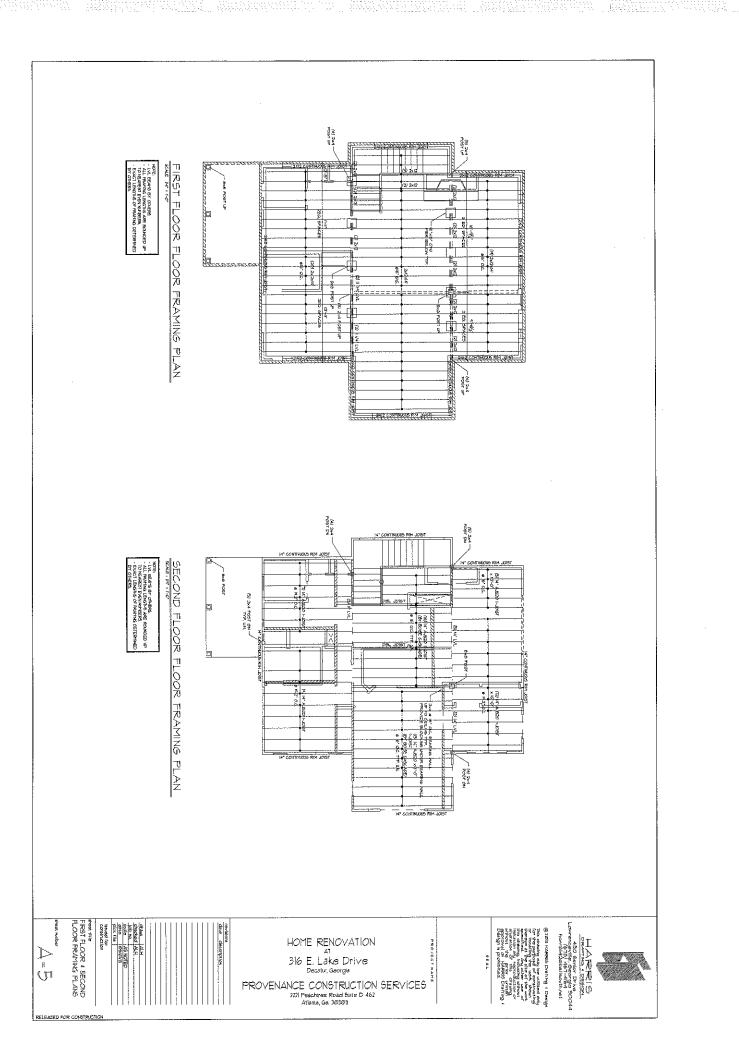
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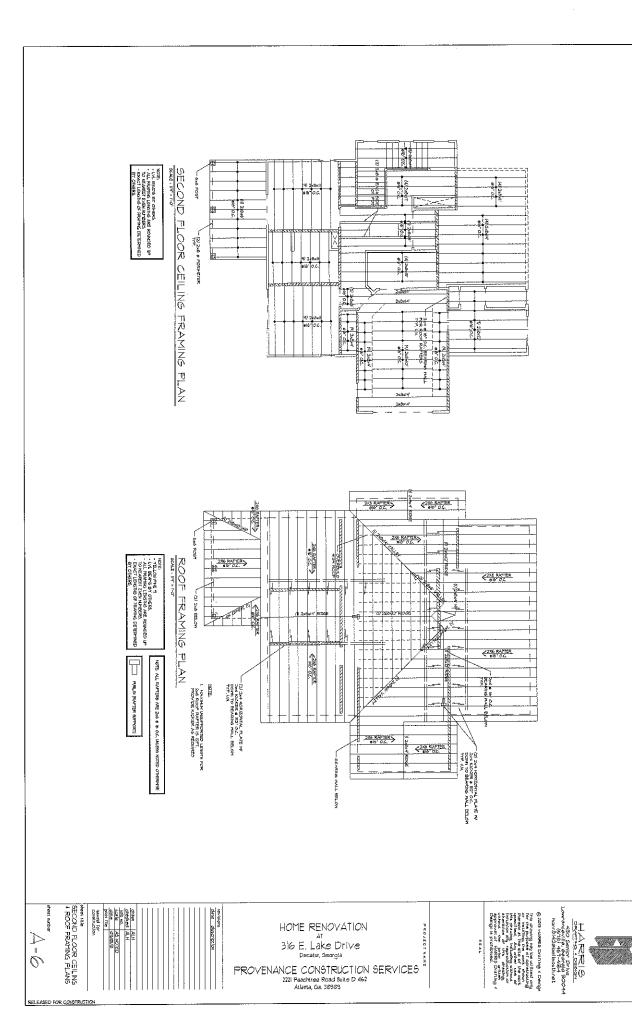


