#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, PANEL A TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AGENDA

BRIEFING	ROOM L1FN CONFERENCE CENTER AUDITO 1500 MARILLA STREET DALLAS CITY HALL	RIUM 11:00 A.M.	
PUBLIC HEARING	ROOM L1FN CONFERENCE CENTER AUDITO 1500 MARILLA STREET DALLAS CITY HALL	RIUM, 1:00 P.M.	
	Donna Moorman, Chief Planner Steve Long, Board Administrator		
	MISCELLANEOUS ITEM		
	Approval of the October 21, 2014 Board of Adjustment Panel A Public Hearing Minutes	M1	
	UNCONTESTED CASES		
BDA 134-104	2301 Pennsylvania Avenue <b>REQUEST:</b> Application of Robert Van Buren, represented by Elizabeth Brant, for a special exception to the fence height regulations	1	
BDA 134-105	4306 N. Central Expressway <b>REQUEST:</b> Application of Mark Herrin, represented by Tim Dirkin, for a special exception to the sign regulations	2	
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REGULAR CASE			

**BDA 134-110**3344 Forest Lane**REQUEST:** Application of Jonathan G. Vinson<br/>for a variance to the front yard setback regulations

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

The Commission/Board may hold a closed executive session regarding any item on this agenda when:

- 1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Commission/Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
- 2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
- 3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
- 4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a compliant or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
- 5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
- 6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.086]

(Rev. 6-24-02)

# BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

# **MISCELLANEOUS ITEM NO. 1**

To approve the Board of Adjustment Panel A October 21, 2014 public hearing minutes.

#### FILE NUMBER: BDA 134-104

**BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT:** Application of Robert Van Buren, represented by Elizabeth Brant, for a special exception to the fence height regulations at 2301 Pennsylvania Avenue. This property is more fully described as Lot 1A, Block 23/1302, and is zoned PD 595 (R-5(A)), which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain an 8 foot high fence, which will require a 4 foot special exception to the fence height regulations.

- **LOCATION**: 2301 Pennsylvania Avenue
- <u>APPLICANT</u>: Robert Van Buren Represented by Elizabeth Brant

#### REQUEST:

A request for a special exception to the fence height regulations of 4' is made to construct and maintain an 8' high limestone veneer/concrete masonry fence in the site's 20' front yard setback along Edgewood Street on a vacant site that proposed to be developed with a fire station use (Fire Station #6).

#### STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE HEIGHT REGULATIONS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the height requirement for fences when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence height regulations since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

#### <u>Zoning:</u>

<u>Site</u> :	PD 595 (R-5(A)) (Planned Development, Single family district 5,000 square feet)
North:	PD 595 (R-5(A)) (Planned Development, Single family district 5,000 square feet)
<u>South</u> :	PD 595 (R-5(A)) (Planned Development, Single family district 5,000 square feet)
<u>East</u> :	PD 595 (MF-3(A)) (Planned Development, Multifamily district)
West:	PD 595 (R-5(A)) (Planned Development, Single family district 5,000 square feet)

## Land Use:

The subject site is vacant/undeveloped. The area to the north is a combination of multifamily use and vacant land; the area to the east is developed with multifamily use; and the areas to the south and west appear to be mostly undeveloped.

### Zoning/BDA History:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

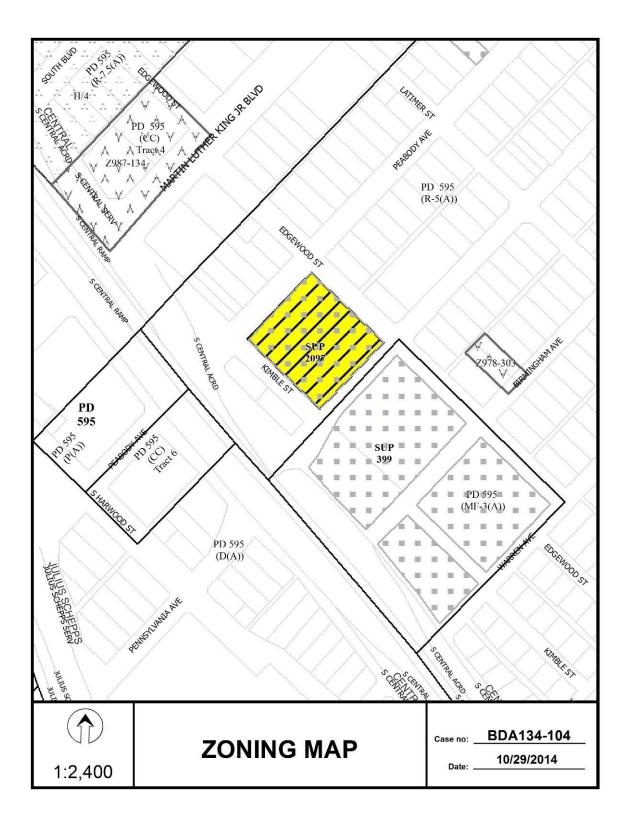
## GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:

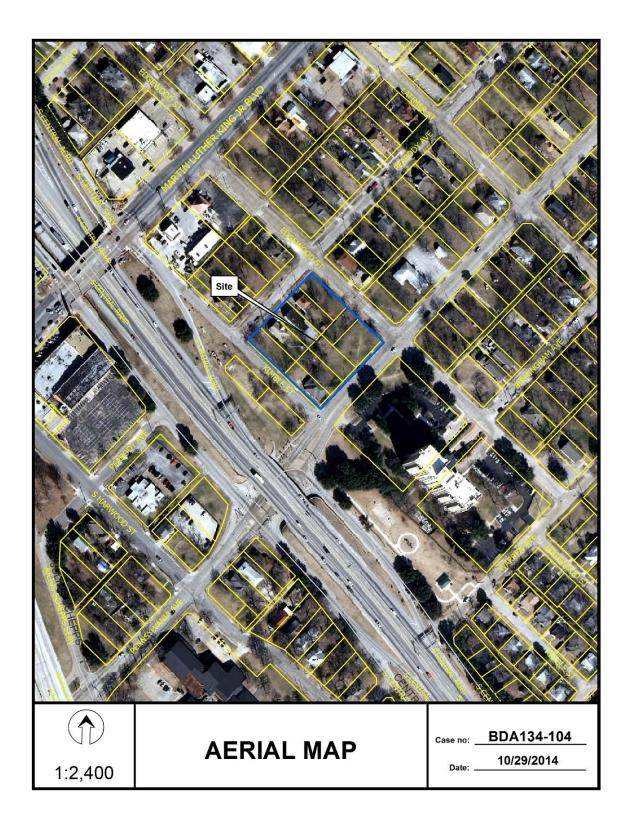
- This request focuses on constructing and maintaining an 8' high limestone veneer/concrete masonry fence in the site's 20' front yard setback along Edgewood Street on a vacant site that is proposed to be developed with a fire station use (Fire Station #6).
- The Dallas Development Code states that in all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed 4' above grade when located in the required front yard.
- The applicant has submitted a site plan and elevation of the proposal in only the front yard setback along Edgewood Drive – a fence proposed to reach a maximum height of 8'.
- The following additional information was gleaned from the submitted site plan:
  - The proposal is represented as being approximately 180' in length generally parallel to Edgewood Street.
  - The proposal is represented as being located as close as approximately 14' from the Edgewood Street front property line or as close as 26' from the Edgewood Street pavement line.
- The Board Administrator conducted a field visit of the site and surrounding area and noted no other visible fences above 4 feet high which appeared to be located in a front yard setback.
- No single family use/home fronts the proposal.
- As of November 10, 2014, no letters have been submitted in support of or in opposition to the request.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exception to the fence height regulations of 4' will not adversely affect neighboring property.
- Granting this special exception of 4' with a condition imposed that the applicant complies with the submitted site plan and elevation would require the proposal exceeding 4' in height in the Edgewood Street front yard setback to be constructed and maintained in the location and of the heights and materials as shown on these documents.

#### Timeline:

- July 31, 2014: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.
- October 14, 2014: The Interim Assistant Director of Sustainable Development and Construction acting on behalf of the Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A.
- October 14, 2014: The Board Administrator emailed the applicant's representative the following information:
  - an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the October 29<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the November 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
  - the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
  - the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.
- November 4, 2014: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for November public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Director, the Assistant Building Official. the Sustainable Development and Construction Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiners/Development Code Specialist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Project Engineer, the City of Dallas Chief Arborist, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No review comment sheets with comments were submitted in conjunction with this application.







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## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF	
	Case No.: BDA_134-104
Data Relative to Subject Property:	Date: 7/31/14
Location address: 2301 PENN SYLVANIA AVE; DAILAS T& 75213	Zoning District: PD 595
to BE PLATED Lot No.: As IA Block No.: 23/1302 Acreage: 1.5	Census Tract: 0035.00 203,00
Hope PLATED         Lot No.:       As IA         Block No.:       23/1302         Acreage:       1.5         Street Frontage (in Feet):       1)       250.14'       2)       272.75'       3)       249.85         To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :	<u>5′ 4) 273. 11′ 5)</u>
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :	SE 26
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): City of DALIAS	)
Applicant: ROBERT VAN BUREN	Telephone: Z14. 948. 4532
Mailing Address: 320 E. SEFFERSON RM. 321	Zip Code: <b>75203</b>
E-mail Address: <u>Cobert</u> . Yan buren @dallas city hall.	(sm
-	Telephone: 214.746.2758
Mailing Address: 115 W. GREEN BRIAR LANE	Zip Code: <b>752⊳</b> 9
E-mail Address: bbrant @dsgn.com	
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Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared 108	ERT VAN BURGN
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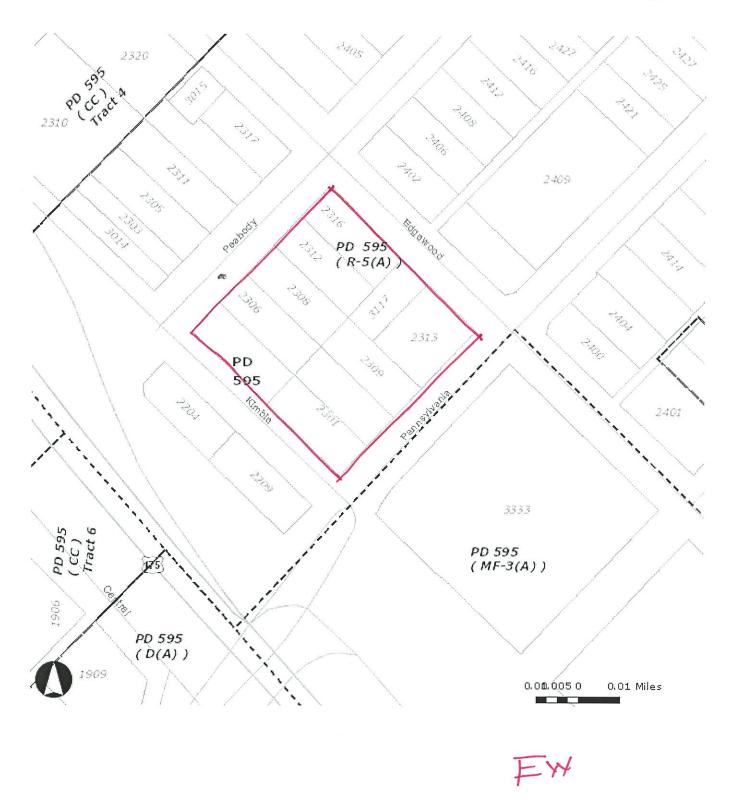
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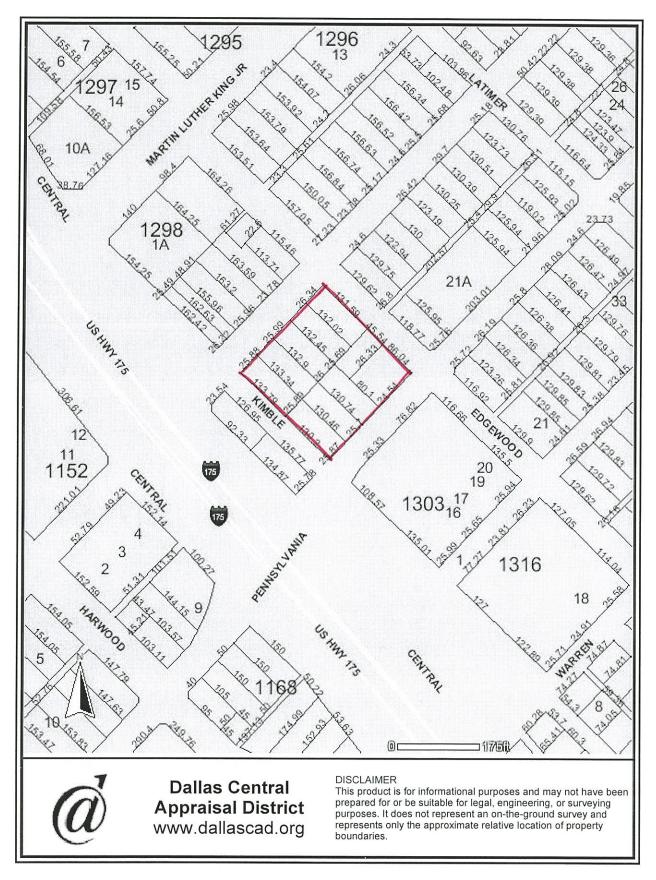
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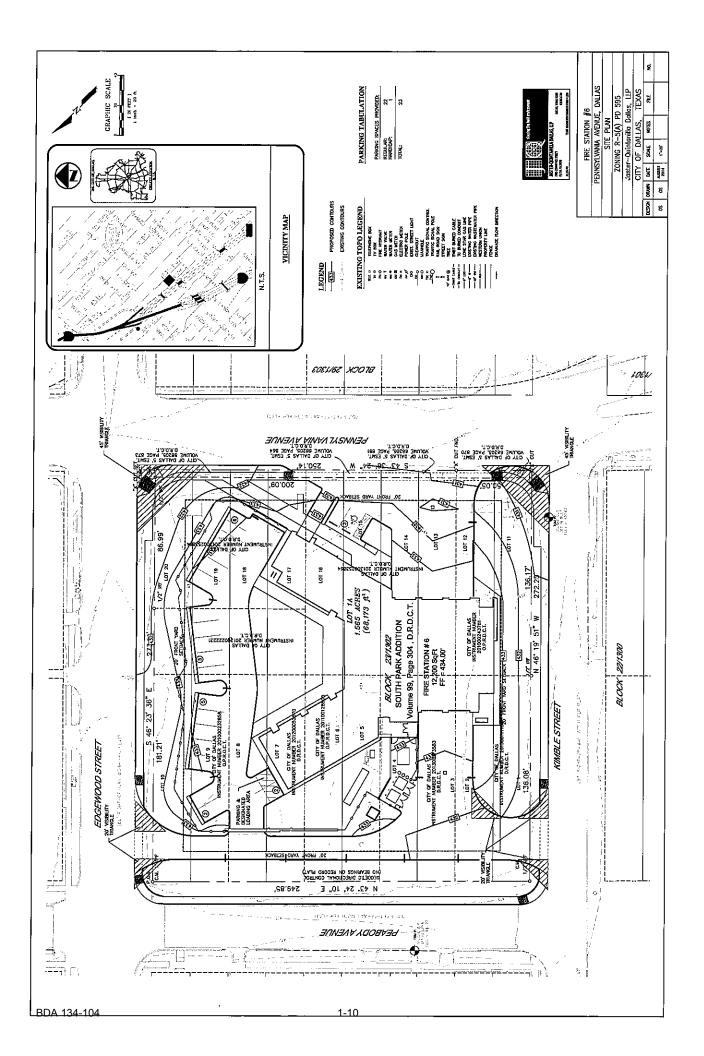
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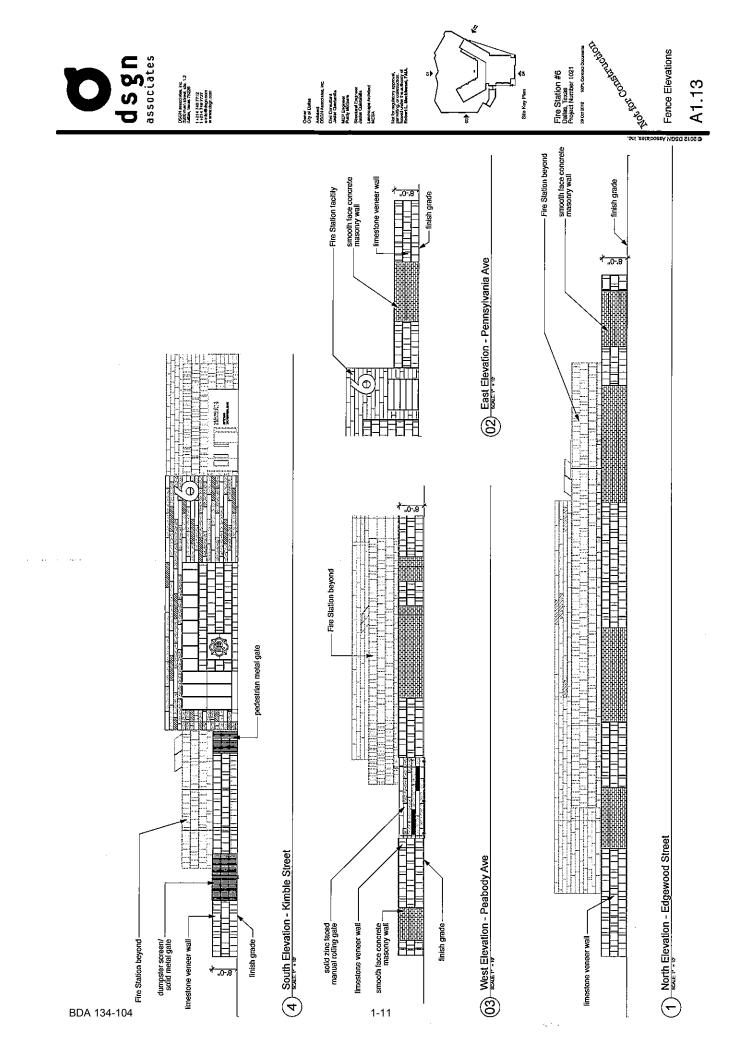
Larry Holmes, Building Official