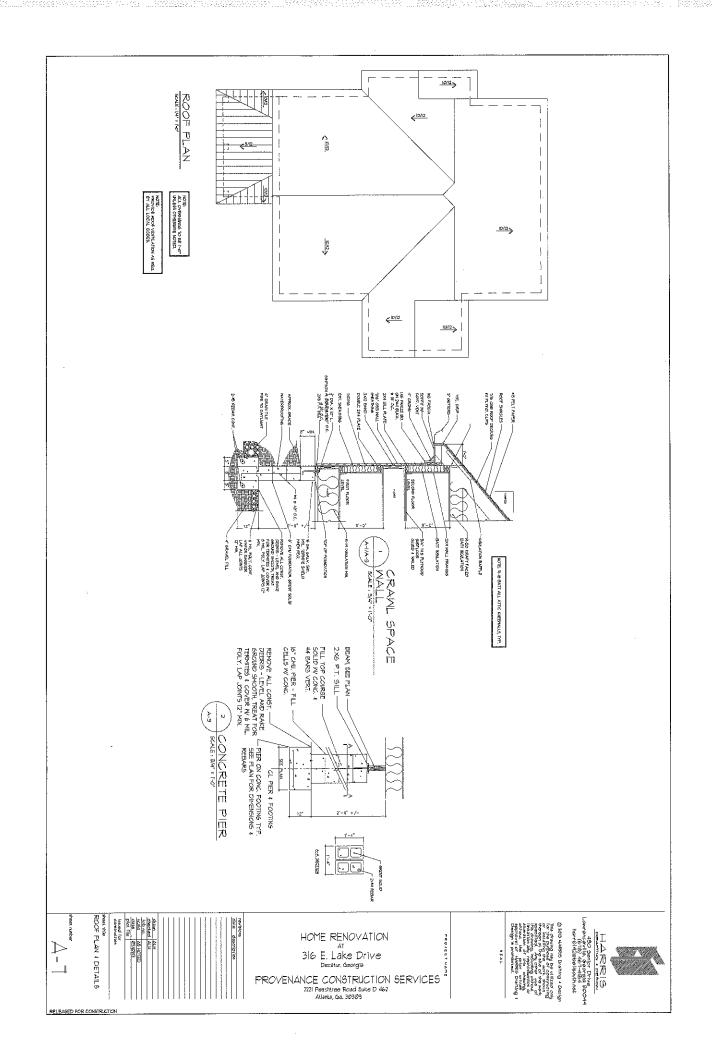












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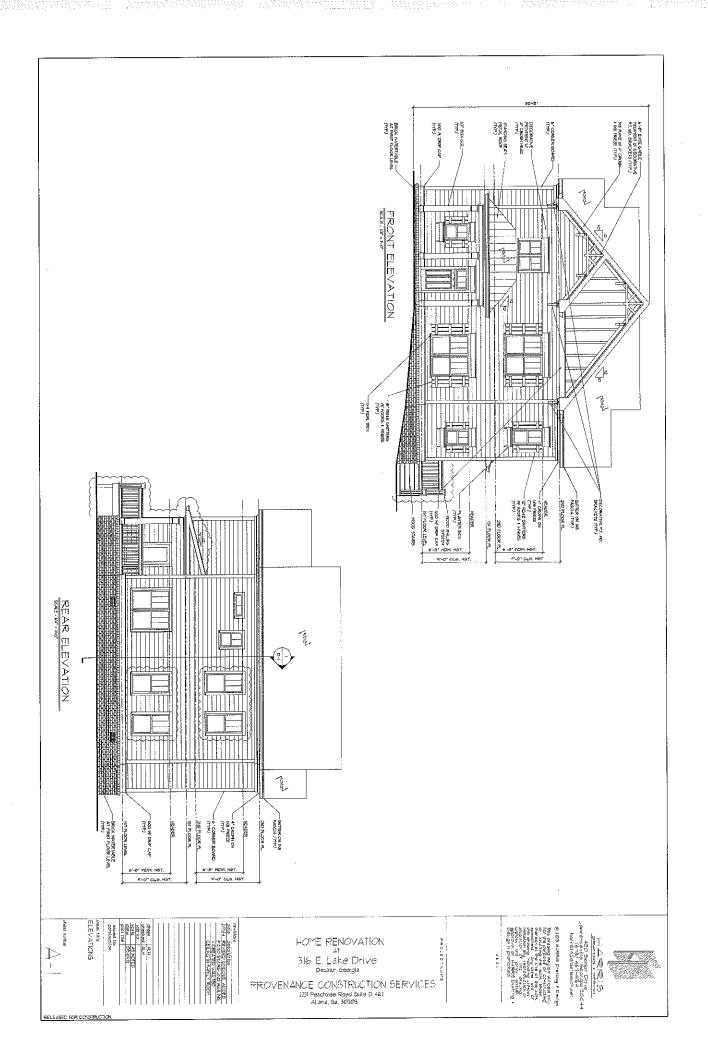
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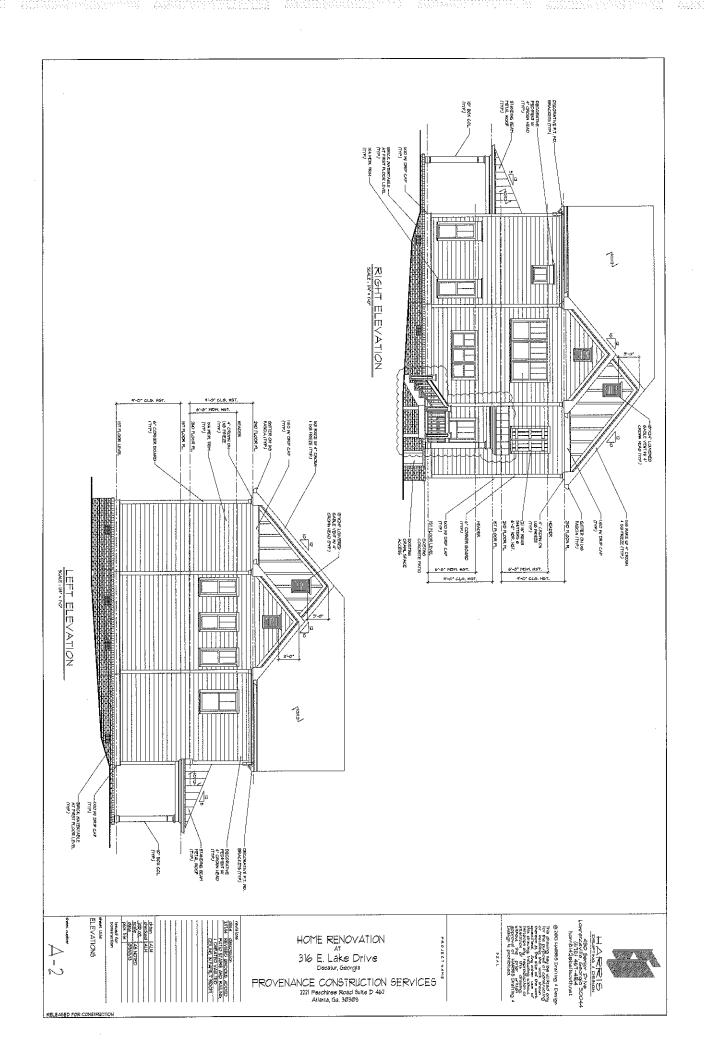
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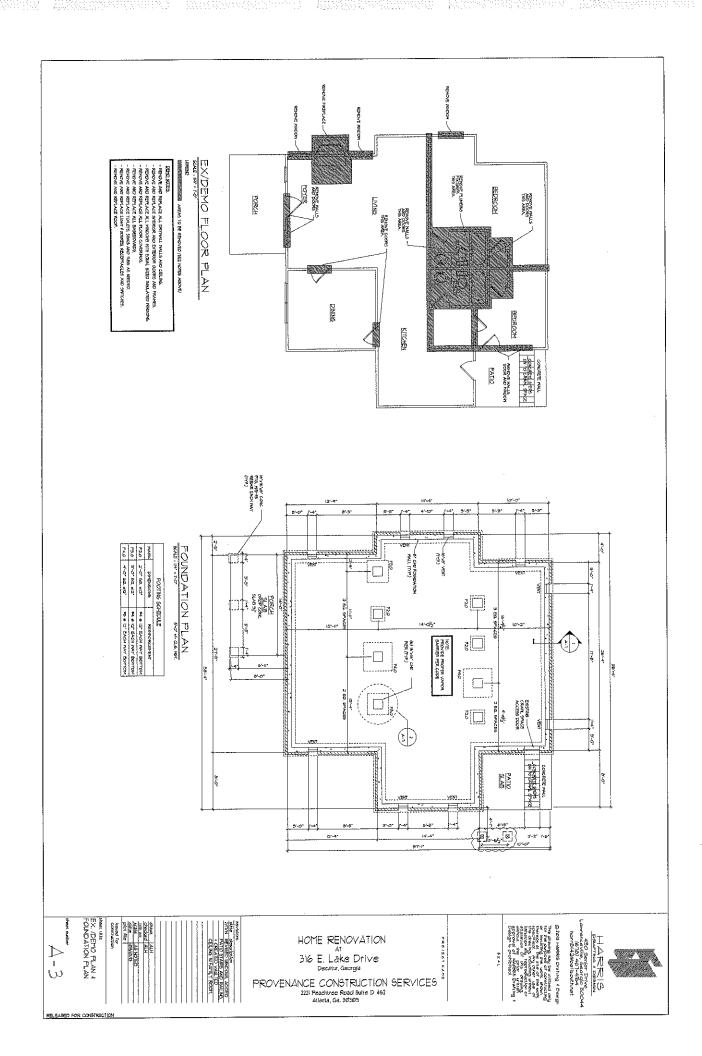
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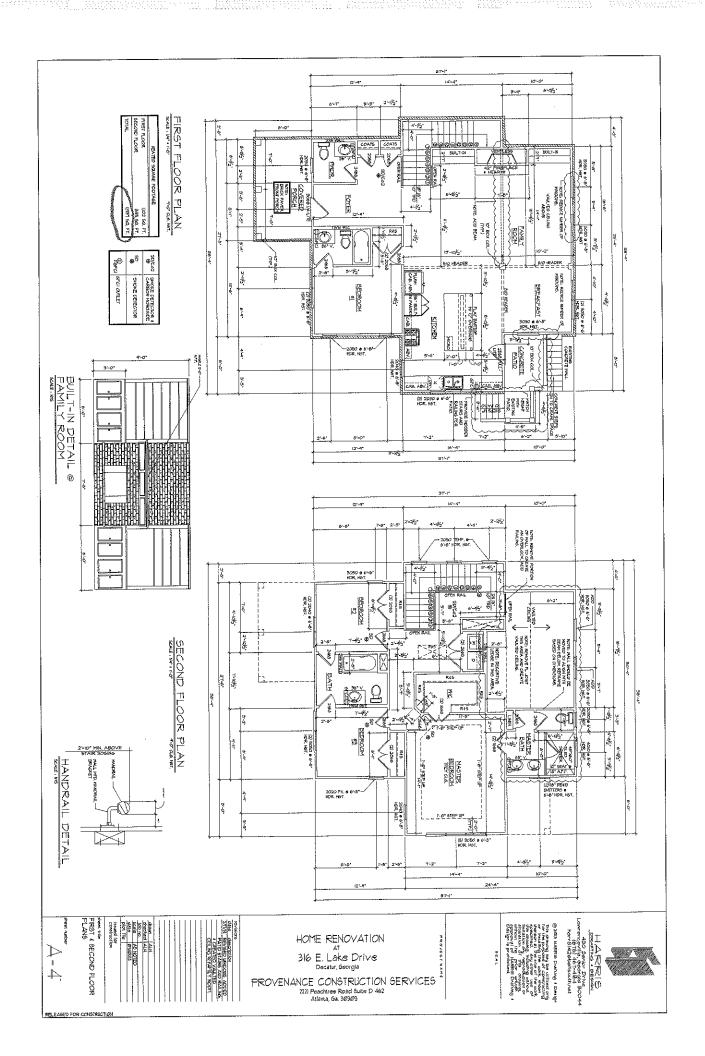
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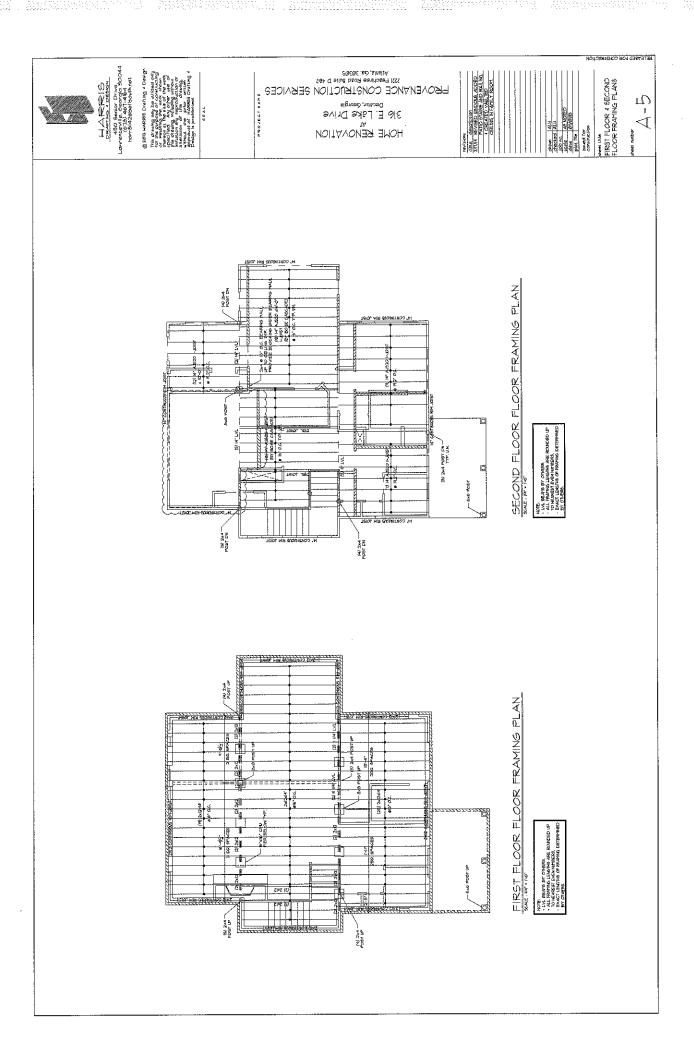
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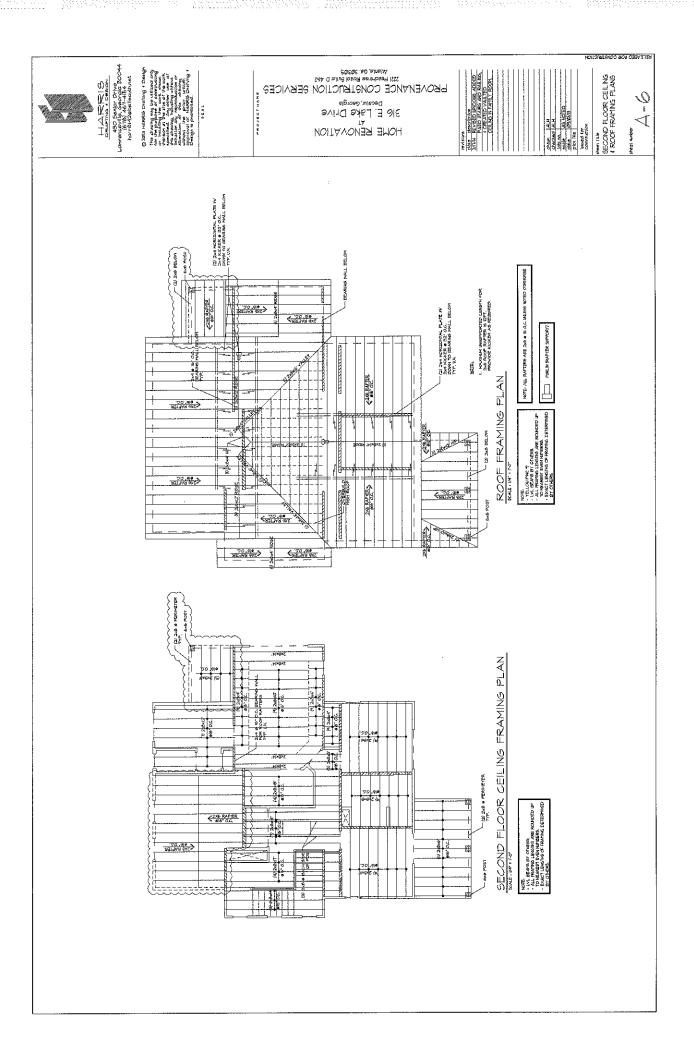


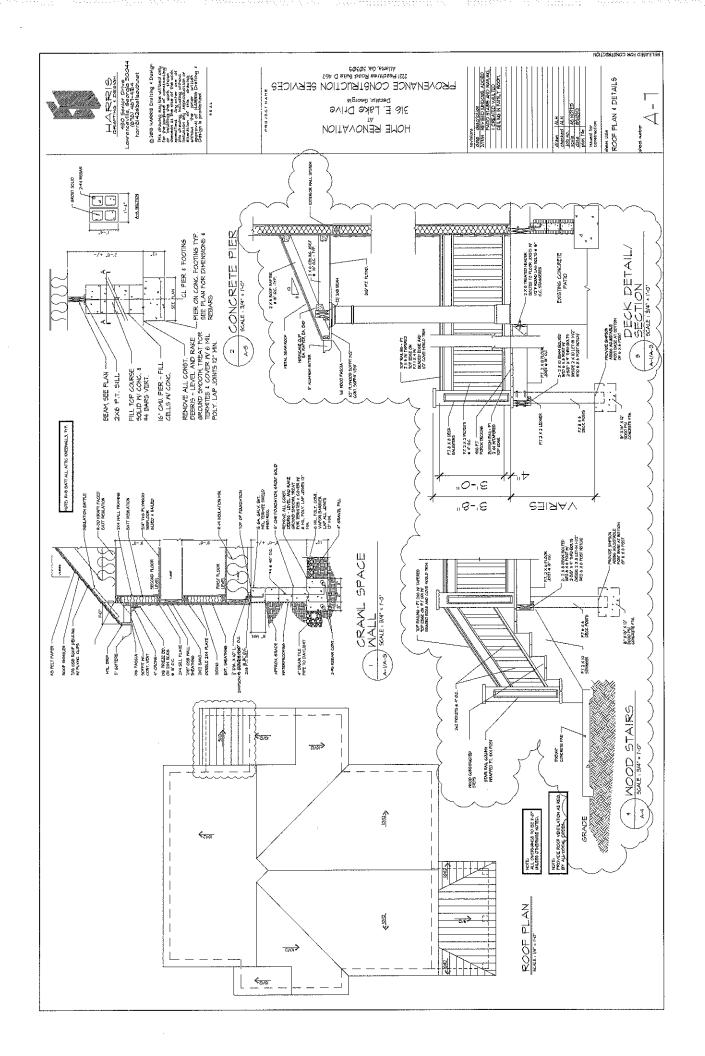












Development Department Staff Report March 2014

Applicant:

Thrive Homes, LLC

Address of Property:

109 Hibernia Avenue

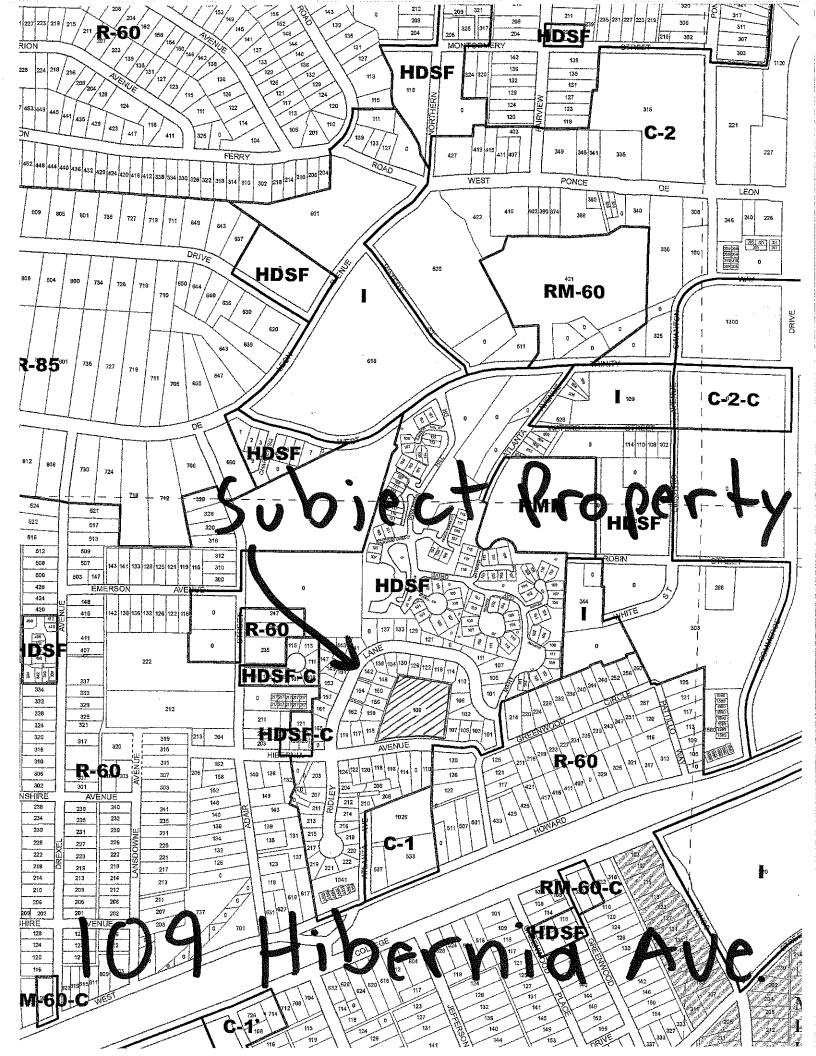
Present Zoning:

High Density Single Family Residential

- 1. Subject property is a 297 foot wide lot in an HDSF zoning district. The property has 68,728.99 square feet of lot area.
- 2. The applicant wishes to construct 20 detached townhomes. Each home would be separated by 10.5 feet. The applicant wishes to build non-masonry walls that have less than a 2 hour fire rating.

Proposed Project	Existing	Proposed	Ordinance
Non-masonry wall	N/A	Non-masonry wall	Masonry wall
between buildings in		assembly less than ten	without openings
HDSF zoning		feet from property line	between buildings
			in HDSF zoning

3. Decatur Zoning Ordinance Section 7.5.4 (3)(2) Fire Safety: ...Walls separating dwelling units shall be masonry walls, and exterior walls shall be masonry walls if such exterior walls are to be on the property line or less than ten feet from the property line. ... Masonry walls shall be constructed to provide a minimum fire rating of two hours. No opening shall be permitted in masonry walls and such walls shall not be loadbearing, unless constructed of a 12-inch, 75-percent solid concrete block or the equivalent.



- properly shaded to screen the windows of habitable rooms from the direct ray of light.
- (8) Landscaping. New plant material shall be added to the development for privacy, shade, beauty of buildings and grounds and to screen out objectionable features.
- Front yard setback. No new development shall be erected closer than 30 feet to the street or streets on which the development is located. Developments on corner or double frontage lots shall provide a front yard setback on each street side. Exceptions to the front yard setback requirement may be approved after public hearing by the planning commission and approval of the city commission, after consideration of the standards described in subsection 10.10.5, standards for exceptions to front yard setback requirements in the HDSF High-Density Single-Family District.
- (10) Rear-yard setback. Developments in HDSF Districts shall have a minimum rear vard of no less than 30 feet where such developments adjoin a R-85 or R-60 Zoning District. No less than 15 feet of the required rear yard shall be preserved as a natural buffer. Exceptions to the rear-vard setback requirement may be approved after public hearing by the planning commission and approval of the city commission, after consideration of the standards described in subsection 10.10.5, standards for exceptions to rear-yard setback requirements in the HDSF High Density Single-Family District.

3. Dwelling unit planning.

- (1) Acoustics. The acceptable standard for acoustics is 50 decibels, dba, for interior walls between dwelling units.
- (2) Fire safety. Each dwelling unit shall be provided with two exits as remote from each other as possible. All exits

shall provide continuous means of egress to the exterior which is accessible to a street or to a common open space leading to a street. Walls separating dwelling units shall be masonry walls, and exterior walls shall be masonry walls if such exterior walls are to be on a property line or less than ten feet from the property line. A separation of any existing building and new construction shall be with a masonry wall or a minimum distance of ten feet of open space. Masonry walls shall be constructed to provide a minimum fire rating of two hours. No opening shall be permitted in masonry walls and such walls shall not be loadbearing, unless constructed of a 12-inch, 75percent solid concrete block or the equivalent.

One fire hydrant shall be located within 500 feet of any dwelling unit inside a development. Hydrants can be located on a public street or on a drive within the development.

- (3) Private exterior area. All dwelling units in HDSF developments shall have at least one private exterior area. The minimum area shall be 150 square feet. Required private exterior areas shall contain no mechanical equipment. Arrangement of private exterior areas shall afford maximum privacy to occupants. A development in an HDSF district with land area of less than 20,000 square feet is not required to provide a common open area. However, an additional private yard area within each individual lot shall be provided. The minimum area of each additional private yard shall be 150 square feet. Such yards shall be distinct and separate yards, but no screening walls shall be required.
- (4) Dwelling entrances. Private and protected entrances shall be provided for each dwelling unit, to include



Application for Variance City of Decatur, Georgia

Please print or type all information

Name of Applicant: THRIVE HOMES, LLC
Address: 500-M AMSTERDAM AVENUE NE
ATLANTA GA 30306
Telephone: 404-474-4814
Name of Property Owner: CAK GROVE HOMES, LLC
Address: 2170 SATELLITE BLUD, SUITE 175
DULUTH, GA 30097
Telephone:
Address of property for which variance is sought:
109 Hibernia Avenue

Fee: Please include a check in the amount of \$100 payable to the City of Decatur.

Attachments: Attach a survey of the property and scale drawings showing existing and proposed improvements. Provide one full-size copy of all plans, as well as one copy of all plans in an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" format. It is helpful to floor plans and elevations of proposed building improvements, as well as a letter of support from adjacent property owners. If the applicant is not the current property owner, provide a notarized authorization for this application from the current property owner.

Please provide the following information. All questions must be answered.

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from?

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7.	Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent
	property, the traffic on the public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety
	and established property values.

SEE ATTACHED.

8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

SEE ATTACHED.

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date: 2/19/14

Oak Grove Homes, LLC Gus Pounds 770-402-7799

February 18, 2014

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter as authorization for Thrive Homes, LLC and/or Adam Stillman of Residential Design to act on our behalf and as our agent for the application of the requisite zoning variance(s) for our property located at 109 Hibernia Avenue Decatur, GA 30030.

This shall include:

- The completion and signing of the zoning variance application(s).
- * Discussions and presentations to the City of Decatur.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to call me at 770-402-7799. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gus Pounds

Oak Grove Homes, LLC

Application for Variance City of Decatur, Georgia

Name of Applicant: Thrive Homes, LLC

Address: 500-M Amsterdam Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30306

Telephone: 404-474-4814

Name of Property Owner: Oak Grove Homes, LLC

Address: 2170 Satellite Boulevard, Suite 175 Duluth, GA 30097

Telephone: 678-474-4601

Address of property for which variance is sought: 109 Hibernia Avenue Decatur, GA 30030

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirements do you wish to vary from?

We are requesting a variance to allow detached townhomes with a minimum of ten feet of open space between structures to be built without 2 hour rated masonry exterior walls.

The code requirement which we wish to vary from is stated in the underlined portion of the City of Decatur Zoning Ordinance, section 7.5.4 (3.2) below:

Fire Safety. Each dwelling shall be provided with two exits as remote from each other as possible. All exits shall provide continuous means of egress to the exterior which is accessible to a street or to a common open space leading to a street. Walls separating dwelling units shall be masonry walls, and exterior walls shall be masonry walls if such exterior walls are to be on a property line or less than ten feet from the property line. A separation of any existing building and new construction shall be with a masonry wall or a minimum distance of ten feet of open space. Masonry walls shall be constructed to provide a minimum fire rating of two hours. No opening shall be permitted in masonry walls and such walls shall not be loadbearing, unless constructed of a 12-inch, 75 percent solid concrete block or the equivalent.

2. What are the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the specific piece of property in question (narrowness, shallowness, shape, or topography)?

The subject property is zoned HDSF and according to the zoning district regulations, each detached townhome is required to have a firewall even if the structures are a minimum of ten feet apart because the above referenced code section places the requirement on the structure as it relates to the property line rather than any adjacent structures. A property line is an invisible line which cannot be harmed or endangered by the spread of fire; however, the distance between two structures can affect the spread of fire.

This is not only inconsistent with the next sentence within the same code section which states, 'A separation of any existing building and new construction shall be with a masonry wall or a minimum of ten feet of open space,' but is also inconsistent with Chapter 18 in the City of Decatur Code of Ordinances as well as the currently adopted International Residential Code Section R302.2 and Table R302.1(1) and the International Building Code Table 602. See these codes section below. The Georgia State Amendments are consistent with the International Residential Code and International Building Code and are attached at the end of this application as a reference.

- □ City of Decatur, Code of Ordinances: Chapter 18, Section 18-56. Adoption.

 Section 3005. Exceptions to restrictions in fire district.
- (10) One and two-family dwelling, HDSF dwelling and townhouses may be of any type of constructions permitted by this code provided that structure are <u>separated</u> by a <u>minimum of ten</u> <u>feet</u> OR are separated by a masonry wall having a two-hour fire resistance rating.
- □ 2012 International Residential Code: Section R302.2 Townhouses.

 Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by fire-resistance-rated wall assemblies meeting the requirements of Section R302.1 for exterior walls.

Section R302.1 Exterior Walls.

Construction, projections, openings and penetrations of exterior walls of dwellings and accessory buildings shall comply with Table R302.1 (1); or dwellings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section P2904 shall comply with Table R302.1(2).

Table R302.1(1) Exterior walls. (Excerpt)

Exter	ior Wall Element	Minimum Fire-Resistance Rating	Minimum Fire Separation Distance
Walls	Fire-resistance rated	1 hour-tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 with exposure from both sides	< 5 feet
	Not Fire-resistance rated	0 hours	≥ 5 feet

Note: The table above does not require exterior walls with a fire separation distance that is greater than or equal to 5 feet to be rated.

□ 2012 International Building Code: Table 602 Fire-Resistance Rating Requirements For Exterior Walls Based On Fire Separation Distance (Excerpt)

Fire Separation	Type of Construction	Occupancy Group A, B,
Distance = X (feet)	Type of Construction	E, F-2, R, S-2, U
10 ≤ X < 30	IIB, VB	0

Note: The detached townhomes will be type VB construction in the Occupancy Group R. The table above states that if the fire separation distance is greater than or equal to 10 feet, then no fire rating is required for the exterior walls.

3. Explain how the application of the zoning ordinance to this specific piece of property results in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties?

We would like to create a community of detached townhomes to provide homeowners with the townhome lifestyle but with the luxuries of a detached single family dwelling which includes opportunities for allowing natural light and ventilation in on all sides of the structure and being detached from your neighbor. The way the zoning code is currently being interpreted, we are required to construct a masonry wall which would not allow for the natural light and ventilation that we seek for each unit.

4. Are the circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question peculiar to the premises? Do they apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity?

The requirement that the townhome structures must be ten feet from a property line for a two hour firewall to not be required applies to this property and other HDSF zoned properties where the property lines are drawn at the exterior walls of the units.

5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.

As previously stated in #3 above, this variance would allow for natural light and ventilation into the detached townhome that the two hour masonry firewall would otherwise not allow for. Providing natural light and ventilation into a home is essential for the health of the occupants and enjoyment of the home and is in good keeping with energy efficiency practices.

6. Did the condition for which the variance is sought result from an action by the applicant?

No.

7. Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent property, the traffic on the public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values.

The granting of this variance will have no impact on the supply of light and air to adjacent properties. It will only have a positive impact on each individual detached townhome as previously stated in #5 above.

The granting of this variance will have no impact on the public streets or public safety, and established property values could only be positively impacted by not having large, blank monolithic firewalls.

We believe and find that the codes support our belief that basing the fire safety on the location of a structure as it relates to the property line is arbitrary and not the intent of the code but it is the distance between structures that impacts fire safety. The various codes stated above support a distance of ten feet between structures to be the safe distance and for the two hour firewall to not be required.

For example, the zoning code section 7.5.4 (3.2) states that separation of any existing building and new construction shall be with a masonry wall OR a minimum distance of ten feet of open space. If ten feet is considered a safe distance between an old and a new building for fire not to spread, then fire is not going to spread differently between two new buildings that are also separated by a minimum of ten feet. Similarly, in R-60 zoning, single family detached homes are allowed to be built as close as five feet from the property line as long as the adjacent structure is also five feet from the property line leaving a ten foot distance between the two structures.