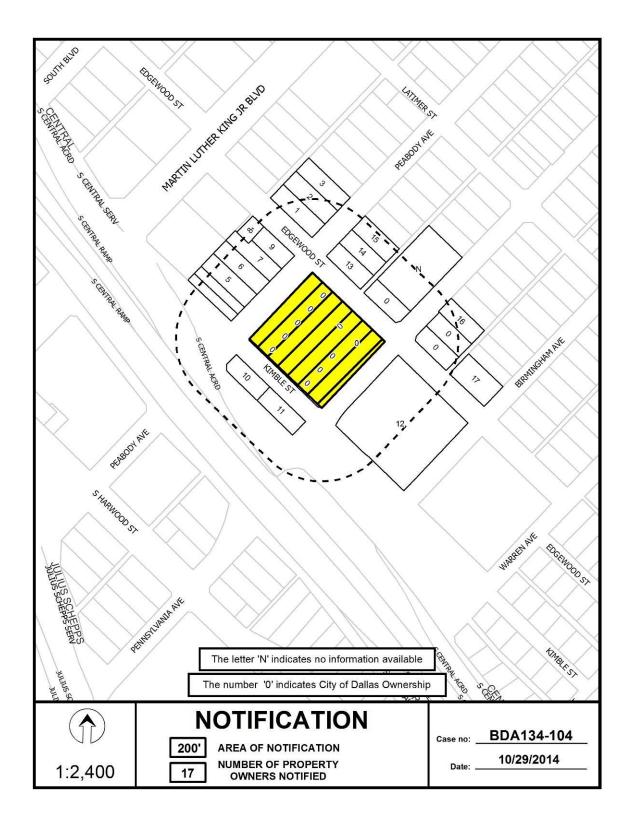




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# Notification List of Property Owners

# BDA134-104

## 17 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	2401	PEABODY AVE	MITCHELL JAMES C
2	2405	PEABODY AVE	MASON STEVE ESTATE OF
3	2411	PEABODY AVE	COLE STEPHANIE G
4	3014	KIMBLE ST	VILLA GABRIEL & REBECCA
5	2305	PEABODY AVE	MARSH JOHNNY
6	2311	PEABODY AVE	WILLIAMS RICKEY A
7	2313	PEABODY AVE	MUHAMMAD MOSQUE NO 48
8	3015	EDGEWOOD ST	PHILLIPS SEABORN
9	2317	PEABODY AVE	BUGGS ESTER L
10	2204	PEABODY AVE	CLAYTON LUCINDA VENTURE
11	2209	PENNSYLVANIA AVE	DESOTO IAM COMPANIES
12	3333	EDGEWOOD ST	DALLAS HOUSING AUTHORITY
13	2402	PEABODY AVE	BEASLEY ROSE L
14	2406	PEABODY AVE	CAPSHAW INVESTMENTS
15	2408	PEABODY AVE	DAVIS BILLY ET AL
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17	2401	BIRMINGHAM AVE	DARBY PATRICIA ANN

#### FILE NUMBER: BDA 134-105

**BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT:** Application of Mark Herrin, represented by Tim Dirkin, for a special exception to the sign regulations at 4306 N. Central Expressway. This property is more fully described as Lot 2A, Block G/1999, and is zoned CR, which states that non-monument signs are not allowed within 250 feet of private property in a non-business zoning district. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a non-monument sign within 250 feet of private property in a non-business zoning district which will require a special exception to the sign regulations.

**LOCATION**: 4306 N. Central Expressway

APPLICANT: Mark Herrin Represented by Tim Dirkin

#### REQUEST:

A request for a special exception to the sign regulations is made to locate and maintain a non-monument sign within the 250' distance requirement from a residential property on a site being developed with a general merchandise or food store greater than 3,500 square feet use (Sundrops).

#### STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE SIGN REGULATIONS FOR A NON-MONUMENT SIGN WITHIN 250 FEET OF PRIVATE PROPERTY IN A NON-BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT:

The Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to allow a non-monument sign within 250 feet of private property in a non-business zoning district when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval, subject to the following condition:

• Compliance with the submitted site plan is required.

Rationale:

Staff has concluded that this special exception to allow a non-monument sign within 250 feet of private property in a non-business zoning district will not adversely affect neighboring property largely given the fact that the notations on the submitted site plan (that staff is suggesting is imposed as a condition to granting this request) indicate the sign located within 250 feet of private property in a non-business district is "back unlit, lighted face toward N.C. Exp." – the side facing the opposite direction of the private property in the non-business zoning district to which the special exception is made.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## <u>Zoning:</u>

<u>Site</u> :	CR (Community Retail)
North:	CR and R-5(A) (Community Retail and Single family residential)
South:	CR (Community Retail)
<u>East</u> :	TH (Townhouse)
<u>West</u> :	PD 193 (O-2) (Planned Development, Office)

## Land Use:

The site is currently being developed with a general merchandise or food store greater than 3,500 square feet use (Sundrops). The area to the north is developed with retail use and single family uses; and the area to the east is developed with single family uses; and the area to the south is developed with retail uses; and the area to the west is North Central Expressway.

#### Zoning/BDA History:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

#### **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS**:

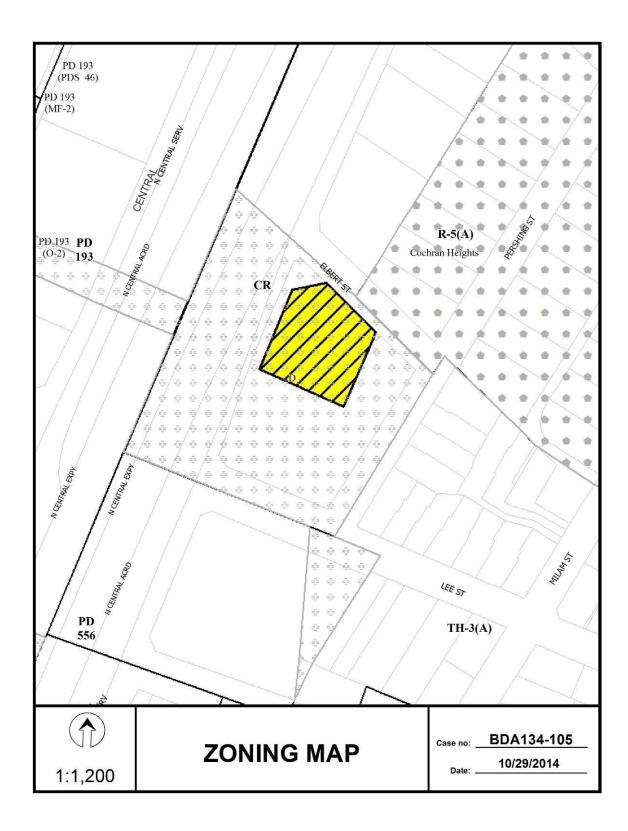
- The request focuses on locating and maintaining a non-monument sign within the 250' distance requirement from a residential property on a site being developed with a general merchandise or food store greater than 3,500 square feet use (Sundrops).
- The Dallas Development Code states non-monument signs are not allowed within 250 feet of either private property in a non-business zoning district or a public park of more than one acre.
- The applicant has submitted a site plan and sign elevations, and has noted on his application that a the entire property lies within 250' of residential zoning.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following: That allowing a non-monument sign within 250 feet of private property in a nonbusiness zoning district when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.
- If the Board were to grant this request and impose the submitted site plan as a condition to the request, the sign would be held to the location as shown on this plan, and to the notation on this plan: "back unlit, lighted face toward N.C. Exp." the side facing the opposite direction of the private property in the non-business zoning district to which the special exception is made

 Staff does not feel it is necessary to additionally impose any sign elevation as a condition to this request since granting this special exception would not provide any relief to the sign regulations of the Dallas Development Code (i.e. height, effective area, or setback requirements) other than allowing a non-monument sign within 250 feet of private property in a non-business zoning district.

## Timeline:

- August 20, 2014: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.
- October 14, 2014: The Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Director randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A.
- October 15, 2014: The Board Administrator emailed the applicant's representative the following information:
  - an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the October 29<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the November 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
  - the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
  - the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.
- October 20, 2014: The applicant's representative submitted additional information to staff beyond what was submitted with the original application (see Attachment A).
- November 4, 2014: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for November public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant the Assistant Director. Building Official, the Sustainable Development and Construction Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiners/Development Code Specialist, Sustainable the Development and Construction Department Project Engineer, the City of Dallas Chief Arborist, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No review comment sheets with comments were submitted in conjunction with this application.





Mark H. Herrin Herrin Investments, LLC/Sundrops, Inc. 3920 Oak Lawn Avenue Dallas, Texas 75219 (214) 521-0550 mherrin@sundrops.com BDA 134-105 Attach A Pg 1

October 26, 2014

Steve Long, Board of Adjustment Administrator City of Dallas Sustainable Development and Construction 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5BN Dallas, Texas 75201

Ref: BDA 134-105, Property at 4306 N. Central Expressway

Dear Mr. Long,

I have enclosed additional material relevant to the above referenced hearing on November 18th. We created several prints showing the neighbors view of the back of the proposed sign. Our intent at this time is to paint the sign and the support in colors that blend in to the west view. The second item enclosed is a letter signed by the neighbors in the area visible to the sign that support granting of the exception.

If you need to reach me for any reason my cell phone is 214-697-3169.

Sincerelv.

Mark Herrin



3920 Oak Lawn Avenue Dallas, Texas 75219 214-521-0550 Fax 214-521-5425

October 20, 2014

Re: City of Dallas Board of Adjustment Hearing November 17, 18 or 19 Sign Placement Exception for Herrin Investments, LLC (Mark Herrin and Sundrops) at 4306 North Central Expressway.

The proposed sign position as provided to the Board of Adjustment and attached to this letter is acceptable to me as a resident of Cochran Heights.

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#### APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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	o Subject Property:	Date: 8/20/2014
Location addres	s: 4306 N. Central Expresway	Zoning District: Comm-Retail
Lot No.: 3	Block No.: <u>G/1999</u> Acreage:33	63 Census Tract:
	(in Feet): 1) <u>136' N</u> 2) <u>145.7' W</u> 3) <u>12</u>	
To the Honoral	ble Board of Adjustment :	
Owner of Proper	rty (per Warranty Deed):	Aark Herrin
Applicant: Sig	ns Manufacturing & Maintenance Corpora	ation Telephone: 214-339-2227
Mailing Address	: 3920 Oak Lawn Ave	Zip Code: 75219
E-mail Address:	mherrin@sundro	pps.com
	Tim Dirkin	
Mailing Address	: 4610 Mint Way Dallas, Tex	xasZip Code:75236
E-mail Address:	Tim@signsmanufact	turing.com
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#### (13) EXPRESSWAY means:

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- (A) the Dallas North Tollway;
- (B) Interstate Highway 20;
- (C) Interstate Highway 30;
- (D) Interstate Highway 35E;
- (E) Interstate Highway 45;
- (F) Interstate Highway 635;
- (G) U.S. Highway 67;
- (H) U.S. Highway 75;
- (I) U.S. Highway 80 east of Interstate Highway 30 to the city limits;
- (J) U.S. Highway 175;
- (K) State Highway 114;
- (L) State Highway 183;
- (M) Spur 408;

(N) Walton Walker Boulevard from Spur 408 north to the city limits, and from Stemmons Freeway south to the city limits; and

(O) Woodall Rodgers Freeway.

(13.1) EXPRESSWAY SIGN means a sign that is wholly within 100 feet of an expressway right-of-way and whose message is visible from the main traveled way or that has been relocated adjacent to an expressway pursuant to Section 51A-7.307(f).

#### (f) <u>Regulations applicable to expressway signs</u>.

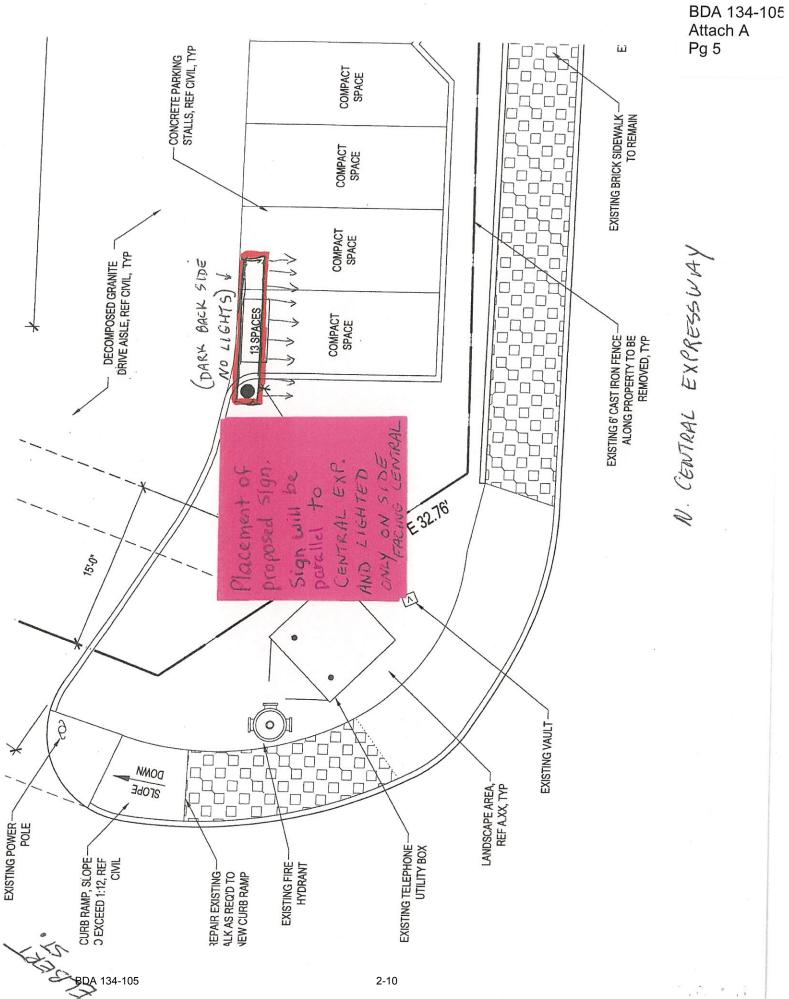
- (1) Applicability. This subsection controls over Subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section.
- (2) Setback, height, and effective area generally.

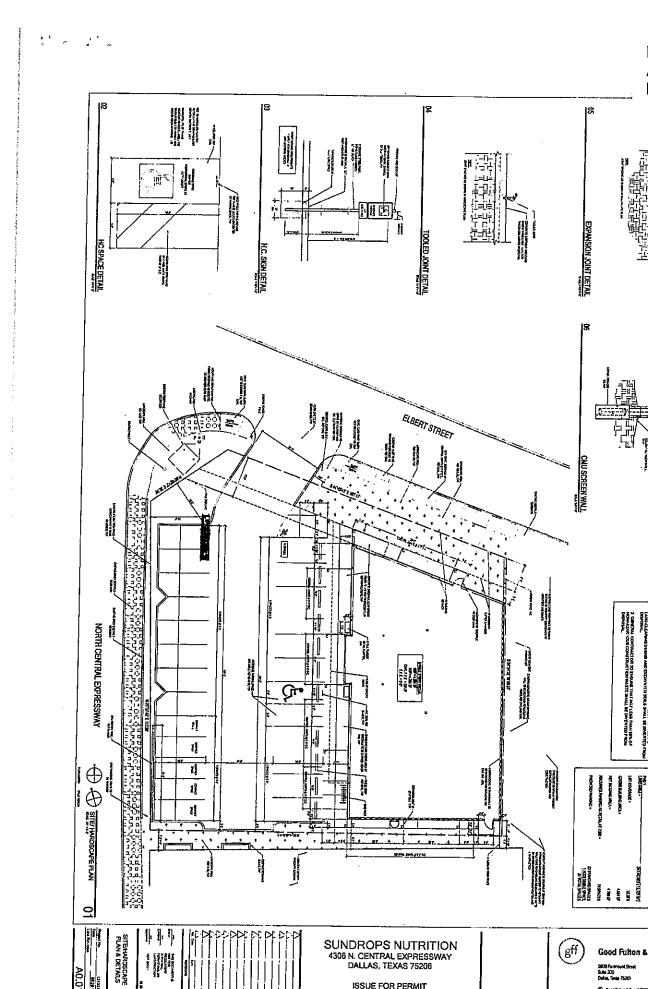
(A) An expressway sign with a minimum setback of five feet may have a maximum height of 20 feet and maximum effective area of 50 square feet.

(B) An expressway sign with a minimum setback of 15 feet may have a maximum height of 30 feet and a maximum effective area of 150 square feet.

(C) An expressway sign with a minimum setback of 25 feet may have a maximum height of 40 feet and a maximum effective area of 400 square feet.

(D) The height of an expressway sign may be extended to 50 feet, or to 30 feet above the nearest point on the nearest travel surface of the nearest expressway or new expressway, whichever is higher, if the total height of the sign does not exceed 60 feet above the ground at the base of the sign.





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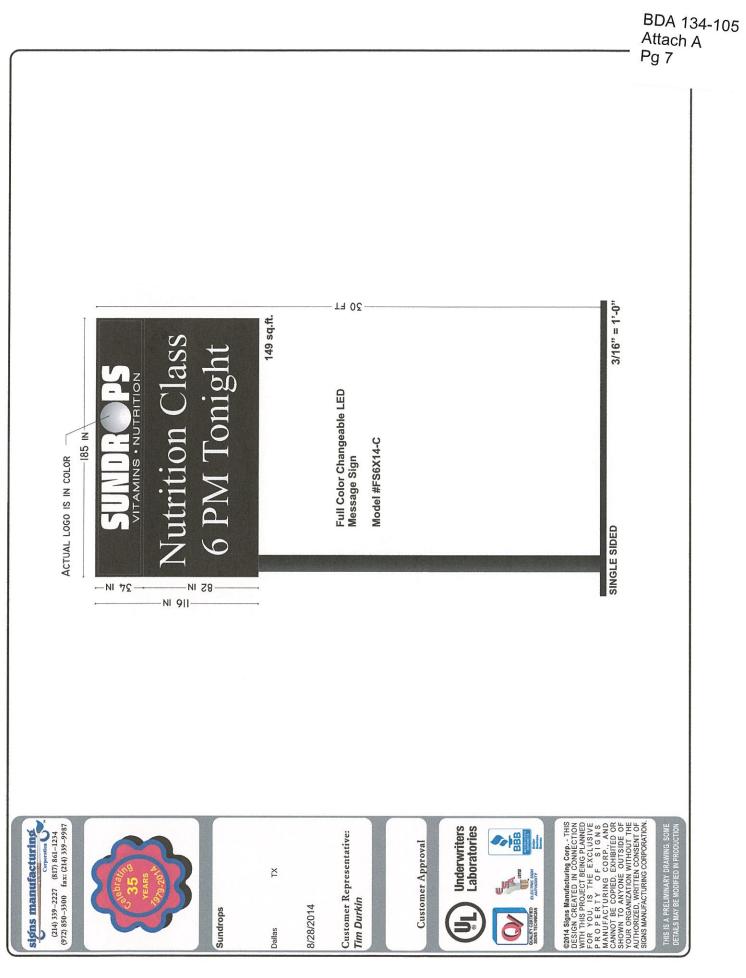
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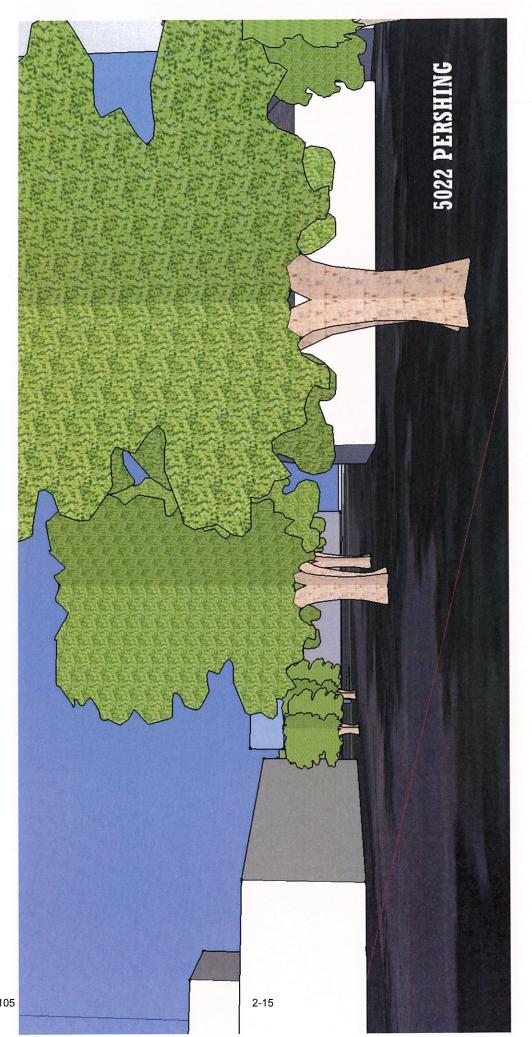
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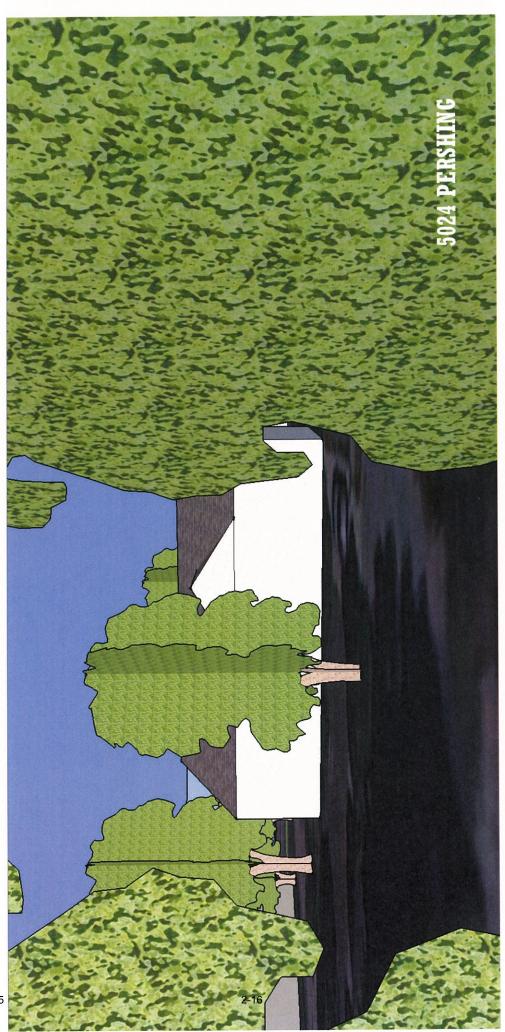


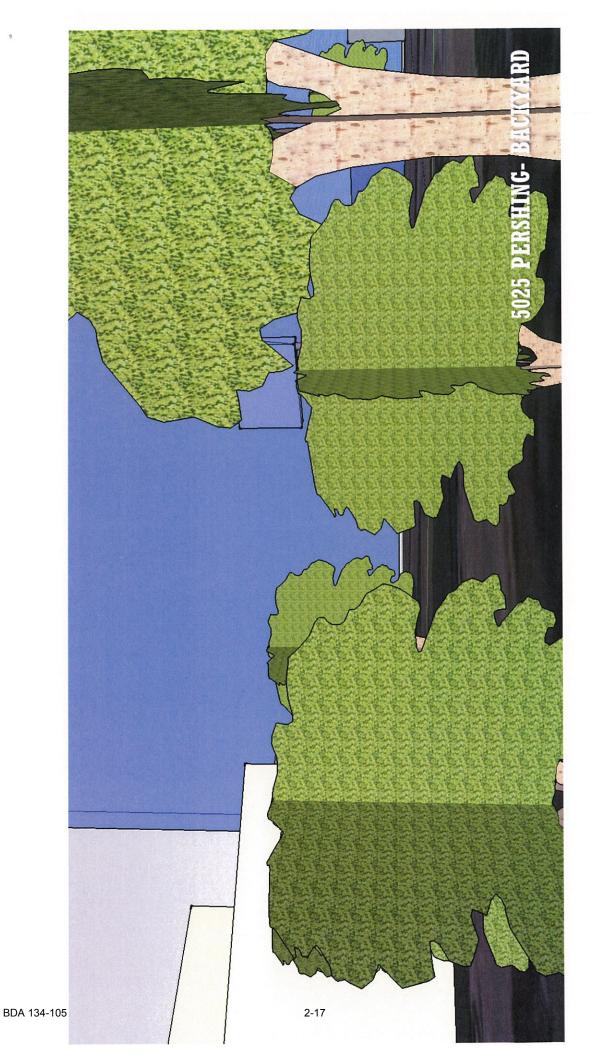
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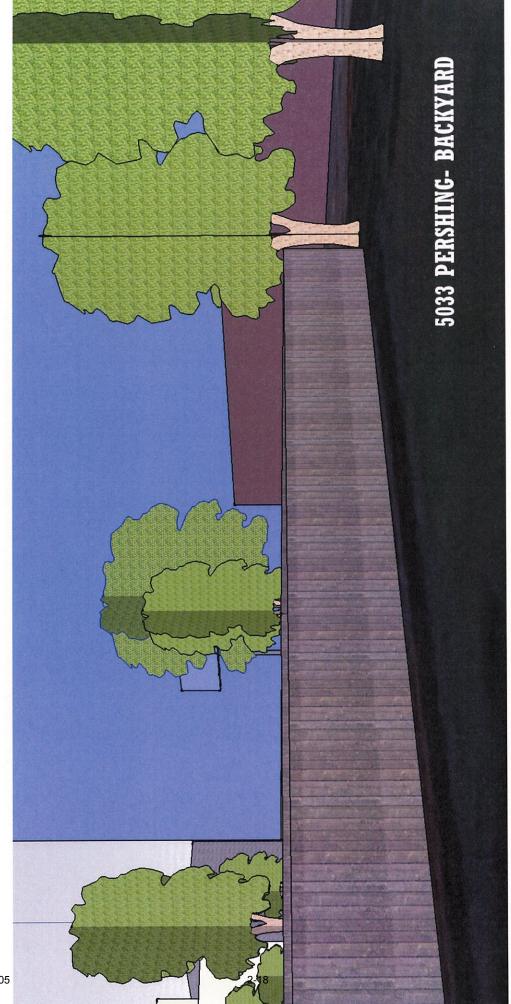
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		Case No.: BDA 137-105
Data Relative to Subject	Property:	Date: 8/20/2014
Location address:	4306 N. Central Expresway	Zoning District: CR
Lot No.: 2 A Block	No.: <u>G/1999</u> Acreage: .33	63 Census Tract: <u>9,00</u>
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To the Honorable Board	of Adjustment :	701
Owner of Property (per W	arranty Deed): HERRIN IN	VESTMENTS, LLC
Applicant: _	rk Herrin	relephone: 214-697-3169
Mailing Address: 3920	OAK LAWN AVE. DAL	AS, TR Zip Code: 75219
E-mail Address:	mherrin@sundro	ps.com
Represented by:	Tim Dirkin	Telephone: 214-339-2227
Mailing Address:	4610 Mint Way Dallas, Tex	Code: Zip Code:75236
E-mail Address:	Tim@signsmanufact	turing.com
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		Mark Horrin

Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared

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Mark Herrin

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(Affiant/Applicant's name printed)

who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.