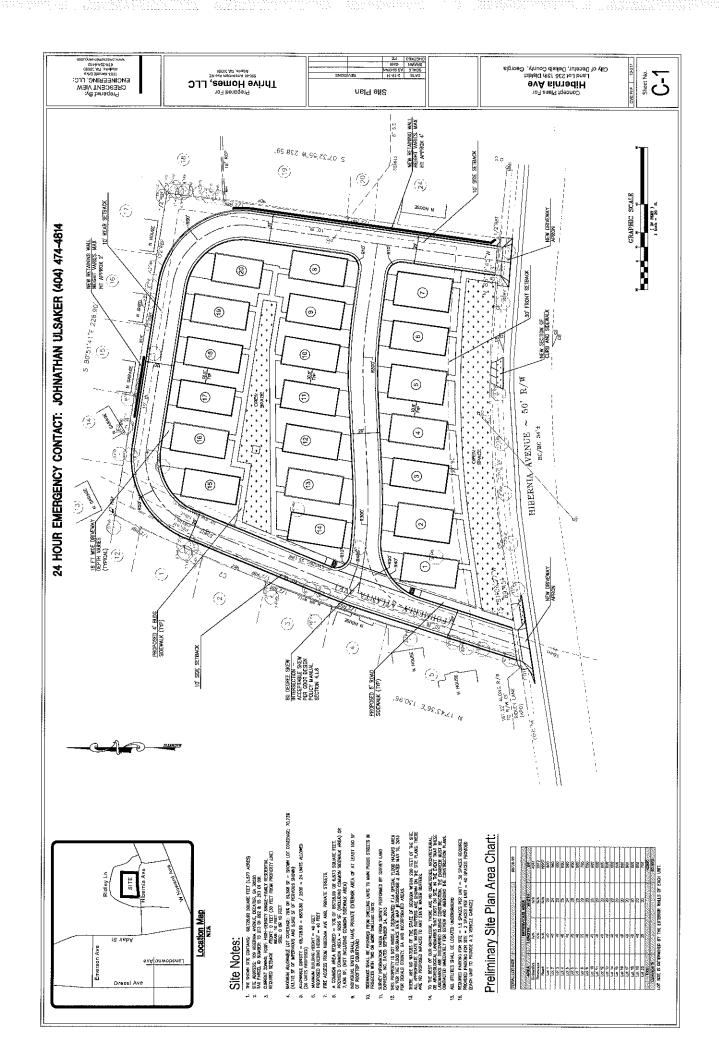
8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

The Decatur land use plan has designated the subject property as HDSF allowing for the detached townhomes we intend to construct. The granting of this variance does not change the look and feel of the area; however, it will serve to improve the quality of life of the future homeowners by providing the natural light and ventilation that any homeowner deserves to receive.

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date: 2/19/14





Georgia State Amendments to the International Building Code

(2012 Edition)



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GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS

CODE REFERENCE:

- (a) Replace all references to the ICC Electrical Code with references to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code (National Electrical Code with Georgia State Amendments).
- (b) Replace all references to the *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)* with references to the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (IECC with Georgia State Supplements and Amendments)*. The *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code* shall be used for efficiency and coefficient of performance ratings of equipment.

APPENDICES:

Appendices are not enforceable unless they are specifically referenced in the body of the code or adopted by the Department of Community Affairs or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

SCOPE:

The provisions of the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code* shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, relocation, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exception #1: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses separated by a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly, not more than three *stories* above *grade plane* in height with a separate *means of egress* and their accessory structures shall comply with the *Georgia State Minimum Standard One and Two Family Dwelling Code* (International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings with Georgia State Amendments).

Exception #2: The following table titled 'Codes Reference Guide' establishes specific primary and supplementary code applications and is to be applied by the authority having jurisdiction.



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Part IV, Energy Conservation (Chapter 11), is deleted from the INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS. Substitute all references to Chapter 11 ENERGY EFFICIENCY with references to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (International Energy Conservation Code with Georgia State Supplements and Amendments).

Part VII, Plumbing (Chapters 25 through 33), is deleted from the INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS. Substitute for plumbing requirements the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code (International Plumbing Code with Georgia State Amendments).

Part VIII, Electrical (Chapters 34 through 43), is deleted from the INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS. Substitute for electrical requirements the Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code (National Electrical Code with any Georgia State Amendments).

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SCOPE:

The provisions of the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings* shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses separated by a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly, not more than three stories above *grade plane* in height with a separate means of egress and their *accessory structures*.

Exceptions:

- 1. Live/work units complying with the requirements of Section 419 of the *International Building Code* shall be permitted to be built as one- and two-family *dwellings* or townhouses. Fire suppression required by Section 419.5 of the *International Building Code* when constructed under the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings* shall conform to NFPA 13D.
- 2. Owner-occupied lodging houses with five or fewer guestrooms shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings* when equipped with a fire sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13D.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The intent of the GA amendments is that fire sprinklers shall not be mandatory in one- and two-family dwellings. However, the provisions of the 2012 Edition of the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings* regarding automatic fire sprinklers are to remain in the Code for use when the builder/developer or owner chooses to install fire sprinklers as an option.

{Ref. O.C.G.A. §8-2-4. Neither the state residential and fire building code nor any residential and fire building code adopted by a political subdivision of the state adopted after May 24, 2010, shall include a requirement that fire sprinklers be installed in a single-family dwelling or a residential building that contains no more than two dwelling units.}

APPENDICES:

Appendices are not enforceable unless they are specifically referenced in the body of the code or adopted by the Department of Community Affairs or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

*Revise the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings, 2012 Edition, as follows:

CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

*Delete Chapter 1 'Scope and Administration' without substitution. Chapter 1 to remain in the Code as a reference and guide for local governments in development of their own *Administrative Procedures*.

(Effective January 1, 2014)

CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

SECTION R202 DEFINITIONS

*Revise Section R202 'Definitions' for "Lodging House" to read as follows:

LODGING HOUSE. A one-family dwelling with 5 or fewer guestrooms, where one or more occupants are primarily permanent in nature, and rent is paid for guestrooms. (Effective January 1, 2014)

*Revise Section R202 'Definitions' for "Townhouse" to read as follows:

TOWNHOUSE (ROW HOUSE). A single-family *dwelling unit* constructed in a group of three or more attached units. Each unit extends from foundation to roof, not more than three stories in height, with a separate means of egress, and with an open space/yard or public way on at least two sides. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building with independent exterior walls and shall be separated by a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly. (Effective January 1, 2014)

CHAPTER 3 BUILDING PLANNING

SECTION R302 FIRE-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION

*Revise Section R302.1 'Exterior walls' to read as follows:

R302.1 Exterior walls. Construction, projections, openings and penetrations of *exterior walls* of *dwellings* and accessory buildings shall comply with Table R302.1(1); or *dwellings* equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with NFPA 13D shall comply with Table R302.1(2).

(Existing exceptions to remain as written).

(Effective January 1, 2014)

*Revise Section R302.2 'Townhouses' exception to read as follows:

R302.2 Townhouses. Each *townhouse* shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by fire-resistance-rated wall assemblies meeting the requirements of Section R302.1 for exterior walls.

Exception: A common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses, if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code (NEC). Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

(Effective January 1, 2014)

Development Department Staff Report March 2014

Applicant:

Chris Spencer

Address of Property:

126 Emerson Avenue

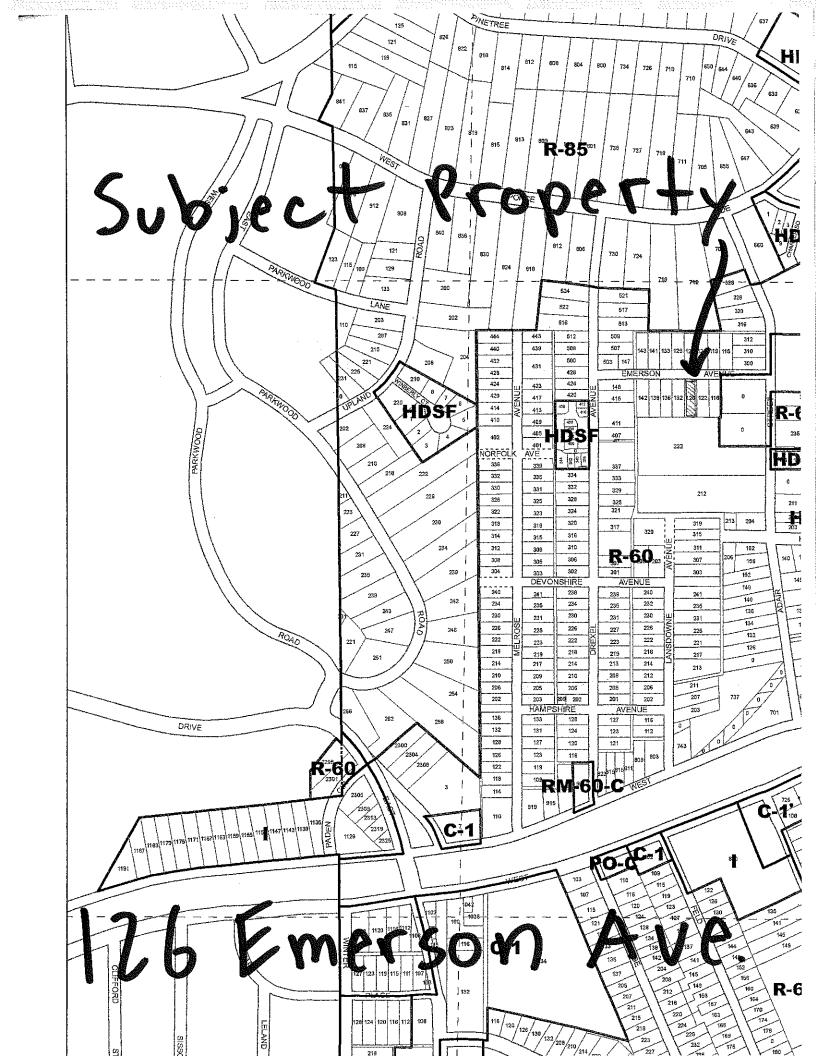
Present Zoning:

R-60 – Single Family Residential

- 1. Subject property is a 50 foot wide lot developed with a single-family dwelling. The property has 7,833 square feet of lot area.
- 2. The applicant received a building permit for a renovation of the structure at 126 Emerson Avenue in December of 2013. A building inspection revealed that the renovation had become new construction due to an expanded scope of work. The side setback and front setback of the previous house was nonconforming. The applicant wishes to keep the nonconforming setbacks.

Variances Needed for Proposed Project	Existing	Proposed	Ordinance
Minimum Side Yard Requirements	1.6 feet	1.6 feet	10 feet
Minimum Front Yard Requirements	26 feet	26 feet	30 feet

- 3. Where a lot of record in an R-60 zoning district at the time of the effective date of this ordinance had less than the required minimum lot width, one of the minimum required side yards may be reduced by one-half foot for each one foot that the lot width is less than 60 feet, under the following conditions:
- a. There is a minimum distance of ten feet between the dwelling and the principal building on the property adjacent to the reduced side yard.
- b. No side yard may be reduced below a minimum of five feet.
- 4. The required front yard in the R-60 zoning district is 30 feet. However, where a block has been developed with dwellings that do not comply with this requirement, the minimum front yard of an individual property is determined by "line drawn between the two closest front corners of the adjacent buildings".
- 5. The proposed project will meet the 40% floor area and lot coverage limits for the site. This site is allowed 3,539 square feet or 45% lot coverage.





Application for Variance City of Decatur, Georgia

Please print or type all information
Name of Applicant: Chars Spencer Spencer Love Homes W
Address: 505 Hames Rd
Marcha 64 30060
Telephone: 678-918-4599
Name of Property Owner: Spencer Lase Partners LLC
Address: 505 Hanes Rel
Marsella aA 30060
Telephone: 678-918. 4599
Address of property for which variance is sought:
126 Emerson Ave
TO DE COMMENT OF THE PROPERTY

Fee: Please include a check in the amount of \$100 payable to the City of Decatur.

Attachments: Attach a survey of the property and scale drawings showing existing and proposed improvements. Provide one full-size copy of all plans, as well as one copy of all plans in an 8½" x 11" format. It is helpful to have floor plans and elevations of proposed building improvements, as well as a letter of support from adjacent property owners. If the applicant is not the current property owner, provide a notarized authorization for this application from the current property owner.

Please provide the following information. All questions must be answered.

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from? Project storted out of renovation. There we note that I the walks which needed to be replaced which turned project into new construction.

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- 2. What are the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the specific piece of property in question (narrowness, shallowness, shape or topography)?

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5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.