(Affiant/Applicant's signature) Subscribed and sworn to before me this Z7 day of <u>AUGUST</u> , <u>2DI4</u> (Rev. 08-01-11) 134-105 (Affiant/Applicant's signature) CLAUDIA MARTINEZ Notary Public in and for Dallas County/Texas My Comm. Exp. October 9, 2017	Respectfully submit	ted:
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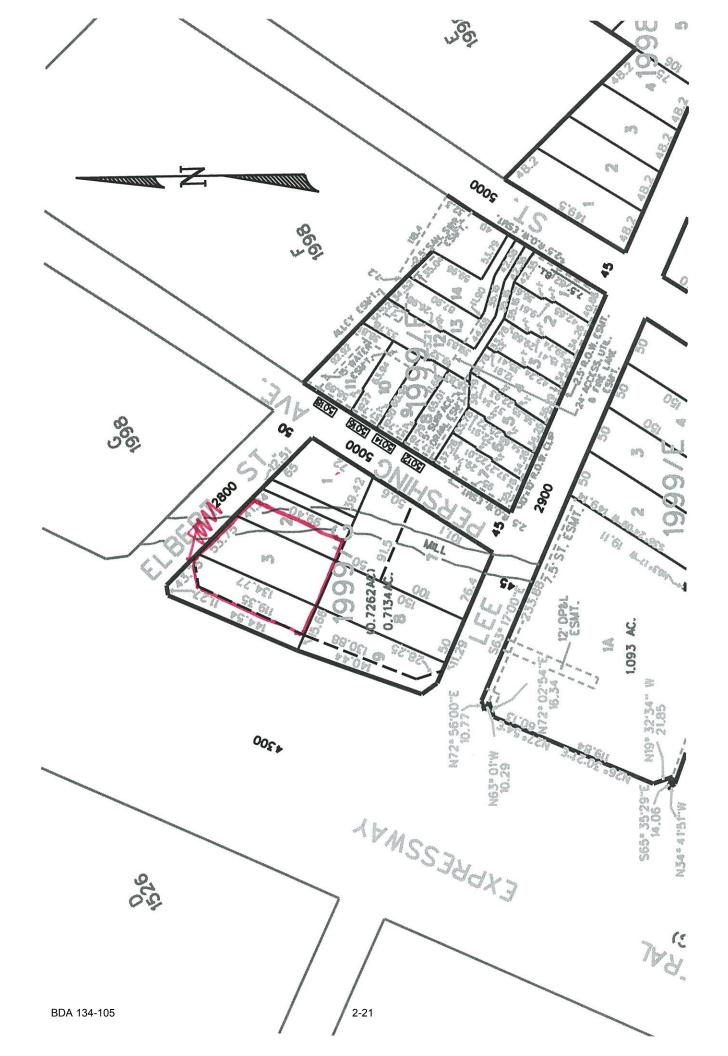
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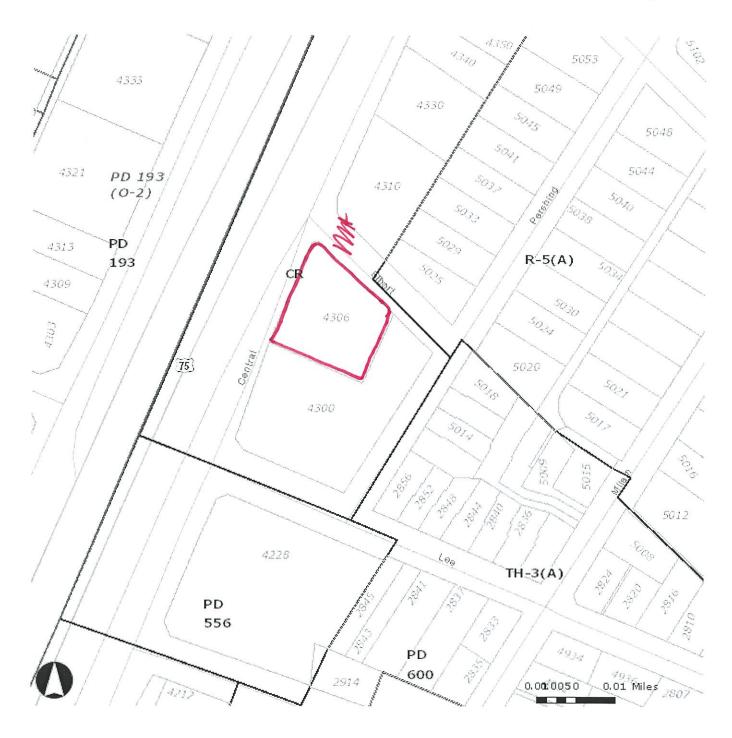
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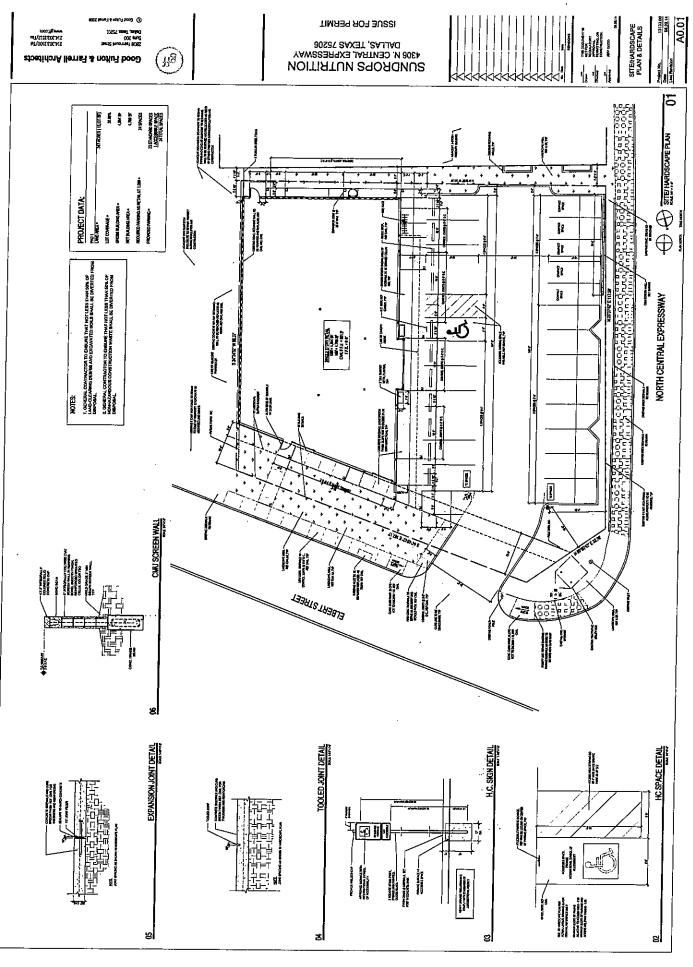
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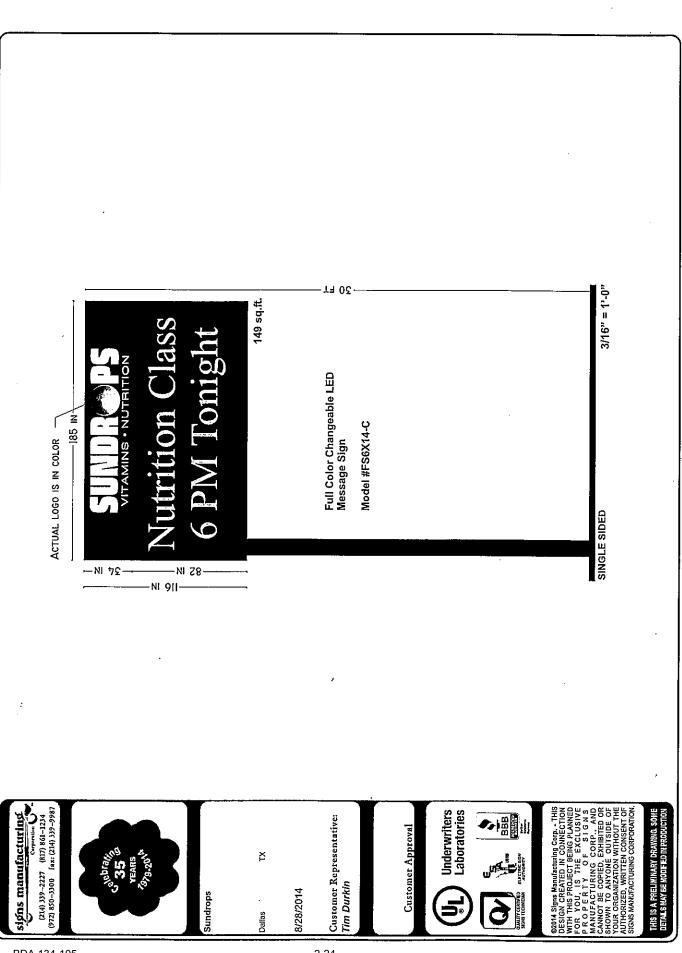
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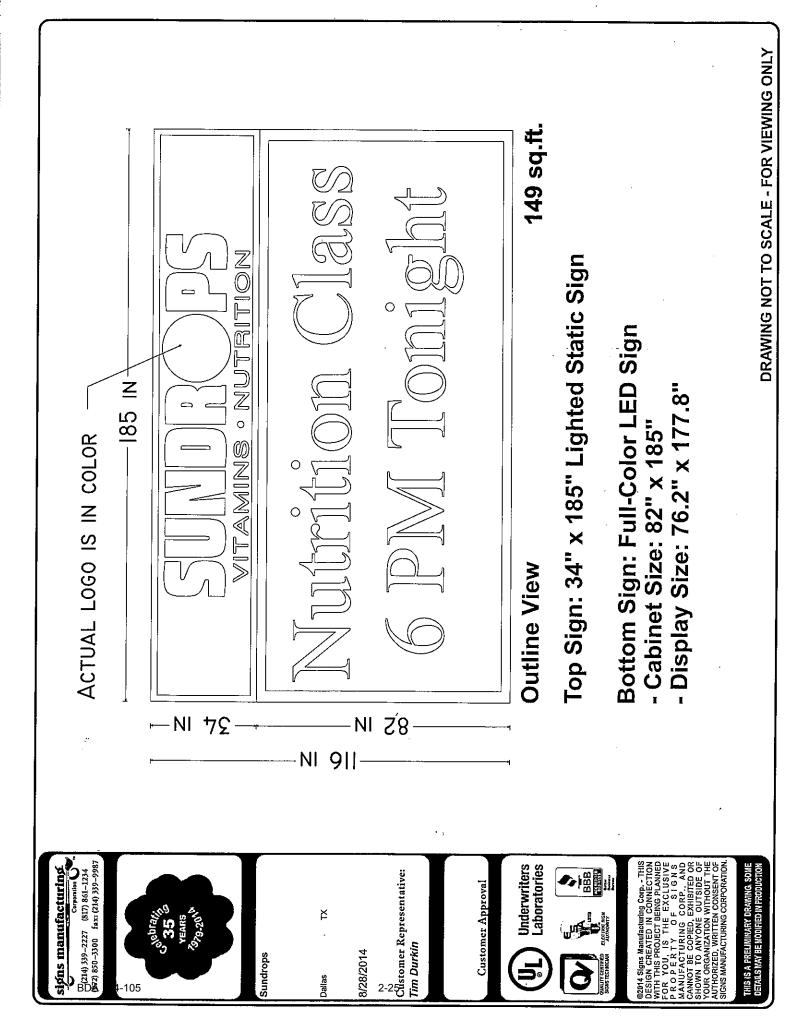
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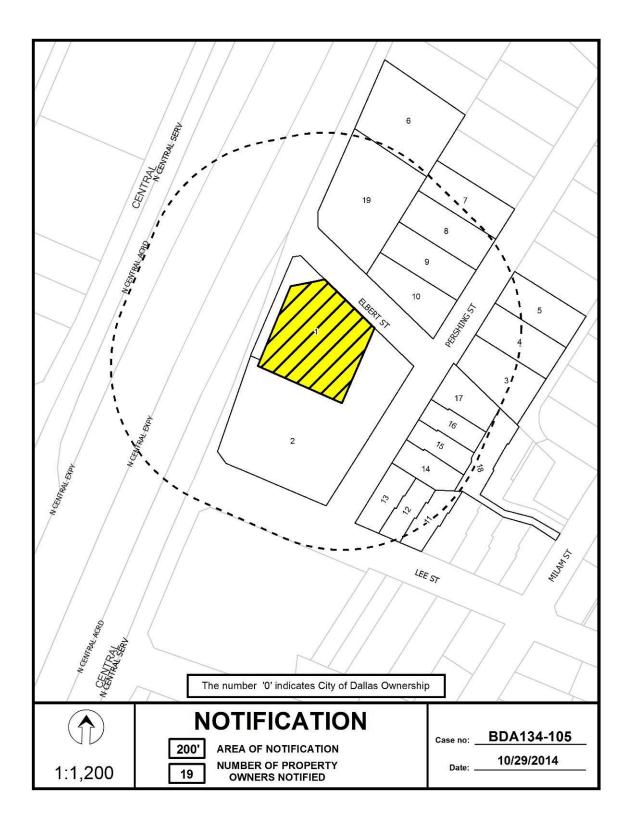






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# Notification List of Property Owners

# BDA134-105

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8	5033	PERSHING ST	GANNON JASMINE PERLIC
9	5029	PERSHING ST	STOLER SCOTT
10	5025	PERSHING ST	CLEVELAND RICHARD &
11	2848	LEE ST	KHABIR TONNETTE
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13	2856	LEE ST	ROGERS DONZA J
14	5012	PERSHING ST	TRIMBLE JUDITH M
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16	5016	PERSHING ST	MCEACHERN JERRY JR
17	5018	PERSHING ST	CADY ROBERT M II
18	5005	MILAM ST	TRUSSELL RICHARD NATHAN &
19	4310	CENTRAL EXPY	CALLEJO WILLIAM F

#### FILE NUMBER: BDA 134-111

**BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT:** Application of Chris Strempek for a special exception to the fence height regulations at 6415 Desco Drive. This property is more fully described as Lot 10, Block A/5474, and is zoned R-7.5(A), NSO12, which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet. The applicant proposes to construct an 8 foot high fence in a required front yard, which will require a 4 foot special exception to the fence height regulation.

LOCATION: 6415 Desco Drive

**APPLICANT:** Chris Strempek

#### REQUEST:

The following request has been made on a site that is developed with a single family home/use:

1. A request for a special exception to the fence height regulations of 4' is made to construct a 7' high wood fence atop a 1' high stone base with 8' high stone columns and one 7' high wooden swinging vehicular gate flanked by 8' high stone columns and 7' 6" high stone fences parallel and perpendicular to Desco Drive.

#### STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE HEIGHT REGULATIONS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the height requirement for fences when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION (FENCE HEIGHT):

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence height regulations since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

#### Zoning:

Site:	R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet) and NSO 12, Jackson Heights No. 4
North:	R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
South:	R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet) and NSO 12, Jackson Heights No. 4
<u>East</u> :	R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet) and NSO 12, Jackson Heights No. 4
<u>West</u> :	R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet), NSO 12, Jackson Heights No. 4, and
	R-10(A) (Single family district 10,000 square feet)

## Land Use:

The subject site is developed with a single family home. The areas to the north, south, east, and west are developed with single family uses.

#### Zoning/BDA History:

1.Z089-284(CG)On January 9, 2010, the City Council<br/>approved Ordinance No. 27787, which<br/>established Neighborhood Stabilization<br/>Overlay District No. 12 (Jackson Heights No.<br/>4).

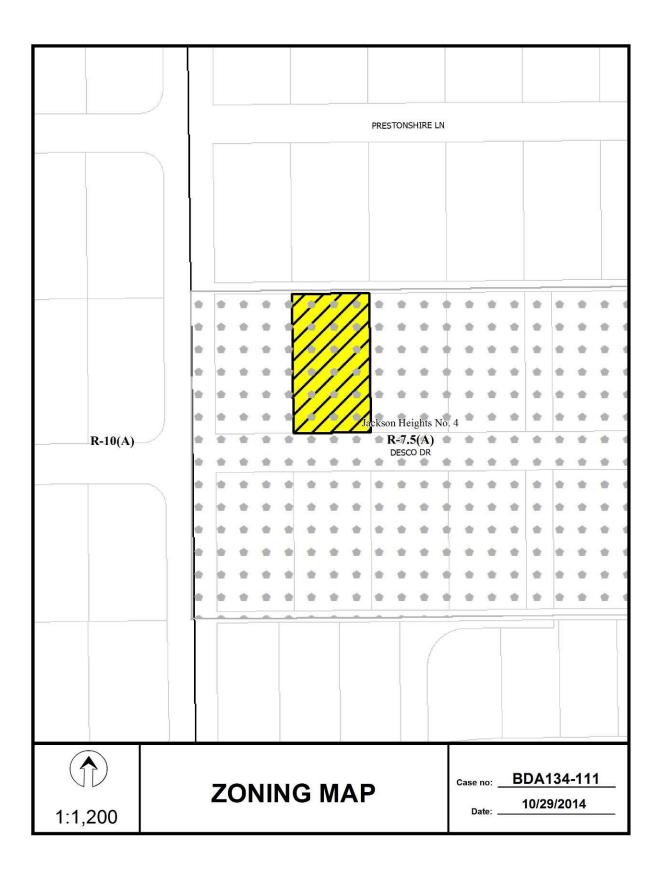
## **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS (FENCE HEIGHT)**:

- This request focuses on constructing a 7" high wood fence atop a 1' high stone base with 8' high stone columns and one 7' high wooden swinging vehicular gate flanked by 8' high stone columns and 7' 6" high stone fences, parallel and perpendicular to Desco Drive, in the 50' required front yard on a site developed with a single family home/use.
- The Dallas Development Code states that in all residential districts, except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed 4' above grade when located in the required front yard.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay District No. 12 requires the minimum front yard setback to be 50'.
- The following additional information was gleaned from the submitted site plan:
  - The proposal is represented as being approximately 30.5' in length parallel to Desco Drive, and extending approximately 6' in length into the 50' required front yard.
  - The proposal is represented as being located approximately 44' from the property line.
- The Current Planner conducted a field visit of the site and surrounding area and noted no other visible fences above 4 feet high which appeared to be located in a front yard setback.
- One home fronts the proposal.
- As of November 7<sup>th</sup>, no letters have been submitted in support of or in opposition to the request.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exception to the fence height regulations of 4' will not adversely affect neighboring property.
- Granting this special exception of 4' with a condition imposed that the applicant complies with the submitted landscape plan would require the proposal exceeding 4' in height in the front yard setback to be maintained in the location and of the heights and materials as shown on these documents.

### Timeline:

- August 20, 2014: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.
- September 14, 2014: The Interim Assistant Director of Sustainable Development and Construction acting on behalf of the Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A.
- September 15, 2014: The Current Planner emailed the applicant's representative the following information:
  - an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the October 29<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the November 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
  - the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
  - the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.
- November 4, 2014: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for November public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Director, the Assistant Building Official. the Sustainable Development and Construction Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiners/Development Code Specialist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Project Engineer, the City of Dallas Chief Arborist, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No review comment sheets were submitted in conjunction with this application.







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#### APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Case No.: BDA <u>134 - 111</u>
Data Relative to Subject Property:	Date: 08/20/2014
Location address:         6415 Desco Drive 75247           Lot No.:         10         Block No.:         A/5474         Acreage:         0.30	Zoning District: <u>R-7.5 (A)/N60 12</u> Census Tract:0077.00
Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) 100 2) 3)	4) <u>5)</u>
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :	News
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): David A and Jennifer	Lancashire
Applicant:Chris Strempek	Telephone: 214 358 5296
Mailing Address: 2000 Sany Lane, Dallas, TX	Zip Code: 75220
E-mail Address: chriss@completelandsculpture.com	
Represented by:	Telephone:
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Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:

The wall in question is to be built for safety in order to allow the children to play in the motorcourt. In order to allow for a proper vehicular turning radius, they wall has been extended beyond the build line. This wall would be built similar to an existing wall on a neighboring property that also extends beyond the build line.

Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

Affidavit

Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared (Affiant/Applicant's name printed)

who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.

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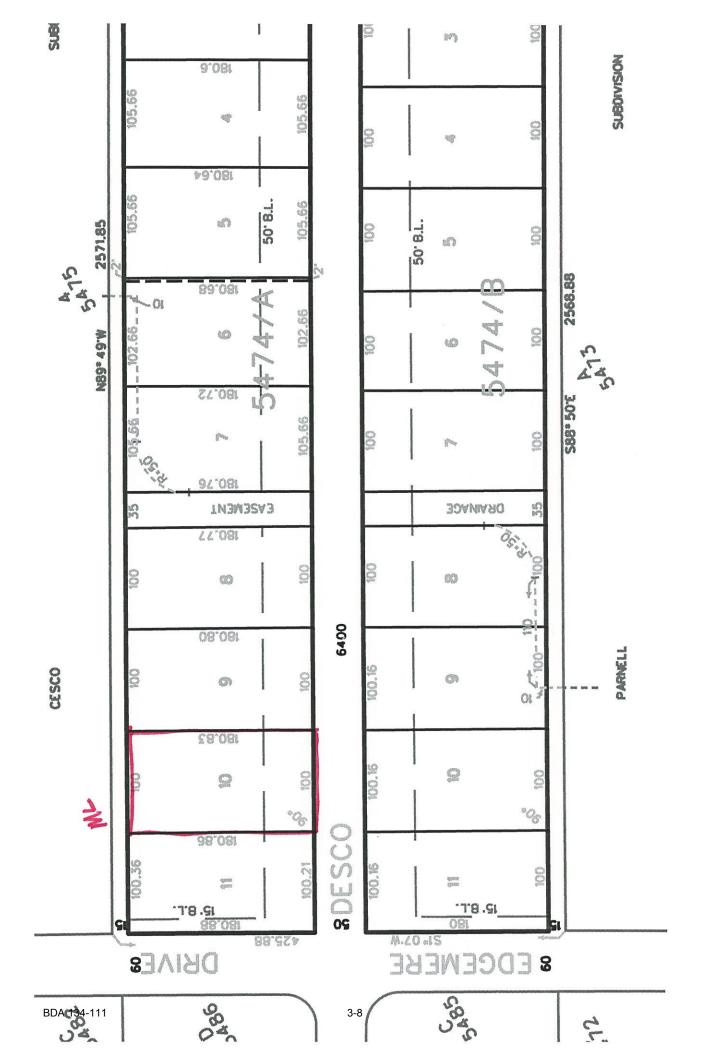
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Sincerely,

Larry Holmes, Building Official

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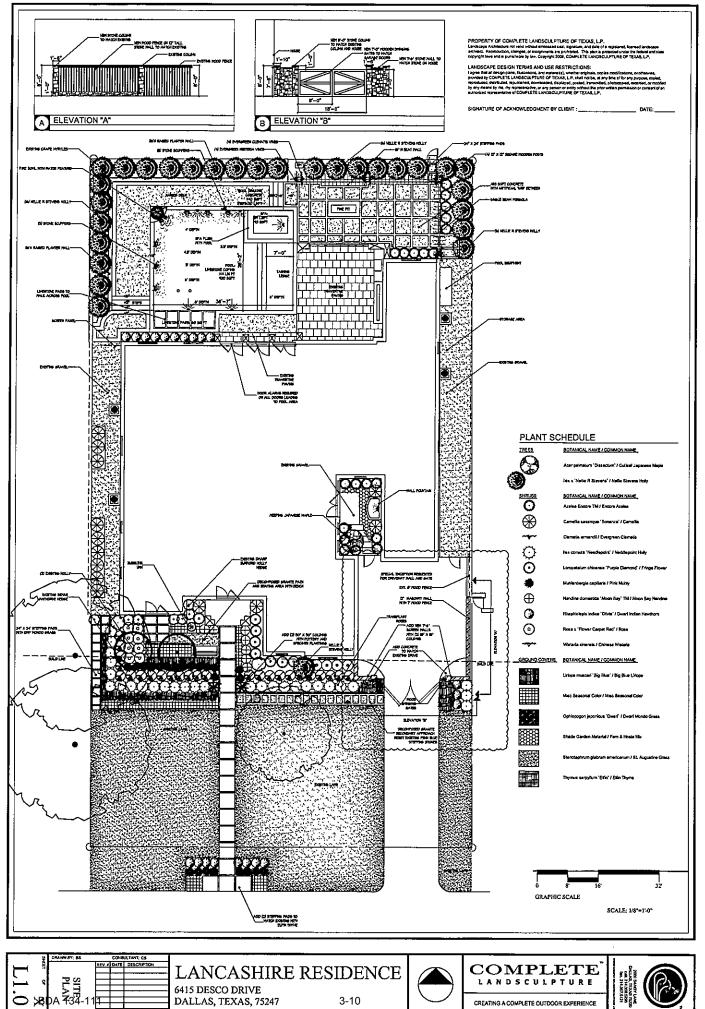
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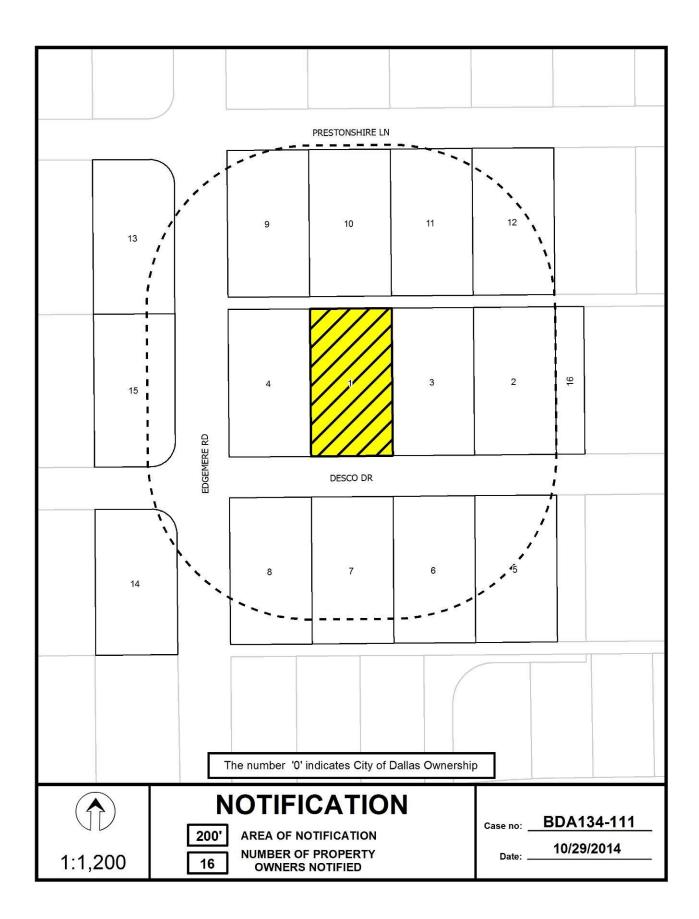


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# Notification List of Property Owners

# BDA134-111

## 16 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	6415	DESCO DR	LANCASHIRE DAVID A & JENNIFER
2	6431	DESCO DR	MURPHY LANCE O & KATHERINE E
3	6423	DESCO DR	STEGALL ROBERT C & JANET L
4	6407	DESCO DR	RHONE RUSTAN & KIMBERLY
5	6430	DESCO DR	BRICKMAN CHRISTIAN A
6	6422	DESCO DR	PRACHYL CHARLOTTE J
7	6414	DESCO DR	JUDIN CARL H III &
8	6406	DESCO DR	FETROW JOHN F & LAURA D
9	6406	PRESTONSHIRE LN	RED OAK EQUITIES LTD
10	6414	PRESTONSHIRE LN	PICKENS MICHAEL K & HEIDI R
11	6422	PRESTONSHIRE LN	FEHERTY DAVID & ANITA
12	6430	PRESTONSHIRE LN	GRETH RICHARD & LYNDAL
13	6346	PRESTONSHIRE LN	RAYBURN DOUGLASS M &
14	6346	DESCO DR	GILLESPIE KEITH E & AMITY B
15	6347	DESCO DR	TAKACS JACK &
16	6437	DESCO DR	FOREST PARK DEVELOPMENT CO

#### FILE NUMBER: BDA 134-110

**BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT:** Application of Jonathan G. Vinson for a variance to the front yard setback regulations at 3344 Forest Lane. This property is more fully described as Lot 3A, Block A/6445, and is zoned PD 429, which requires a front yard setback of 80 feet. The applicant proposes to construct and/or maintain a structure and provide a 75 foot front yard setback, which will require a 5 foot variance to the front yard setback regulations.

LOCATION: 3344 Forest Lane

**APPLICANT:** Jonathan G. Vinson

#### REQUEST:

A request for a variance to the front yard setback regulations of 5' is made to maintain an approximately 180 square foot portion of a multifamily structure/use with an approximately 35,000 square foot building footprint, that is located 75' from the site's front property line or 5' into the site's 80' front yard setback.

#### **STANDARD FOR A VARIANCE:**

The Dallas Development Code Section 51A-3.102(d)(10) specifies that the board has the power to grant variances from the front yard, side yard, rear yard, lot width, lot depth, coverage, floor area for structures accessory to single family uses, height, minimum sidewalks, off-street parking or off-street loading, or landscape regulations provided that the variance is:

- (A) not contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done;
- (B) necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning; and
- (C) not granted to relieve a self created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Denial

Rationale:

- While granting the variance would not appear to be contrary to public interest given that a very small portion of the existing structure is located in the required front yard setback, staff was unable to conclude at the time of the November 4<sup>th</sup> staff review team meeting that there was an unnecessary hardship as the parcel/subject site does not differ from other parcels of land by being of such restrictive area, shape, or slope that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same PD 429 zoning classification. The subject site is flat, rectangular in shape, and according to the application is approximately 4 acres in area.
- While the applicant has described how the structural integrity of the existing building in the setback would be compromised if the variance were denied, the applicant's other option, other than modifying the existing structure to comply with the existing setback, is to file an application to rezone the property – i.e. requesting that the City Council consider amending PD 429 that would modify/change the existing 80' front yard setback in Tracts I and II.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

#### Zoning:

<u>Site</u> :	PD 429 (Planned Development)
North:	R-10(A) (Single family district 10,000 square feet)
South:	R-10(A) (Single family district 10,000 square feet)
East:	PD 429 (Planned Development)
West:	PD 429 (Planned Development)

#### Land Use:

The subject site is developed with a multifamily use. The areas to the north and south are developed with single family uses; the area to the east is developed with multifamily use; and the area to the west is developed with retail/commercial uses.

#### Zoning/BDA History:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

#### GENERAL FACTS /STAFF ANALYSIS:

- This request focuses on maintaining an approximately 180 square foot portion of a multifamily structure/use with an approximately 35,000 square foot building footprint, that is located 75' from the site's front property line or 5' into the site's 80' front yard setback.
- An 80' front yard setback is required for properties zoned PD 429, Tracts I and II.
- A site plan has been submitted indicating the structure/building footprint is located 75.6' from the front property line or approximately 5' into the 80' front yard setback.

- According to calculations taken from the site plan by the Board Administrator, approximately 180 square feet (or about 0.5 percent) of the existing approximately 35,000 square foot building footprint is to be maintained/located in the site's front yard setback.
- The site is flat, rectangular in shape, and according to the application is approximately 4 acres in area.
- According to DCAD records, the "main improvement" at 3344 Forest Lane is a "senior citizen housing" structure built in 1998 with 64,995 square feet of total area.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:
  - That granting the variance to the front yard setback regulations will not be contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done.
  - The variance to front yard setback regulations are necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that the subject site cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same PD 429 zoning classification.
  - The variance to front yard setback regulations would not be granted to relieve a self created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing this parcel of land (the subject site) not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land in districts with the same PD 429 zoning classification.
- If the Board were to grant the front yard variance request, imposing a condition whereby the applicant must comply with the submitted site plan, the structure in the front yard setback would be limited to that what is shown on the submitted plan – a structure that is located approximately 75' from the front property line or approximately 5' into the 80' front yard setback.