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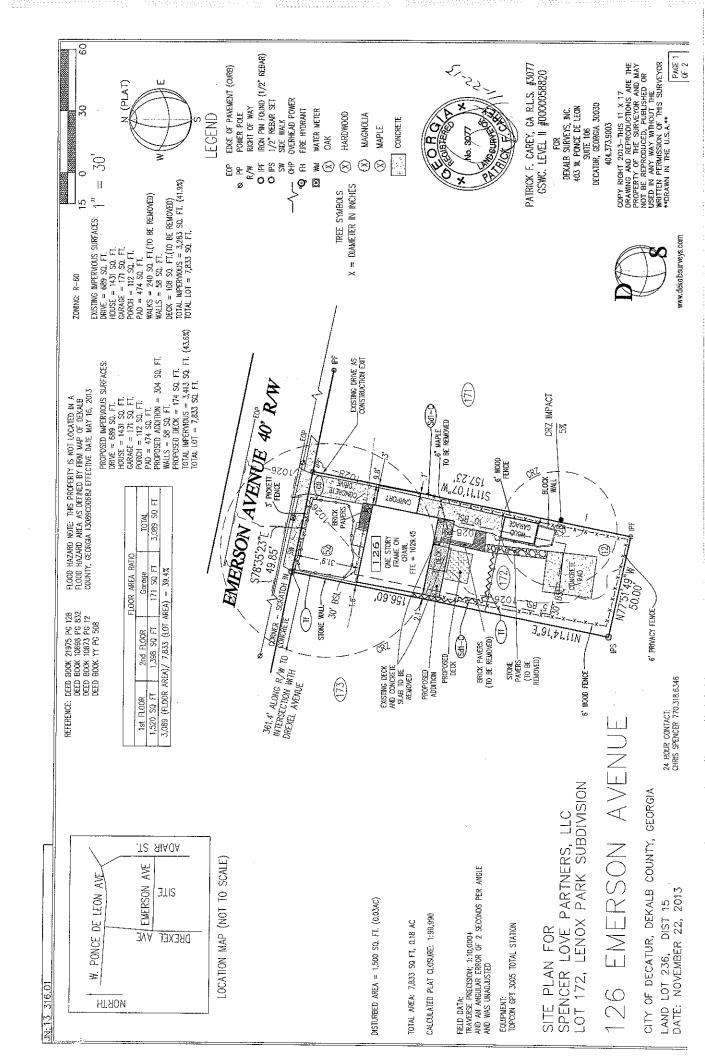
8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

Variance will allow how to comply to original permitted plan

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date: 2 - 19 - 19



* 10.5.9. Where a lot of record in an R-60 zoning district at the time of the effective date of this ordinance [ord. No. 0-07-Z-15] had less than the required minimum lot width, on of the minimum required side yards may be reduced by on-half foot for each on foot that the lot width is less than 60 feet, under the following conditional:

a. There is a minimum distance of ten feet between the dwelling and the prinicpal building on the property adjacent to the reduced side yard.
 b. No side yard may be reduced below a minimum of five feet.

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**10.5.8. For a property with an existing single-family dwelling which does not meet the present minimum side yard requirement, the zoning administrator is authorized to allow the enlargement or extension of the dwelling under the following conditions: a. The enlargement or extension does not encroach in the side yard to any greater degree than the existing dwelling.

b. The enlargement or extension does not encroach into any required front or rear yard.

c. There is a minimum distance or ten feet between the dwelling and the principal building on the adjacent

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CONTACT DECATUR DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (404,316,3546) TO ARRANGE A PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY TREE CONSULTANT PRIOR TO ANY LAND DISTURBANCE

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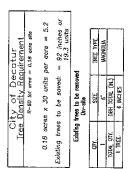
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DECATUR, GEORGIA 30030

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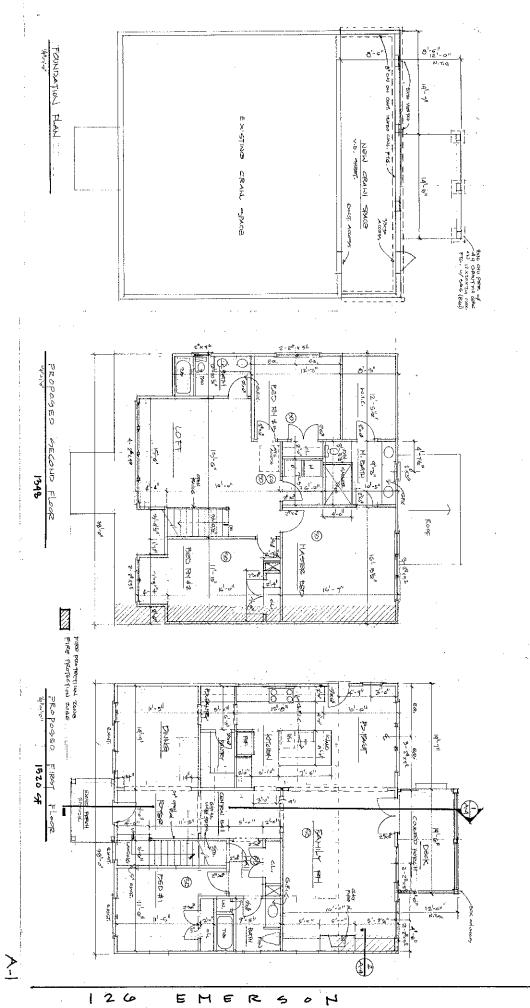
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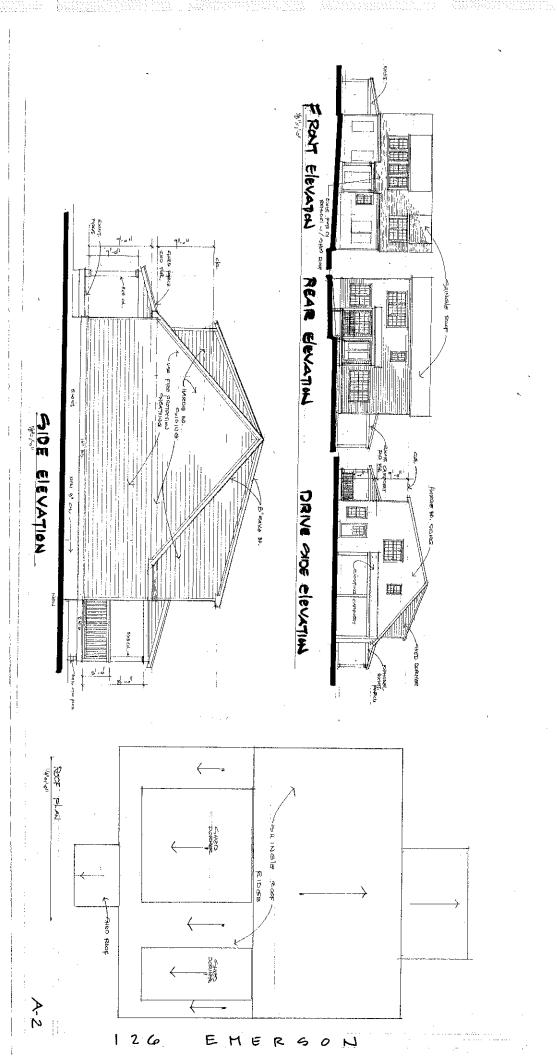
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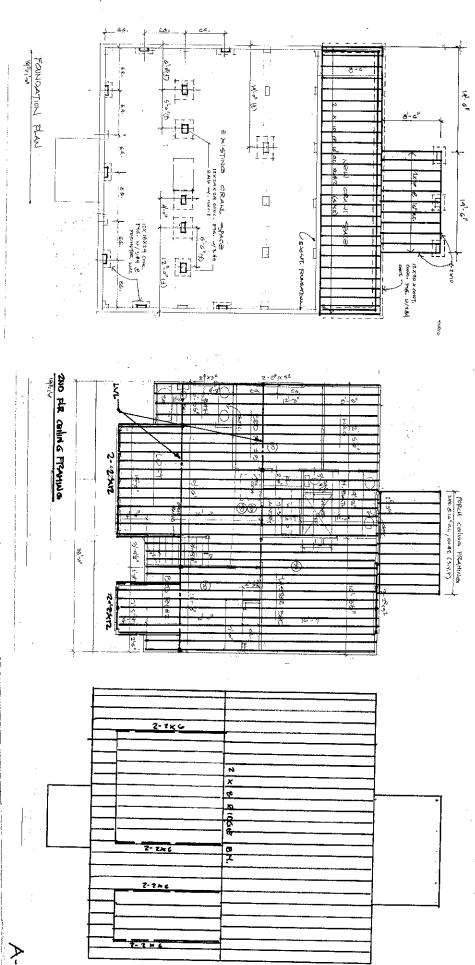
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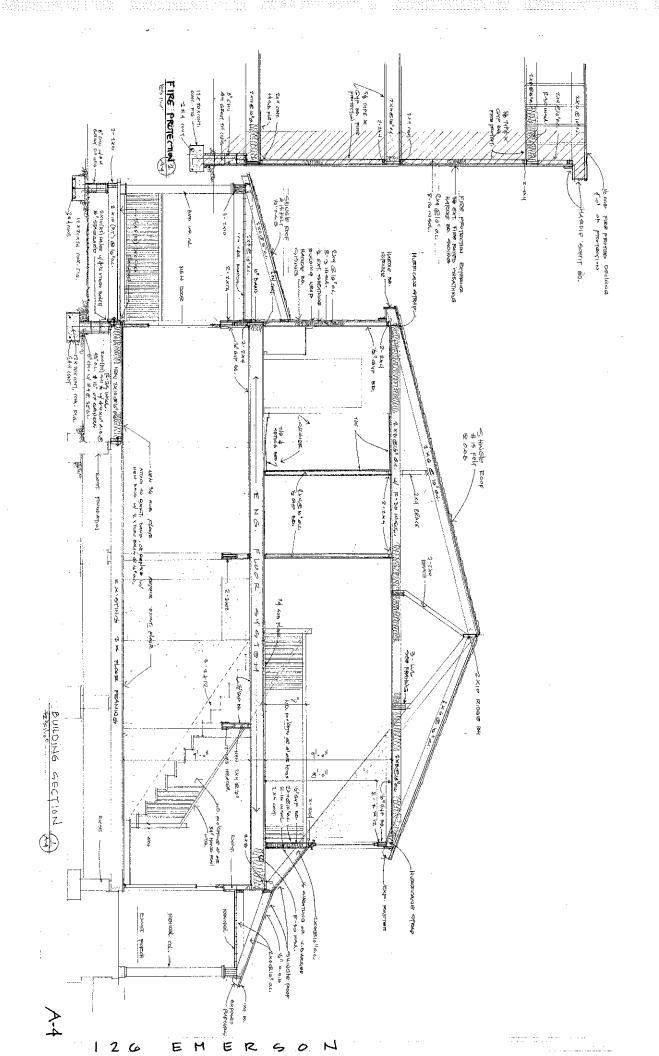


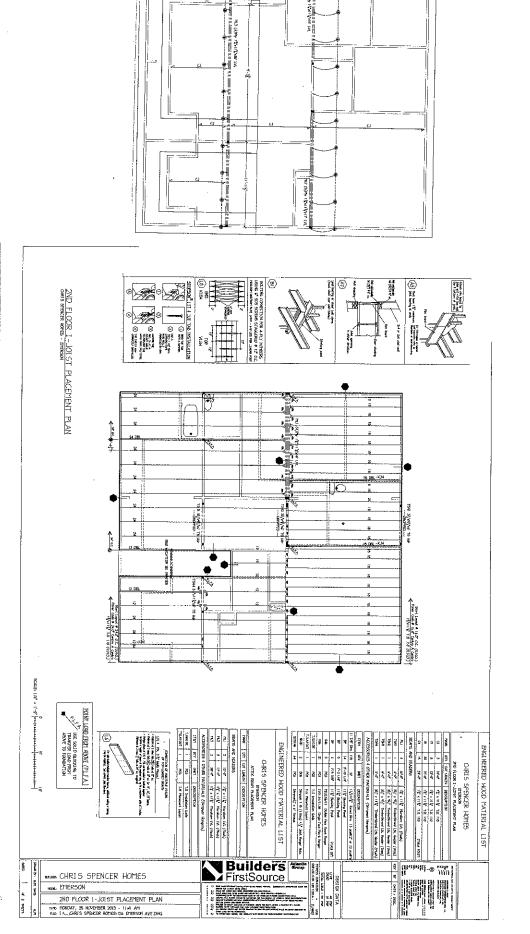
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Development Department Staff Report March 2014

Applicant:

Andrew and Shelley Hammond

Address of Property:

133 Barry Street

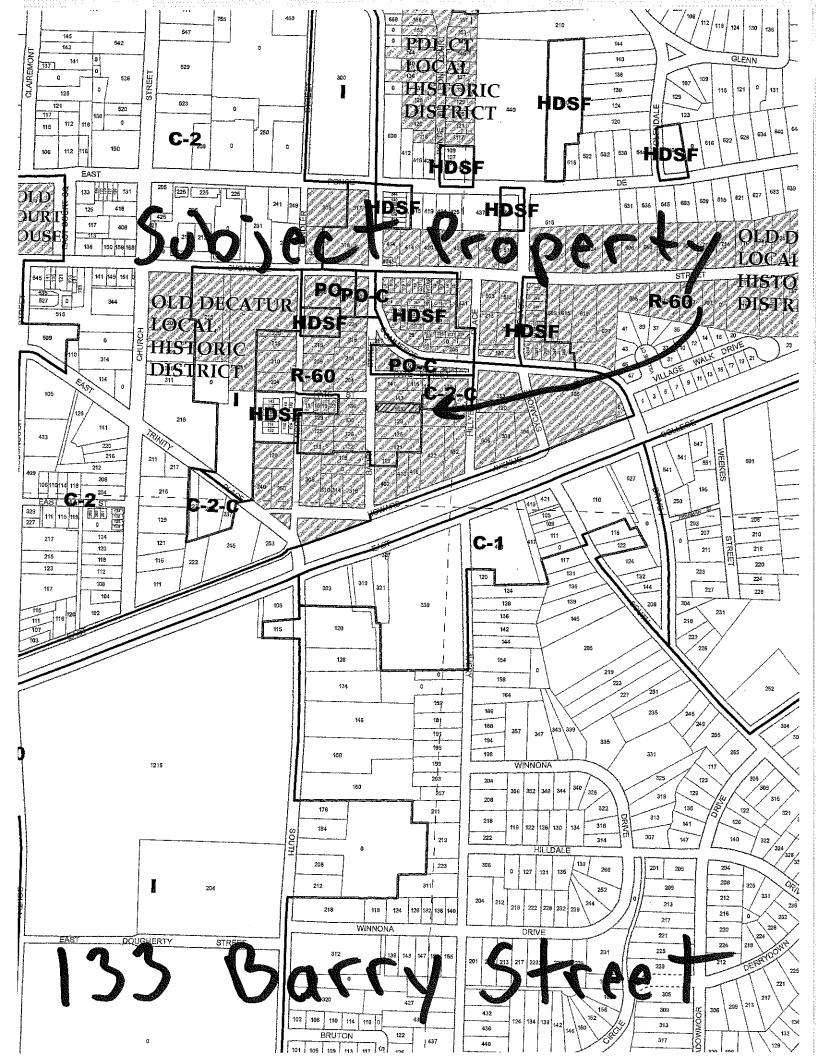
Present Zoning:

R-60 – Single Family Residential

- 1. Subject property is a 50 foot wide lot with 9,643 square feet of lot area.
- 2. The applicant wishes to add an addition onto the rear of the existing house. The new addition will be less than ten feet from an adjacent principle structure on an adjacent lot.