# Timeline:

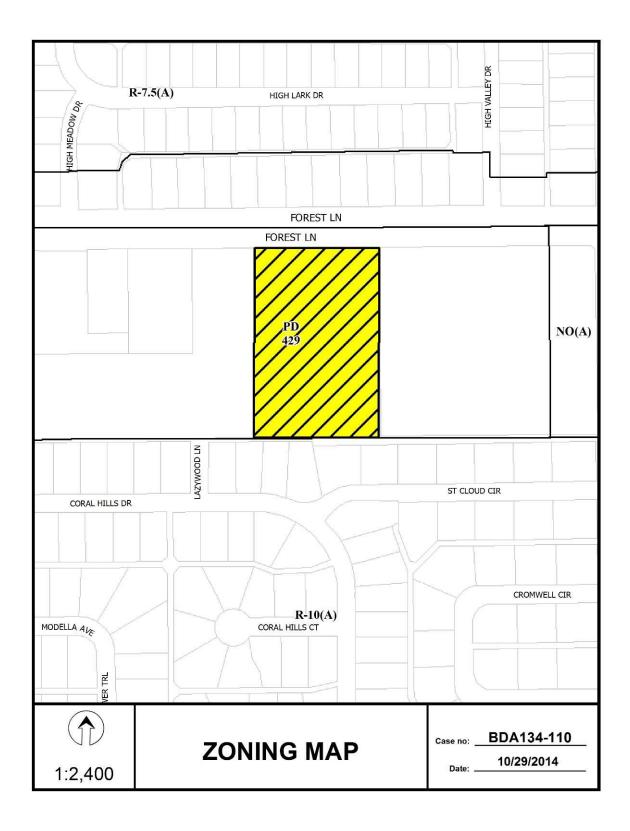
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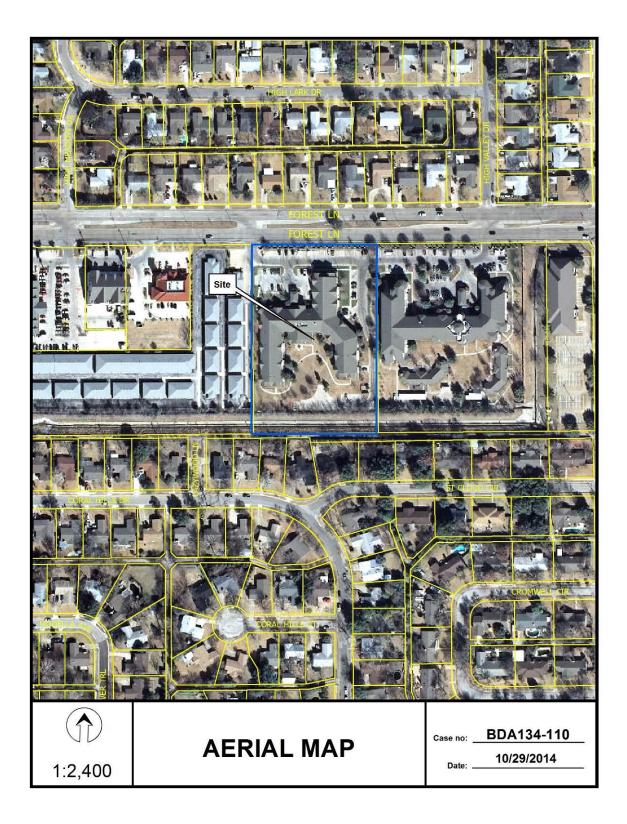
- October 14, 2014: The Interim Assistant Director of Sustainable Development and Construction acting on behalf of the Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A.
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  - an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the October 29<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the November 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;

- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.
- October 29, 2014: The applicant submitted additional documentation on this application beyond what was submitted with the original application (see Attachment A).
- November 4, 2014: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for November public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Director. the Assistant Official. the Sustainable Development and Construction Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiners/Development Code Specialist. the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Project Engineer, the City of Dallas Chief Arborist, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No review comment sheets were submitted in conjunction with this application.

November 7, 2014: The applicant submitted additional information to staff beyond what was submitted with the original application (see Attachment B). Note that this information was not factored into the staff recommendation given that it was received after the November 7<sup>th</sup> staff review team meeting. (The applicant stated that this attachment had some more details and a couple of additional attachments beyond what he had submitted for staff review that the Board Administrator had labeled as Attach A and emailed to staff on October 29th. The attachment the applicant, included a substantive discussion of the very disruptive impact on residents if the structure had to be modified, and that the Panel's attention should be drawn primarily to this one).







BDA 134-110 Attach A Pg 1

Jonathan G. Vinson (214) 953-5941 (Direct Dial) (214) 661-6809 (Direct Fax) jvinson@jw.com

October 29, 2014

Mr. Steve Long Board Administrator, Zoning Board of Adjustment Department of Sustainable Development and Construction City of Dallas 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5BN Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: BDA 134-110; 3344 Forest Lane

Dear Mr. Long:

In preparation for the Staff team meeting on this case, I am sending you this letter to explain the rationale for our request and how it meets the required variance standard, and to respectfully ask for a Staff recommendation of approval.

I. <u>The Site; Existing Conditions.</u> The request site consists of 4.0263 acres of land in Northwest Dallas, addressed as 3344 Forest Lane, facing the south right-of-way line of Forest Lane west of Cromwell Drive and east of Webb Chapel Road, and is developed with the Acadia Assisted Living residences (the "Acadia Property"). Accompanying this letter are a Zoning Map excerpt, a reduced copy of an as-built Survey, and an aerial photograph to orient you to the Acadia Property. The Acadia Property is part of the larger P.D. 429, which was adopted in 1997.

The existing structure on the Acadia Property was built in 1998 and consists of two a two-story building which is operated as an assisted living facility for elderly residents. I have included additional information on Acadia Assisted Living, attached to this letter.

II. <u>Our Request; Site Analysis.</u> Our application is for a variance to the front yard setback regulations for one very small portion of the existing structure. When PD 429 was adopted, it provided for a very large front yard setback in this location of 80 feet, for reasons which are unknown to us. This is a very large setback, with mainly surface parking, in addition to a fence and some landscaping, between the structure and the right-of-way. For reasons which, even after extensive research in the Building Inspection archives and the Survey Vault, are also unknown, one small portion of the structure was built in 1998 with an intrusion into the front yard setback of approximately four feet.

In the ensuing 16 years since construction, this issue had apparently never come to light, nor, certainly, have there been any issues at all with this use as constructed or with its operation.

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Very truly yours,

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# Acadia Assisted Living Facility



Acadia Assisted Living Facility located in beautiful Dallas, Texas combines the care seniors need, the convenience they value, and the independence they cherish. Acadia Assisted Living is beautifully designed with spacious common areas to enjoy with family and friends. Three delicious chef-prepared meals are served daily in our gracious dining room by a cheerful and friendly staff. Other amenities include maintenance and housekeeping services, transportation to and from appointments and shopping, and weekly linen service.

Activities are an integral part of the Acadia lifestyle. We promote an active adult lifestyle by offering a variety of intellectual, cultural, and recreational activities including an exciting wellness and fitness program, creative writing classes, gardening and book clubs, table games, and planned outings to go shopping, visit museums and galleries, or take in concerts and theatre performances. We often have live entertainers visit at Acadia Assisted Living for everyone to enjoy. We have weekly movies shown on our wide-screen TV with refreshments included.

Community Amenities:

- Fully furnished common areas to enjoy with friends or family
- Quiet library with new books routinely added
- Elegant dining room with fireplace and grand piano
- Graciously appointed private dining room for special gatherings and celebrations
- Full service beauty salon and barber shop
- Bright activity room with full kitchen
- Complimentary laundry facilities on both floors
- Private mail boxes with individual keys
- Spacious lounge with wide screen TV
- Outdoor patio with seating for both sun and shade
- Lovely exterior landscaping, professionally maintained
- State-of-the-art fire safety system
- Convenient off-street parking for residents and guests
- Community bus for scheduled local transportation to appointments

Apartment Amenities:

- · Studio and one bedroom apartments with space-maximizing floor plans
- Spacious bathrooms with walk-in showers for optimum safety
- Convenient kitchenettes with refrigerator, sink, microwave oven, and roomy cabinets
- Large windows with attractive coverings
- Plush wall-to-wall carpeting
- All utilities (except telephone) included

- Expanded television options
- Two-way voice call systems
- Emergency call system
- Individually controlled heating and air conditioning

#### BASIC SERVICES INCLUDED IN RENT

Health Services:

- Health services staff on duty 24 hours per day
- CPR and first aid certified staff available at all times
- Registered Nurse on staff to assess health needs
- Prompt response to each and every call for assistance

#### Dining Service:

• Three restaurant-style meals served daily in gracious dining room, Cuisine that is both delicious and nutritious, Choices with every meal, Healthy snacks available throughout the day, Attention to food preferences, Courteous dining room service along with a fireplace and piano for your enjoyment, Meal tray delivery to apartment in case of illness

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#### Activities/ Wellness Program Services:

- Full-time Activity Director coordinates an array of get-togethers, classes, and interest groups to rejuvenate body, mind, and spirit
- Fitness program
- Clergy services
- Regularly scheduled entertainment
- Enjoyable excursions for shopping, meals out, local events, and sightseeing on our airconditioned, wheelchair-accessible bus
- · Attention to individual activity preferences
- Opportunity to participate in "Seniors Together, Serving Others", our community service program

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#### Personal Services:

In addition to Basic Services, there are a variety of Personal Services according to individual needs and preferences. In this way, an individualized service plan is created with resident, family, and staff input. The goal of the service plan is to promote health and quality of life. The plan is reviewed on a regular basis. Personal Services include, but are not limited to, the following:

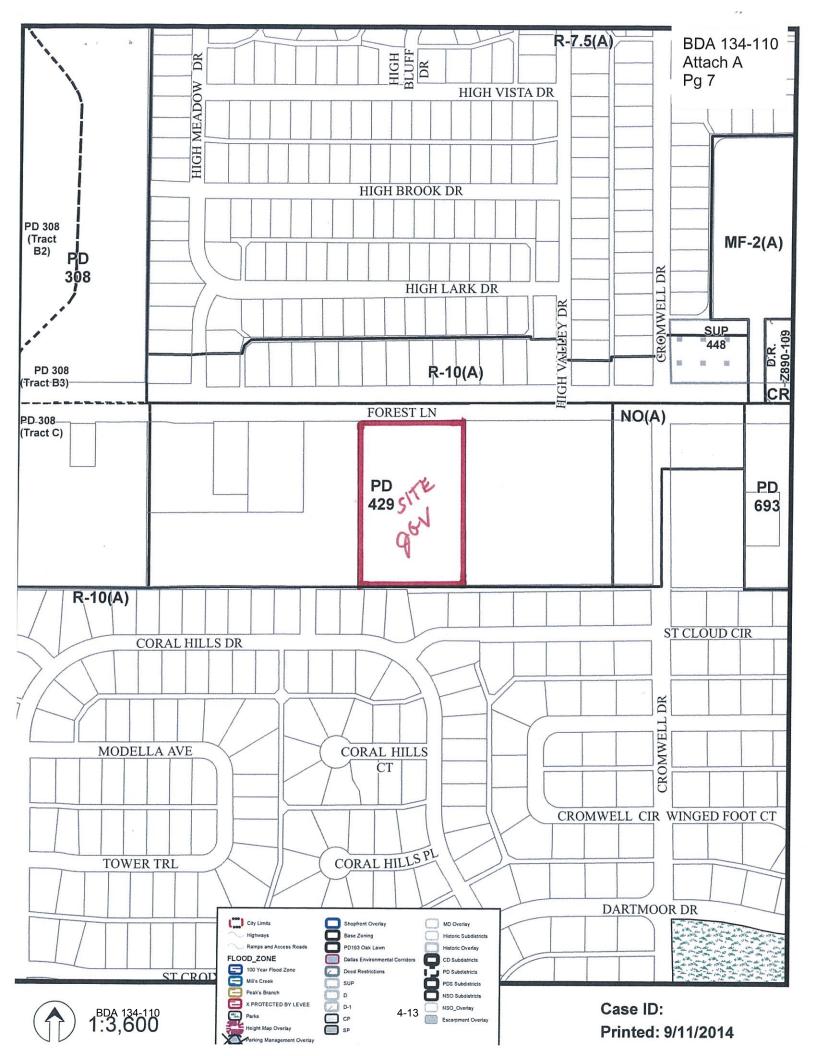
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- Coordinating services from home health agencies such as physical therapy and skilled nursing
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- Performing health monitoring such as measuring blood pressure
- Caring for hospice residents
- Assisting with personal laundry

Personal Services related to health needs are coordinated by our Registered Nurse.

#### **Assisted Living Testimonials**

- "Thank you to all of you for doing your jobs so well. Our mother lived at Acadia for four years. During that time we have been so impressed with your staff and facility. You made her final years so comfortable, safe, and enjoyable. We are extremely grateful."
- "The staff (at Acadia), from housekeepers and aides to nurses, exhibit a remarkable sunny attitude as they go about their duties. And this attitude is evident whether management personnel are in-house or gone for the day. Always a smile and a greeting by staff folks going about their work caring for elderly people. Your staff often prefaces a remark to a resident with a touch and a smile, and is always reassuring. I have to marvel at your screening process, as well as your training program, that ensures the kind of employee behavior that optimizes a living experience ... I would heartily recommend your company to anyone needing to place their loved one in an (assisted living facility)."
- We love this new home for our sister. Staff is fabulous and the rooms are a good size and in great condition. My sister felt at home immediately and is enjoying the interactions with the other residents and the activities which she just wasn't getting living on her own and wouldn't get living with working siblings. The food is great (the homemade rolls are worth the price of admission!) and the location is very convenient for us





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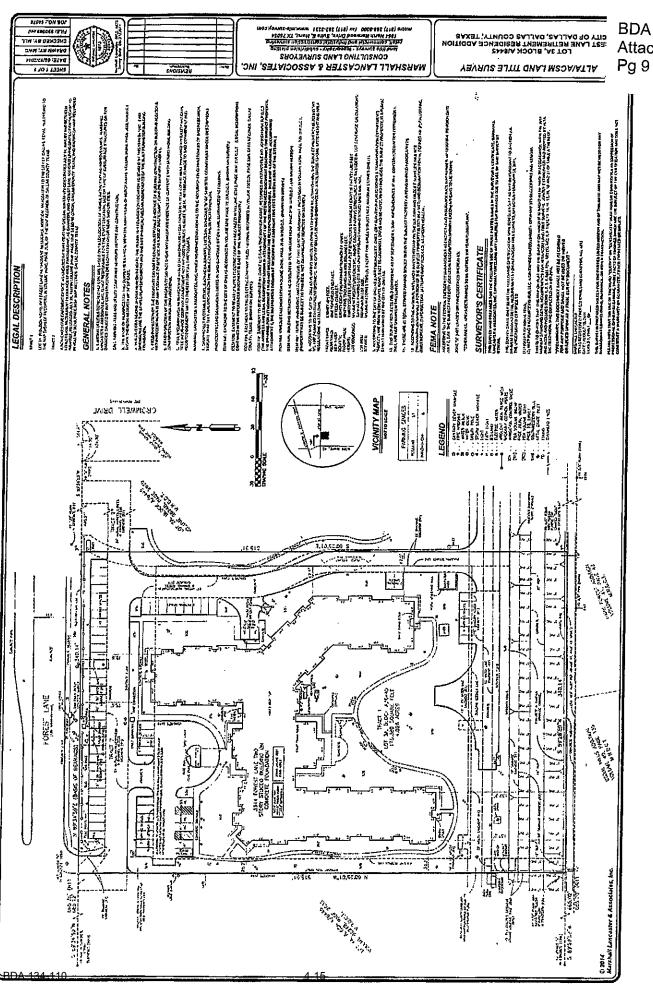
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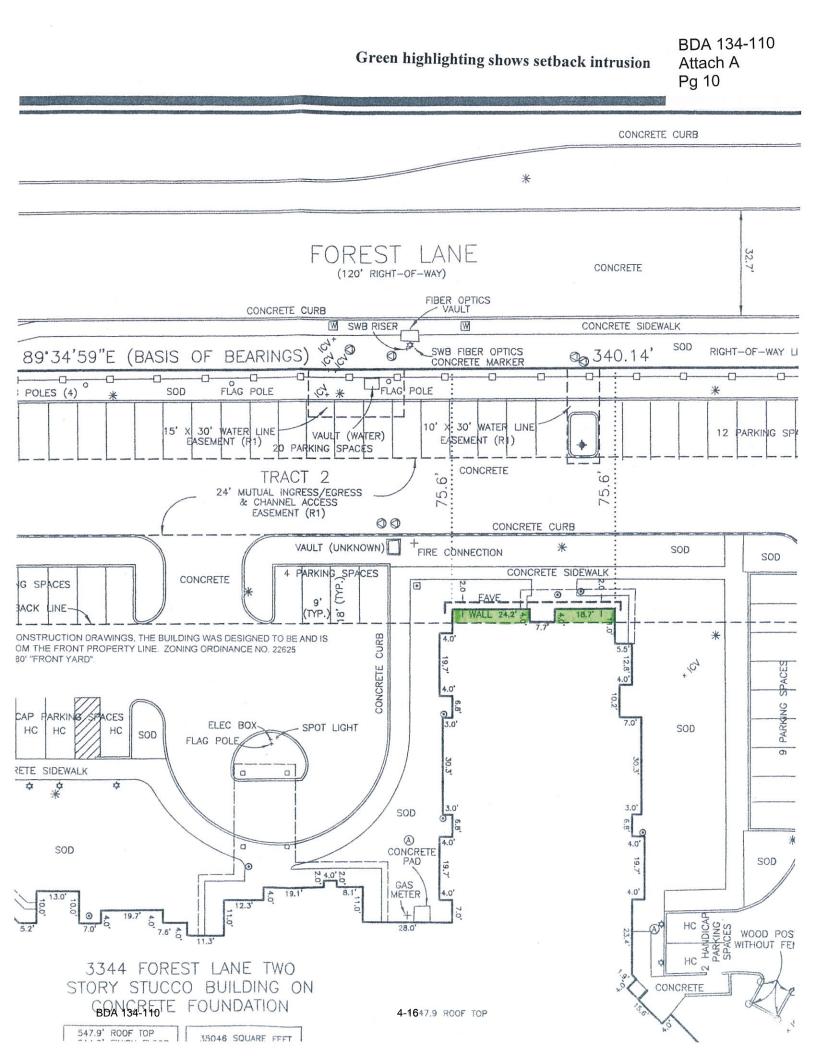
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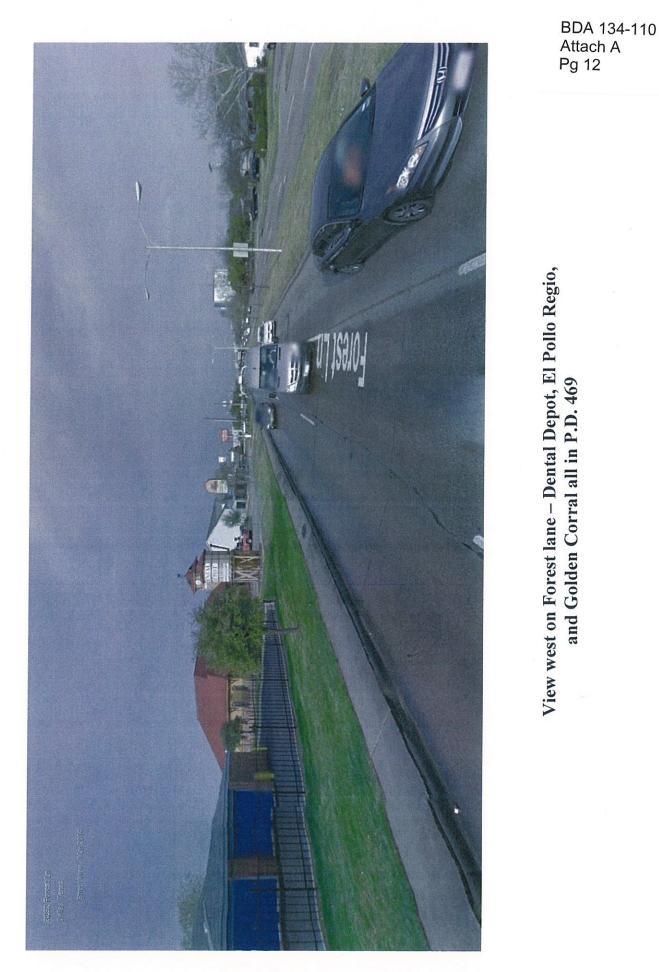
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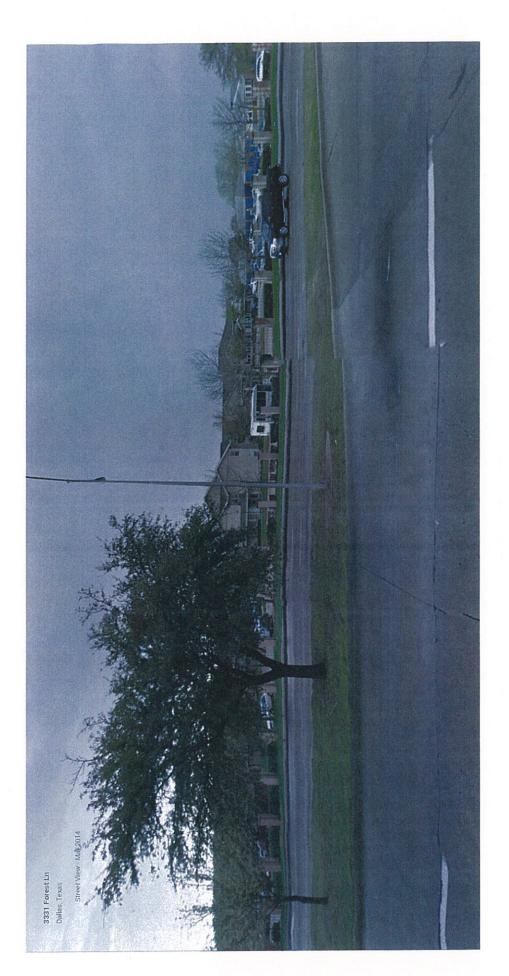


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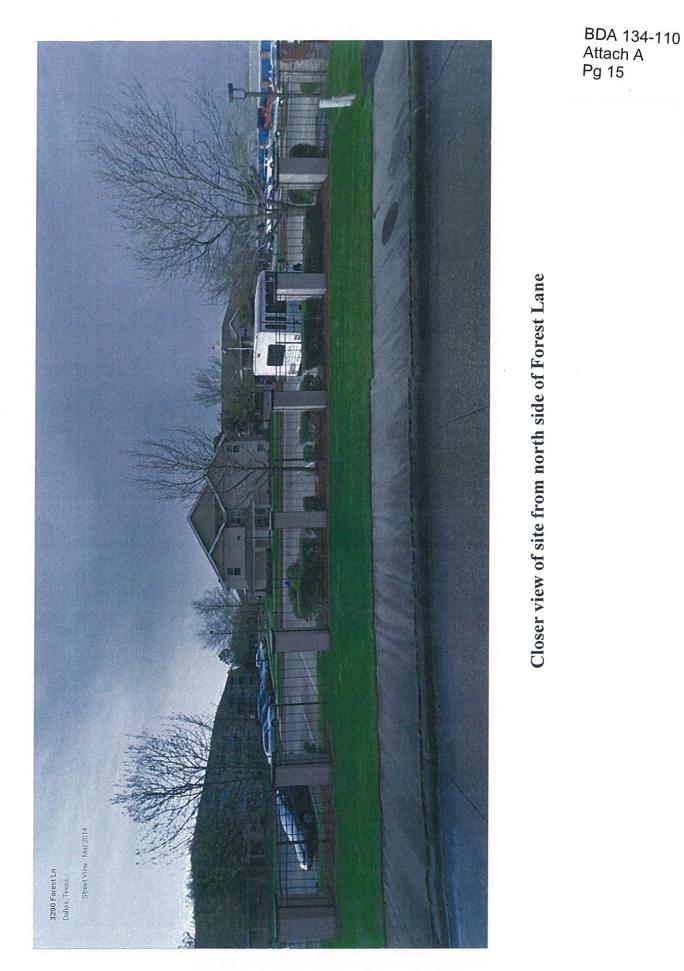
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Another view of site from north side of Forest Lane

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View of north side of Forest Lane from the site

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Via Scan/Email

Board of Adjustment, Panel A c/o Mr. Steve Long, Board Administrator Department of Sustainable Development and Construction City of Dallas 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5BN Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: BDA 134-110; 3344 Forest Lane

Dear Members of Panel A:

I am sending you this letter in care of Mr. Steve Long to explain the rationale for our request and how it meets the required variance standard, and to respectfully ask for your approval of our requested as-built front yard setback variance of five feet.

I. <u>The Site; Existing Conditions.</u> The request site consists of 4.0263 acres of land in Northwest Dallas at 3344 Forest Lane, facing the south right-of-way line of Forest Lane west of Cromwell Drive and east of Webb Chapel Road. The Acadia Assisted Living residences are located on the property (the "Acadia Property"). Accompanying this letter are a Zoning Map excerpt, a reduced copy of an as-built Survey, and an aerial photograph to orient you to the Acadia Property. The Acadia Property is part of the larger P.D. 429, which was adopted in 1997.

The existing structure on the Acadia Property was built in 1998 and is a two-story building used as an assisted living facility for elderly residents. There are, as of October 31, 76 residents at Acadia Assisted Living, ranging in age from 60 to 99, with an average age of 86. I have included additional information on Acadia Assisted Living with this letter.

**II.** <u>Our Request; Site Analysis.</u> Our application is for a variance to the front yard setback regulations for one very small portion of the existing structure. When PD 429 was adopted, it provided for a very large front yard setback in this location of 80 feet, for reasons which are unknown to us. This is a very large setback, with mainly surface parking, in addition to a fence and some landscaping, between the structure and the right-of-way. For reasons which, even after extensive research in the Building Inspection archives and the Survey Vault, are also unknown, one small portion of the structure was built in 1998 with an intrusion into the front yard setback of approximately four feet.

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Further, the Arcadia Property has an overall building footprint of 35,048 square feet according to the as-built Survey, or 34,142 square feet according to the Dallas Central Appraisal District. The footprint of the encroachment into the setback is approximately 171.6 square feet. This, in turn, works out to be approximately *one half of 1 percent* of the overall footprint of the structure as built. Moreover, the intrusion into the setback forms a part of the building that contains at least four occupied dwelling units, currently occupied by elderly residents.

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Obviously, the improvements could not be modified to pull back behind the setback without extremely costly and impractical measures to do so. The structural integrity of the building itself could be compromised by efforts to reduce this four foot intrusion into the 80 foot front yard setback to a location behind the setback line. This is, in context, a completely unobtrusive development, with a very low impact use, that is, an assisted living facility housing elderly residents.

Demolition of a portion of the building to reduce the approximately four foot intrusion would require the relocation of the elderly residents currently living in the four to five units that would have to be demolished and also the relocation of additional elderly residents living in nearby units during the demolition and reconstruction stages. The 22 units in that wing use the stairwell at the end of the building, where the intrusion is, as their fire exit. Since any occupied unit must have fire exit access under the Fire Code, those residents would also have to be relocated while the demolition and reconstruction took place.

A forced demolition of this wing of the Acadia Property would also cause other issues with noise, dust, construction safety, and similar issues for all of the elderly residents living at  $\frac{4-24}{4-24}$ 

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IV. <u>The Public Interest.</u> Finally, the granting of this variance would not in any way be contrary to the public interest. As described above, the Acadia Property has been in this configuration, with this very minor setback intrusion, since it was constructed in 1998, with absolutely no complaints from anyone for any reason. There is no adverse visual or other impact at all arising from this very small intrusion, and the Acadia Property is very well-maintained.

You should also be aware that the relocation of elderly residents living in assisted living facilities raises very significant issues. In fact, there is a recognized condition known as *"relocation stress syndrome"* as it relates to elderly residents, and the clinical staff of the Acadia Property will attest to the difficulties caused to elderly residents already in need of assistance when they are forced to relocate their homes and their possessions.

I would ask that you review the attached narrative prepared by the clinical staff at Acadia which describes in much more detail the severe adverse impact that this situation could have on the residents if it had to be resolved by demolishing the small intrusion. Among the conditions affecting the residents are dementia (43 percent), hypertension, anxiety, depression, pulmonary conditions such as emphysema and asthma that could be aggravated by a demolition/construction project, and numerous others. Almost every resident would in some way be very adversely affected, from a mental and physical health standpoint, by any potential demolition and reconstruction of their homes. There could well be similar, if somewhat less immediate, effects on the residents of the assisted living residences to our east.

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V. <u>Conclusion</u>. Thank you very much for your consideration of these points. If you have any questions, please let us know. Otherwise, we look forward to appearing before you at our hearing on November 18, at which we will respectfully be asking for your approval for our setback variance request. Thank you very much.