Variances Needed for Proposed Project	Existing	Proposed	Ordinance
Minimum Side Yard Requirements	1 foot side yard	1.6 foot side yard	6 feet

- 3. Where a lot of record in an R-60 zoning district at the time of the effective date of this ordinance had less than the required minimum lot width, one of the minimum required side yards may be reduced by one-half foot for each one foot that the lot width is less than 60 feet, under the following conditions:
 - a. There is a minimum distance of ten feet between the dwelling and the principal building on the property adjacent to the reduced side yard.
 - b. No side yard may be reduced below a minimum of five feet.
- 4. The proposed project will meet the 40% floor area limits for the site.
- 5. Lot coverage is currently 53.9% for the site. The proposed addition and site modifications will result in a reduction of lot coverage to 52.6%. Sites are grandfathered at their existing lot coverage as long as they do not exceed the existing coverage.





Application for Variance City of Decatur, Georgia

Please print or type all information

Name of Applicant: Andrew & Shelley Hammond
Address: 133 Barry St
Decatur, Georgia 30030
Telephone: (404) 290-5327
Name of Property Owner: Andrew & Shelley Hammond
Address: 133 Barry St
Decatur, Georgia 30030
Telephone: (404) 290-5327
Address of property for which variance is sought:
133 Barry St, Decatur, Georgia 30030

Fee: Please include a check in the amount of \$100 payable to the City of Decatur.

Attachments: Attach a survey of the property and scale drawings showing existing and proposed improvements. Provide one full-size copy of all plans, as well as one copy of all plans in an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" format. It is helpful to floor plans and elevations of proposed building improvements, as well as a letter of support from adjacent property owners. If the applicant is not the current property owner, provide a notarized authorization for this application from the current property owner.

Please provide the following information. All questions must be answered.

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from?

SEE ATTACHED

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from?

A variance from the minimum side yard requirements is being requested. We are seeking a reduction of not more than 4'-0" from the required 10'-0" minimum distance between dwellings. See Section 10.5.8.c of the City of Decatur Code of Ordinances below.

Decatur, Georgia, Code of Ordinances >> PART III - CODE OF ORDINANCES >> APPENDIX A - ZONING >> ARTICLE X. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS >> SECTION 10.5. GENERAL YARD MODIFICATIONS.

10.5.8. For a property with an existing single-family dwelling which does not meet the present minimum side yard requirement, the zoning administrator is authorized to allow the enlargement or extension of the dwelling under the following conditions:

- a. The enlargement or extension does not encroach in the side yard to any greater degree than the existing dwelling.
- b. The enlargement or extension does not encroach into any required front or rear yard.
- c. There is a minimum distance of ten feet between the dwelling and the principal building on the adjacent property.
- 2. What are the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the specific piece of property in question (narrowness, shallowness, shape or topography)?

Our property is a narrow, nonconforming R-60 lot with the dwelling situated to the north side of the property (where the minimum side yard variance is being requested) due to the original placement of the dwelling and an existing joint driveway (Dekalb County, Georgia; Deed Book 9534 Page 372) on the south side of the property.

3. Explain how the application of the zoning ordinance to this specific piece of property results in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties?

Our house was originally placed 1.6 feet from the northern property and the adjacent dwelling (to the north) was originally placed 4.4 feet from the property line (providing a total separation of 6 feet) and our lot is narrow (nonconforming R-60) with a joint driveway on the south side. Therefore, designing a rear single story addition that is both in harmony with and complimentary to the existing dwelling, and adjacent dwellings, and that maximizes usable living space poses significant and costly challenges if we are not able to extend the home in line with the existing side yard setback.

4. Are the circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question peculiar to the premises? Do they apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity?

The specific circumstances and conditions of our land and dwelling do not generally apply to the properties in the vicinity. Other properties on our street are nonconforming R-60 and some have joint driveways, but similar narrow side yard circumstances generally do not exist.

5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.

We moved to the City of Decatur ten years ago for many reasons, including the quality of the school system and City services, the "small town" feel and involved community, and the proximity to our workplaces and aging family. We chose the Old Decatur neighborhood because we wanted to be a part of this particular community, with pedestrian access to downtown Decatur, MARTA services, parks, the library and recreational center, and the elementary school. The house was originally built with only one central room (20' x 21') that acts as a combined kitchen, dining, and family/living room, with almost no storage space, and with the master bedroom and 2nd bathroom opening directly into the this area. We are therefore not able to take full advantage of our property- and enjoy enough room for our growing family- under this current configuration.

Granting of this variance will allow us expand our house and create needed useable living space to accommodate our growing family in a manner that is consistent with the existing structure, existing side yard setbacks, and in harmony with the adjoining dwellings and their rear setbacks'. This variance will also allow us to expand our home without negatively affecting the existing joint driveway agreement and off street parking and in a way that will reduce our current impervious lot coverage.

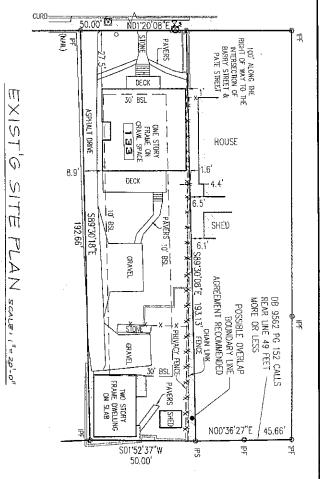
Due to the current position of the house on the property, the existing floor plan and roof structure of our home, and the existence of the joint driveway on the south side of the property, the design and layout of a rear addition that would not require a side yard variance (and that would not impact the joint driveway agreement and ingress and egress of vehicles) would not be in harmony with the existing dwelling or the adjacent dwellings, would require significant reconfiguration of our current floor plan, and would require significant reconfiguration of the existing landscape and hardscape that would most likely result in the reduction of off street parking.

6. Did the condition for which the variance is sought result from an action by the applicant?

No. Our home has been in place for >100 years and the principal building on the adjacent property (to the north) has been in place for >75 years, therefore the existing north side yard setback was in place before the current zoning ordinances were enacted.

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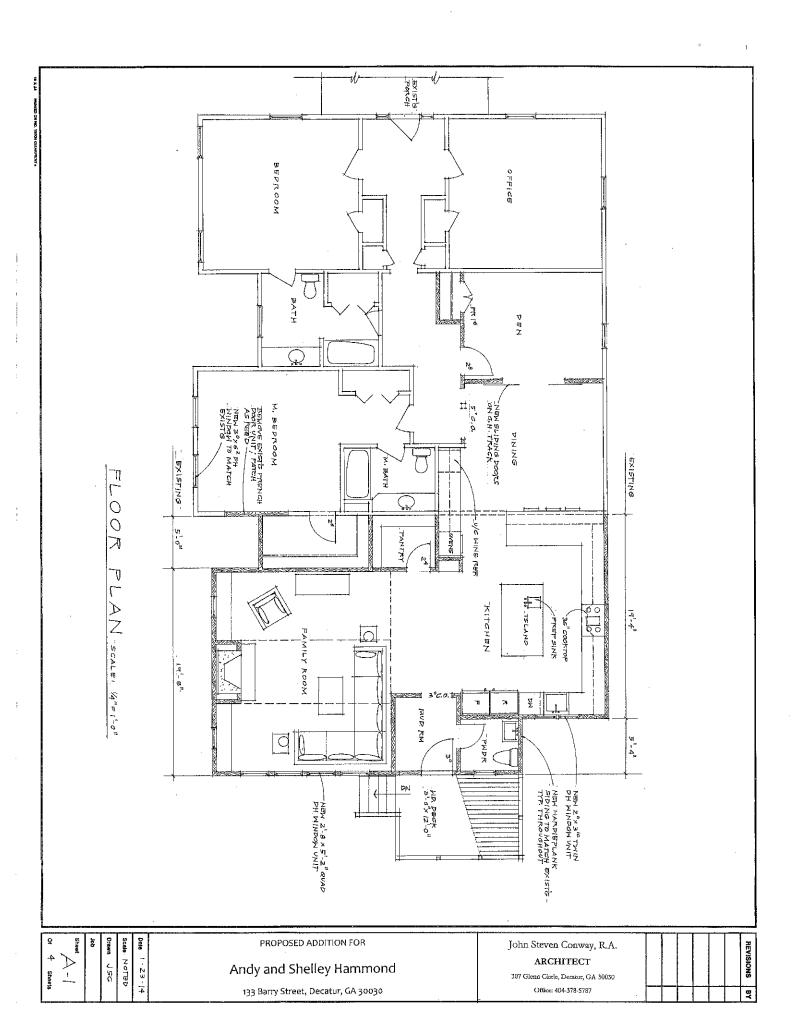
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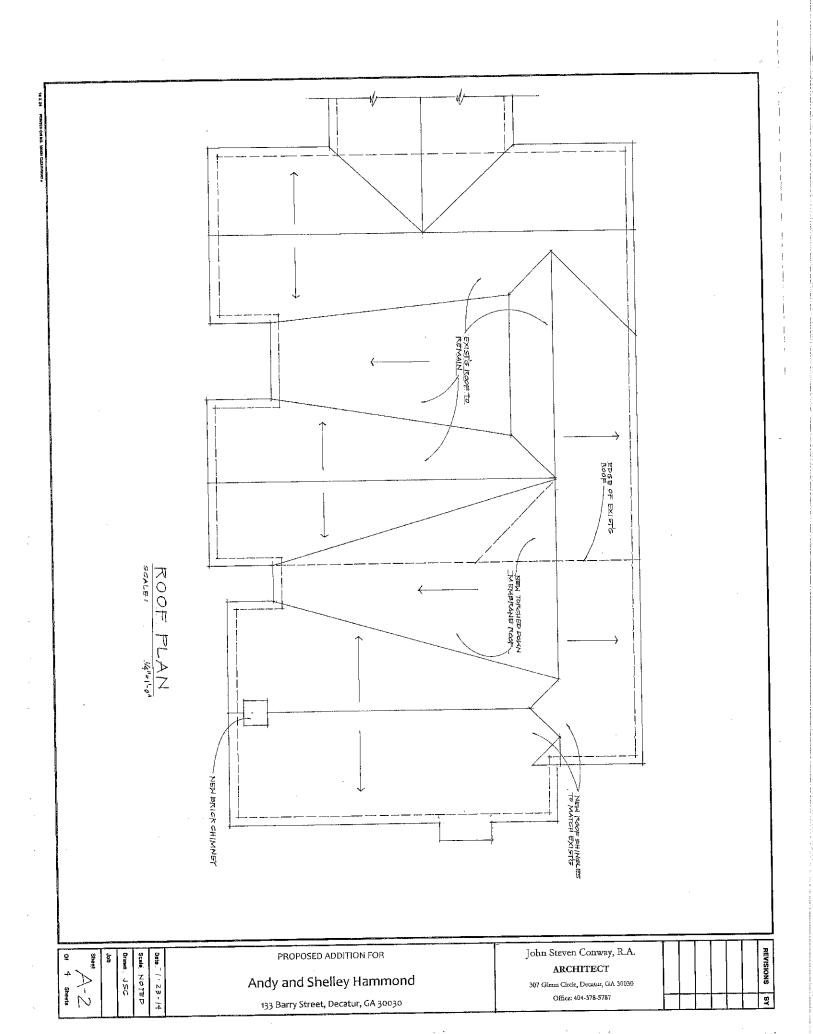
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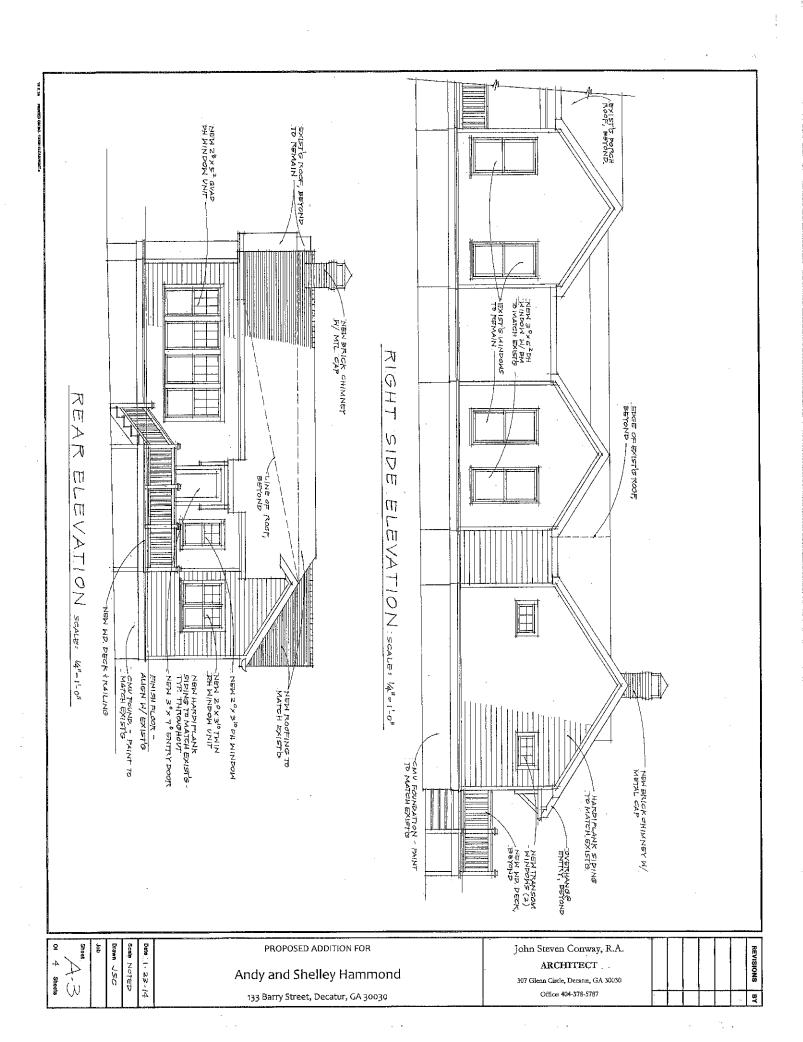
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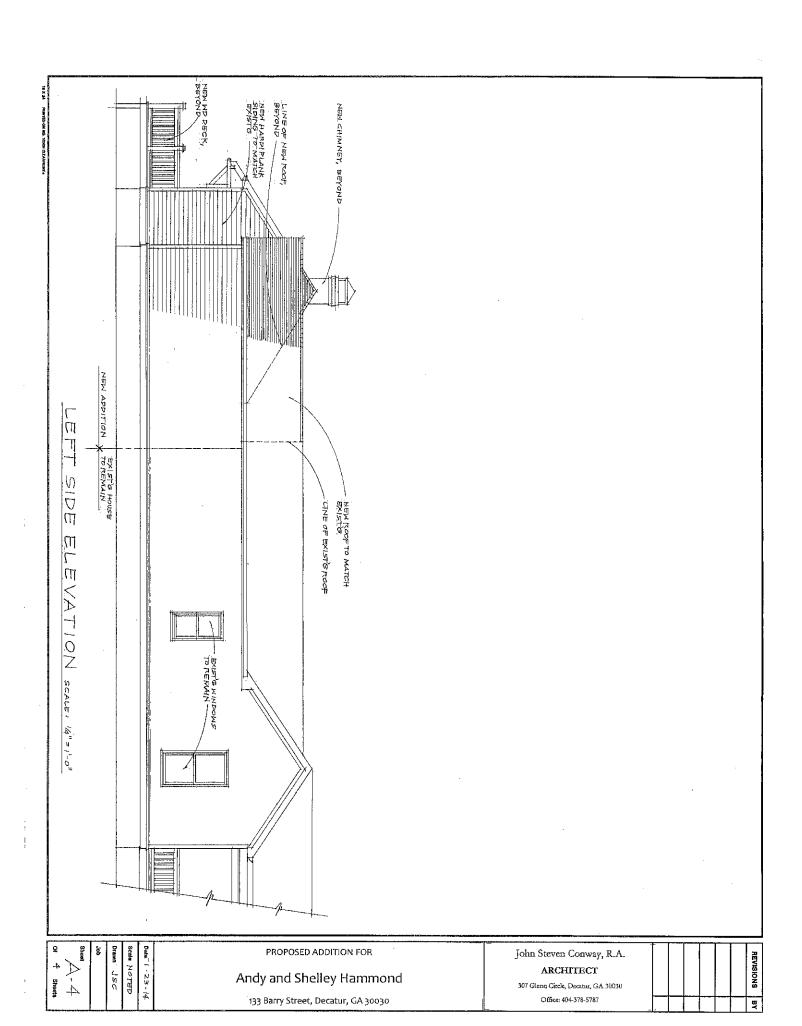
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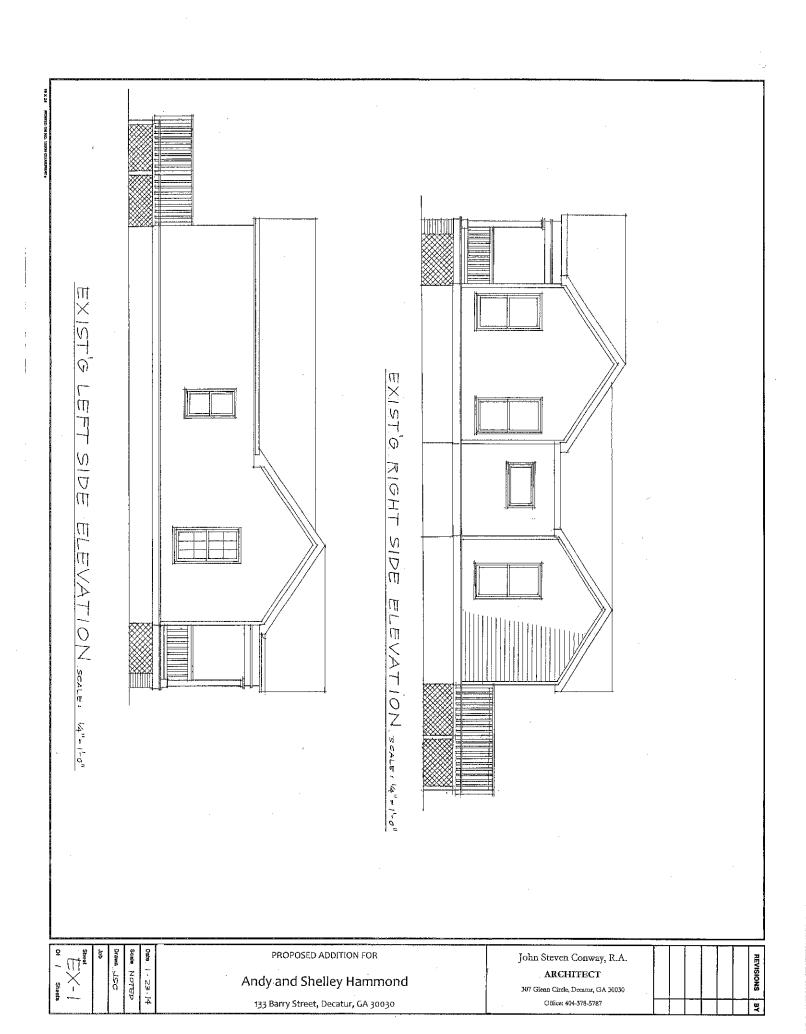
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7. Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent property, the traffic on the public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values.

The rear, single story addition will have a negligible effect on the supply of light and air to the adjacent property (there is an existing eight foot privacy fence between our property and the adjacent property to the north and the roof ridge of the proposed addition is within inches of the existing ridge heights). There will be no effect on the danger of fire and public safety. The addition will likely have a positive impact on property values. The addition and overall site plan have also been designed to ensure that all existing off street parking (3 vehicles) will be maintained and that the existing joint driveway agreement (Dekalb County, Georgia; Deed Book 9534 Page 372) will not be violated. This will ensure that traffic and parking on public streets will not be affected by this addition.

8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

Granting a variance recognizes the unique circumstances of many older homes in the vicinity and in similar neighborhoods within the City of Decatur (nonconforming R-60 lots, narrowness of lots and side yards, nonstandard positioning of dwellings on lots, and joint driveways); recognizes that many structures were built or modified under previous zoning requirements (or an absence of zoning requirements); and recognizes the need for flexibility in applying zoning requirements to the enlargement or extension of existing dwellings. The granting of this variance will allow us to build a rear addition that is architecturally appropriate for the existing dwelling and in harmony with the size, scale, design, and rear setbacks of the adjoining principal buildings. This will help maintain (and enhance) Decatur's "small town character" and "the individual character and identity of established neighborhoods" while avoiding "haphazard" and "random" development. The proposed rear addition represents a significant financial investment into our house as well as an enhancement to the exterior aesthetics and usability of our home. As such, this project represents an investment in the neighborhood and the City of Decatur as a whole.

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant
Signature of Applicant

Date: 2/17/2014

RE: 133 Barry St, Decatur, Georgia – variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the proposed rear expansion of the home

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

This letter and my signature below confirm that Andy & Shelley Hammond have met with me to review their plans to build a single story addition off the rear of their residence at 133 Barry St Decatur, Georgia 30030 and my understanding that they are seeking a variance from the City of Decatur, Georgia to do so. They are seeking a variance of 4 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 6.5 feet, and a variance of 1.9 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 5.5 feet. I live immediately to the left (northern) side of their property at 143 Barry St Decatur, GA 30030 and have resided at this address for approximately 60 years.

I have also been informed of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where their application will be reviewed:

Monday, March 10th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

I fully support Andy & Shelley Hammond's request for the variance referenced above, and to the extent necessary grant the City of Decatur, Georgia permission to allow Andy & Shelley Hammond the variance. I have provided this support voluntarily and prior to signing this letter was provided the opportunity to carefully review it and freely make any corrections and/or additions.

Sincerely,

Charles King (adjacent property owner)

143 Barry St

RE: 133 Barry St, Decatur, Georgia – variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the proposed rear expansion of the home

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

This letter and my signature below confirm that Andy & Shelley Hammond have met with me to review their plans to build a single story addition off the rear of their residence at 133 Barry St Decatur, Georgia 30030 and my understanding that they are seeking a variance from the City of Decatur, Georgia to do so. They are seeking a variance of 4 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 6.5 feet, and a variance of 1.9 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 5.5 feet. I live immediately to the right (southern) side of their property at 129 Barry St Decatur, GA 30030 and have resided at this address for approximately 17 years.

I have also been informed of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where their application will be reviewed:

Monday, March 10th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

I fully support Andy & Shelley Hammond's request for the variance referenced above, and to the extent necessary grant the City of Decatur, Georgia permission to allow Andy & Shelley Hammond the variance. I have provided this support voluntarily and prior to signing this letter was provided the opportunity to carefully review it and freely make any corrections and/or additions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan & Lisa Rembert (adjacent property owners)

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129 Barry St

RE: 133 Barry St, Decatur, Georgia – variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the proposed rear expansion of the home

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

This letter and my signature below confirm that Andy & Shelley Hammond have met with me to review their plans to build a single story addition off the rear of their residence at 133 Barry St Decatur, Georgia 30030 and my understanding that they are seeking a variance from the City of Decatur, Georgia to do so. They are seeking a variance of 4 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 6.5 feet, and a variance of 1.9 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 5.5 feet. I live directly across the street (to the west) from their property at 136 Barry St Decatur, GA 30030 and have resided at this address for approximately 2 years.

I have also been informed of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where their application will be reviewed:

Monday, March 10th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

I fully support Andy & Shelley Hammond's request for the variance referenced above, and to the extent necessary grant the City of Decatur, Georgia permission to allow Andy & Shelley Hammond the variance. I have provided this support voluntarily and prior to signing this letter was provided the opportunity to carefully review it and freely make any corrections and/or additions.

Sincerely,

Emily Takieddine

136 Barry St

RE: 133 Barry St, Decatur, Georgia – variance from the minimum side yard requirements for the proposed rear expansion of the home

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

This letter and my signature below confirm that Andy & Shelley Hammond have met with me to review their plans to build a single story addition off the rear of their residence at 133 Barry St Decatur, Georgia 30030 and my understanding that they are seeking a variance from the City of Decatur, Georgia to do so. They are seeking a variance of 4 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 6.5 feet, and a variance of 1.9 feet from the left (northern) side of their property line, for a distance of approximately 5.5 feet. I live across the street (to the west) from their property at 130 Barry St Decatur, GA 30030 and have resided at this address for approximately 7 years.

I have also been informed of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where their application will be reviewed:

Monday, March 10th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

I fully support Andy & Shelley Hammond's request for the variance referenced above, and to the extent necessary grant the City of Decatur, Georgia permission to allow Andy & Shelley Hammond the variance. I have provided this support voluntarily and prior to signing this letter was provided the opportunity to carefully review it and freely make any corrections and/or additions.

Sincerely

James Matthews and Jaine Perlman

130 Barry St

Development Department Staff Report March 2014

Applicant:

Alan Corey

Address of Property:

538 East Lake Drive

Present Zoning:

R-60 – Single Family Residential

1. Subject property is a 60 foot wide lot with 8,406 square feet of lot area.

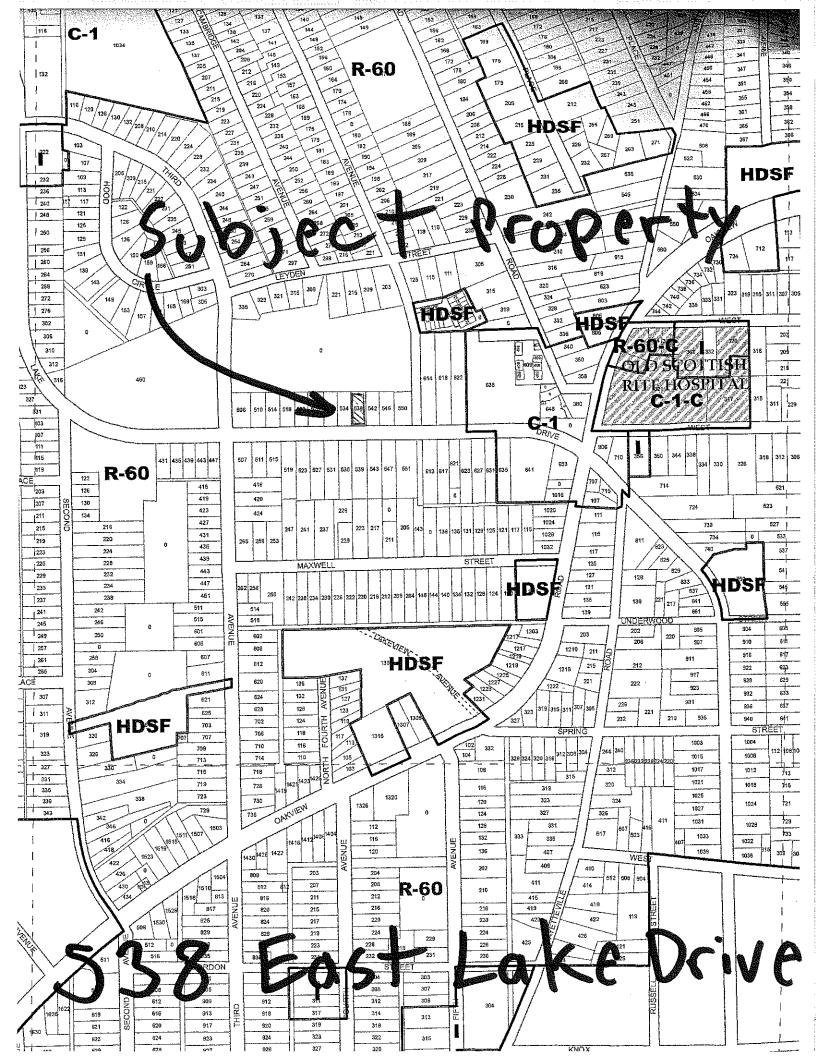
2. The applicant wishes to add a second story onto a one-story accessory building located 1.5 feet and 3 feet from the property lines. This is part of a larger project that includes the renovation of the existing house and site. The existing garage is 537 square feet and the second story will add 352 square feet for a total of 889 square feet.

Proposed Project	Existing	Proposed	Ordinance
Nonconforming	One-story accessory	Two-story accessory	Maximum 25 foot
Accessory Building	building 1.5 feet and	building 1.5 feet and 3	accessory building
	3 feet from the	feet from the property	minimum 10 feet
	property lines	lines	from property lines

2. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1,000 square feet of total floor area, including garages and other enclosed storage areas. Such buildings shall not exceed 25 feet in height and 2 stories. Wall height shall not exceed 16 feet with pitched roofs or 18 feet with shed or butterfly roofs for two stories. Wall height shall not exceed 10 feet with pitched roofs or 12 feet with shed or butterfly roofs for 1 story. One-story accessory buildings shall not exceed 16 feet in height. Setbacks for accessory buildings are 3 feet if 1 story and 10 feet if two stories.

The applicant proposes a maximum building height of 23 feet.

4. The proposed project will meet the 40% floor area and lot coverage limits for the site.





Application for Variance City of Decatur, Georgia

Please print or type all information

Fee: Please include a check in the amount of \$100 payable to the City of Decatur.

Attachments: Attach a survey of the property and scale drawings showing existing and proposed improvements. Provide one full-size copy of all plans, as well as one copy of all plans in an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" format. It is helpful to have floor plans and elevations of proposed building improvements, as well as a letter of support from adjacent property owners. If the applicant is not the current property owner, provide a notarized authorization for this application from the current property owner.

Please provide the following information. All questions must be answered.

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from?

2. What are the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the specific piece of property in question (narrowness, shallowness, shape or topography)?

the Existing structure to park one care, we would add one to the Right side of the Existing structure (and From the Names set back line) they add a small 3005/1ft studio/ Office

3. Explain how the application of the zoning ordinance to this specific piece of property results in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties?

By keeping the integrity of the Existing structure to work From

4. Are the circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question peculiar to the premises? Do they apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity?

Other house in the neighborhood have amiliar structures

5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.

Keeping the Existing garage and slab.

Creating the studio/OFFICE space will Decrease the need for a larger house on the Lot. Cubich could be built without Requiring a variance) House F.A.R = 2469=29.35%

6. Did the condition for which the variance is sought result from an action by the applicant?

This is correct

7. Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent property, the traffic on the public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values.

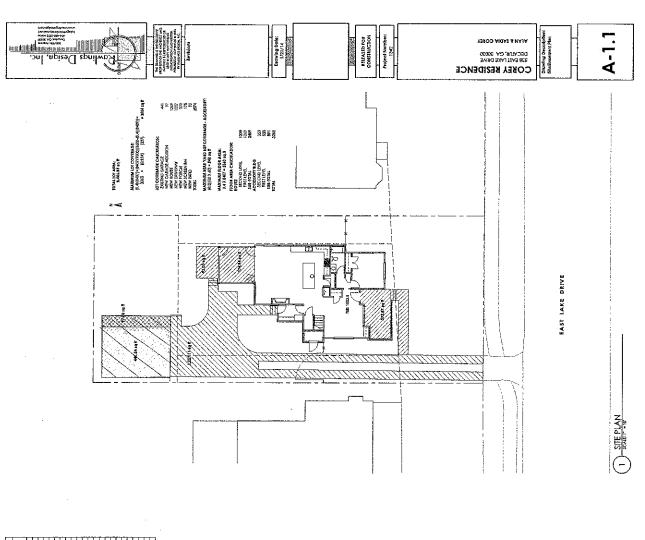
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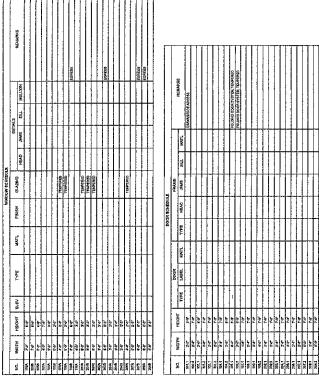
8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

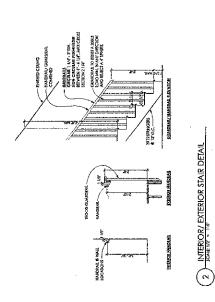
The garage/studio is at the Rear of the property. Decreuse the need For a larger house on the Lot

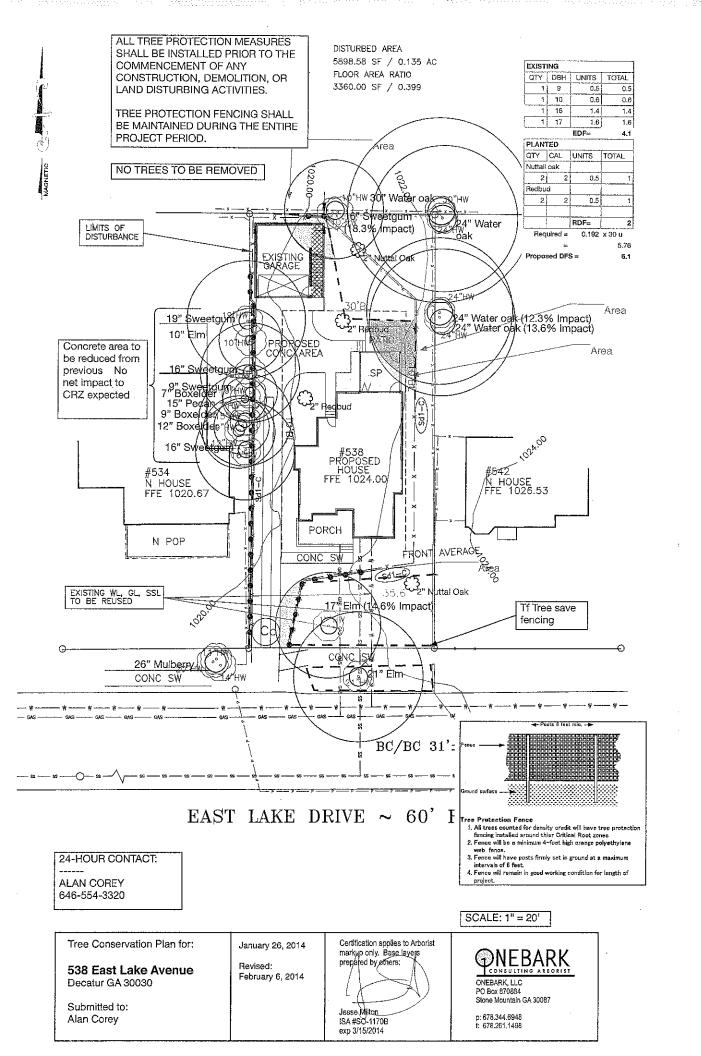
I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

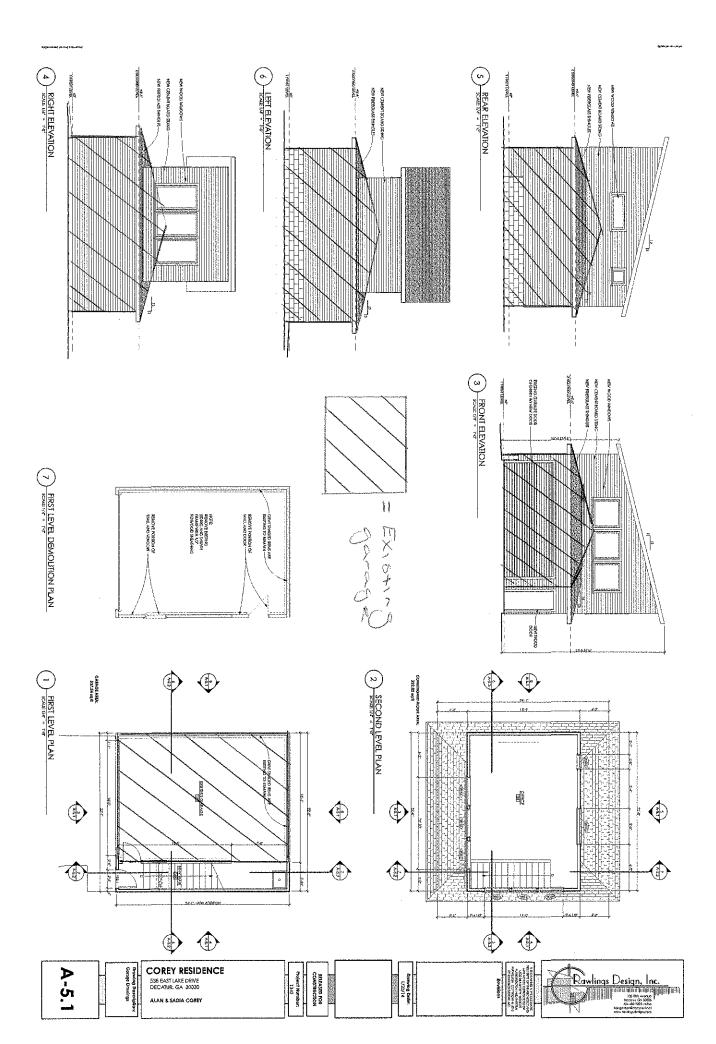
Signature of Applicant











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I / WE AGREE / DISAGREE with the proposed project.
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Contact # or email Calviel Dor Clor
Signed date

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