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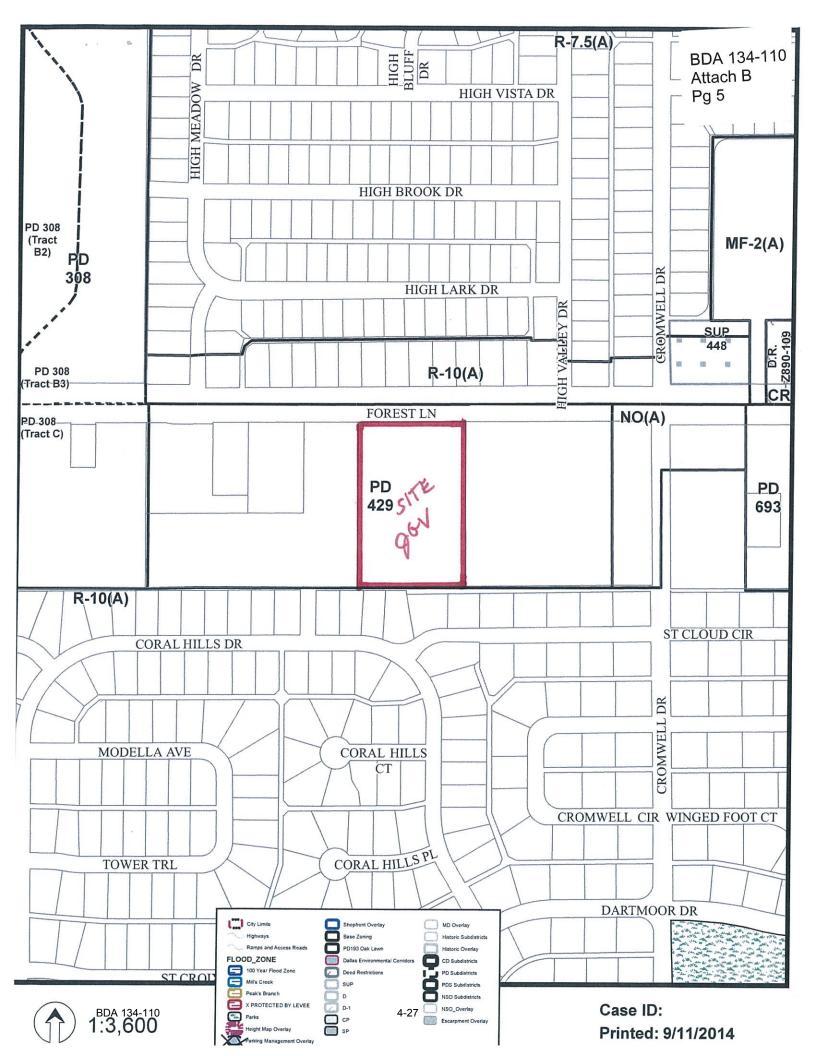
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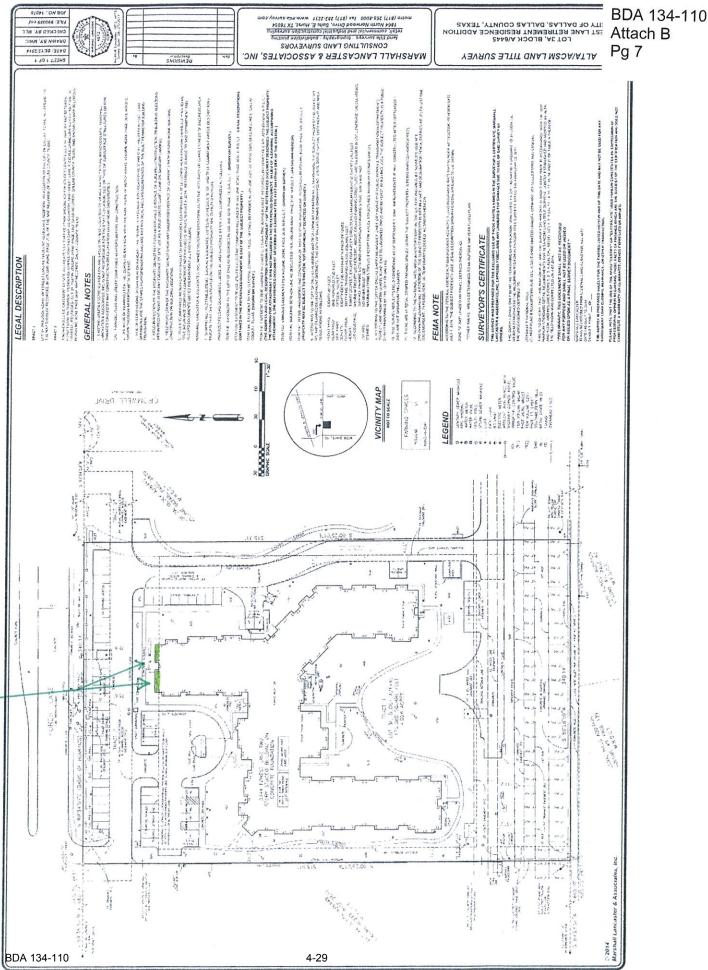
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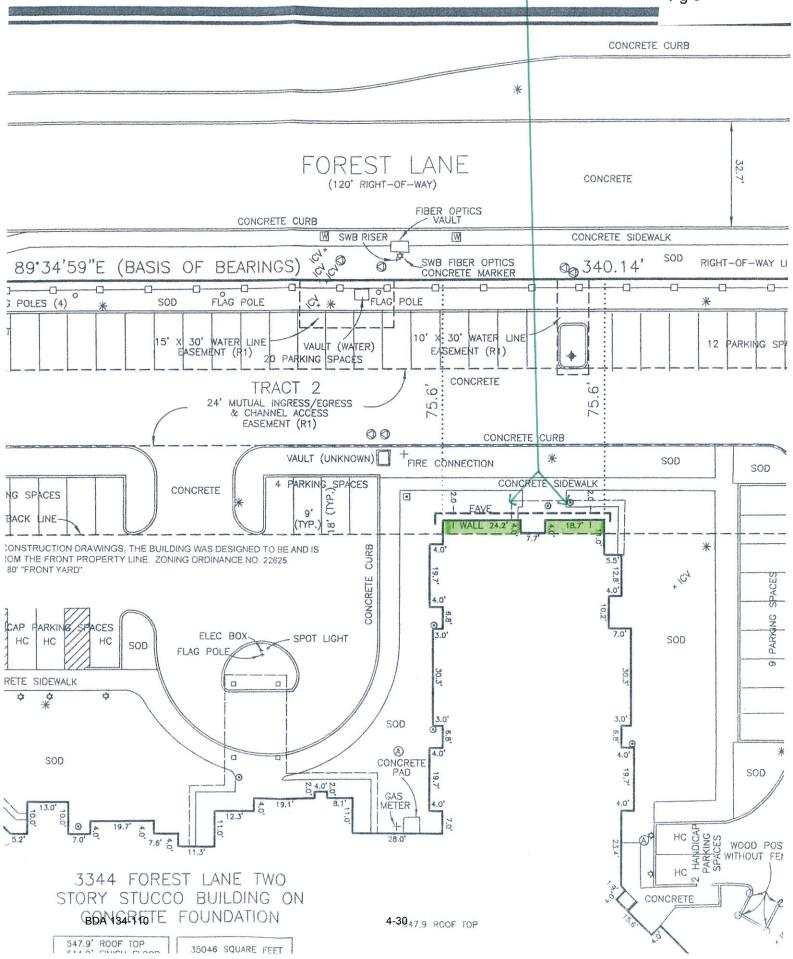




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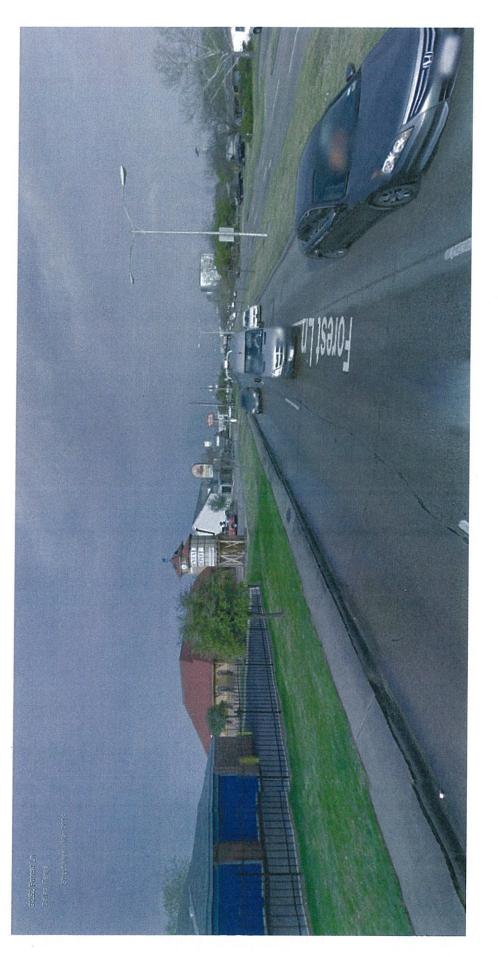
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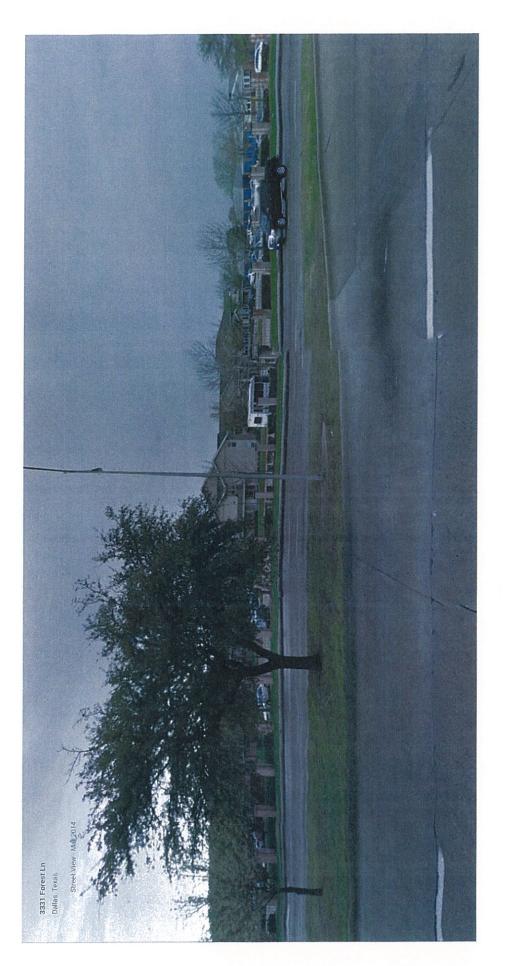


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Closer view of site from north side of Forest Lane



View of north side of Forest Lane from the site

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## ACADIA ASSISTED LIVING

## . 3344 Forest Lane

## Dallas, Texas 75229

Dear Members of the Board of Adjustment: Thank you for your consideration of our request. In addition to the information presented to you in our representative's letter, we at Acadia want to let you know more about our residents and how they could be so negatively impacted by any disruption to their living arrangements.

It is difficult to know precisely how many residents would be displaced permanently and temporarily during a demolition and reconstruction project to eliminate the approximately 4 foot setback intrusion. The Acadia building was built using light gauge metal framing, and until a structural engineer and architect evaluates the building in detail, it is difficult to know what structural changes would be necessary to "cut off" the end of the building to bring it into compliance.

Although the setback intrusion is only 4 feet, demolition and reconstruction on that portion of the building to remove 4 feet is a major construction project that would last several months. The apartments located at that end of the Acadia building are studio apartments, and a demolition to bring the building into compliance would require the elimination of at least four to five apartments. It is possible that more apartments may also need to be eliminated due to stairwell location, roof design, etc.

Another complicating factor is that the stairwell at the end of the building would have to be removed and relocated. That stairwell is a required fire exit for the residents located on that wing of the Facility. The Acadia Facility may be required to relocate all of the residents on that wing during the construction project to comply with safety fire regulations. In summary, at a minimum, residents living in 4-5 apartments would lose their homes permanently and residents living in the apartments adjacent to the construction area would need to be relocated during the several month construction period.

It is also likely that at least 14 additional residents living in the Acadia Facility will need to be relocated during the several month construction period because of health issues such as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma and emphysema, and as many as 22 residents living on the wing may need to be relocated during the construction period because of fire and safety issues with the elimination of the fire exit stairwell.

The displacement and relocation of residents is always difficult, and it is even more complicated when the residents being relocated are elderly residents with a multiple of health problems. Acadia Assisted Living facility is home to 76 residents ranging in age from 99 years old to 60 years old with the average age of the residents being 86 years old. Change is oftentimes very difficult for the elderly. The residents at Acadia and their family have already made the difficult decision for the residents to move from their prior homes to the Acadia. With that decision, there was a loss of personal items, independence and choices about how they live their lives, and also a tremendous amount of fear of the unknown. A permanent or temporary move from their new home at Acadia would be another very difficult move for these residents.

The Acadia Facility serves many medically frail residents. The average number of medical conditions per resident is eight, with some residents having as many as 15-19 diagnosed medical conditions. These medical conditions range from dementia, anxiety, depression, COPD, asthma, emphysema, hypertension, macular degeneration, multiple sclerosis, anxiety, glaucoma, stroke, atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, etc.

The Acadia personnel have serious health concerns for many of the residents if there is a several month construction project. Because of the increased pulmonary risk from construction dust and debris, several residents with COPD, asthma and emphysema may need to move out of the Acadia community during the construction. In fact, accordingly to Acadia personnel, all of the residents will be negatively affected by the noise, dust and other problems during the demolition and reconstruction.

For the residents living at Acadia, the apartments are much more than an intrusion into a setback – the apartments are the residents' homes. Once the residents make the decision to move to Acadia, they choose their apartments based on location, if their prized possessions will fit and the price. After a 30 to 90 day adjustment period, Acadia personnel start to see them relax and begin to enjoy their new home. If they are forced to permanently or temporarily leave their apartments, that safety and security will be taken away from those residents. For the residents with moderate dementia, this will be difficult because they will not understand why they have to move and they will likely continue trying to go back to the original apartment to which they are oriented. Even for those residents who are cognitively intact, a move could be excruciating – resulting in confusion, depression and agitation.

Residents in the apartments that would need to be demolished and residents in apartments closest to the construction area would be the most directly impacted. The apartments located on that end of the building are studio apartments. With no studio apartments available at Acadia, those displaced residents would be forced to find new homes elsewhere.

One of the hardest part of the work that Acadia personnel does with each resident is trying every day to instill a sense of security. With that security, residents are willing to begin living their lives, not just waiting to die. A demolition and reconstruction project would, in the opinion of Acadia personnel, reverse this trend for many residents. To understand the difficulties that many of the residents would face, it may be helpful to provide a short description of some of the residents of the apartments that would be impacted.

One resident has lived in her studio apartment for 2 1/2 years. She has dementia, disorientation, poor safety awareness, as a few of her diagnosis, and her current level of need includes assistance with eight Activities of Daily Living ("ADLs"). The Acadia personnel are very concerned that she would be devastated by a move from her apartment. She gets distressed with any change in her routine or the routine of the community. For example, if the Wednesday shopping trip is cancelled or delayed, she gets very angry. When she's upset, she refuses to take her medication. She loves her apartment and a move from that apartment would be a major disruptive life change.

A woman living in another studio apartment is a new resident and the move from her old home to the Acadia Facility was an extremely difficult move. She has been diagnosed with dementia, anxiety and hypertension. The first few weeks after she moved, she was very disoriented and adjustment was difficult. She has now settled in and is completely oriented to her apartment. She loves to walk down towards the dining room and watch what is going on. Acadia personnel are concerned that if she is forced to leave her apartment, her adjustment will be compromised and her health could be negatively impacted.

The woman living in another studio apartment has lived there for two years. She has been diagnosed with glaucoma, falls, COPD, Macular Degeneration, shortness of breath, and is dependent in seven ADLs. All of these medical problems would be issues if she is forced to move to a different apartment. Her eyesight is very poor and learning a new environment would be difficult for her.

There is a couple living in one apartment. Their move to Acadia was very difficult. Mrs. is very angry about having to live here, and she has severe episodic depressive disorder. She will go to bed and not come out of the apartment for weeks. Mr. also suffers from a psychological diagnosis. Acadia personnel have worked for two 1/2 years to stabilize this couple and they are finally experiencing success. They are very concerned that the demolition of their apartment would devastate this couple.

The resident of one of the studio apartments has lived there for 5 1/2 years. She loves her apartment and her life at the community. She loves to tell people how great Acadia is and how much she loves it. But, she does not handle stress or change very well. She once cried for 30 minutes because the laundry soap was locked up and she had to change to an individual container with soap in it. Acadia personnel are very worried that if she lost her home of 5 1/2 years, she would fall apart and they would have to start over again trying to improve her quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of our request.



November 4, 2014

Mr. Steve Long **Board Administrator** Zoning Board of Adjustment Department of Sustainable **Development and Construction** City of Dallas 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5BN Dallas, Texas 75201

> Re: BDA 134-110; 3344 Forest Lane

Dear Mr. Long:

This is a letter in support of the approval by the City of Dallas Board of Adjustment of the variance application submitted by Forest Lane Assisted Living Limited Partnership for a variance of five feet to the 80 foot front yard setback requirement to accommodate the as-built condition of the Acadia Assisted Living facility located at 3344 Forest Lane (BDA 134-110; 3344 Forest Lane).

Holiday Retirement is the operator of The Bentley, an independent living community that is home to 111 elderly residents. The Bentley is located at 3362 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, immediately adjacent to the Acadia Assisted Living facility.

We were not aware of the approximately four foot intrusion of a portion of the Acadia Assisted Living facility into the 80 foot front setback. This minor intrusion into the front setback has not created problems for The Bentley since the Acadia facility was built 16 years ago, and this minor intrusion does not create problems for us now.

We are more concerned about the potential adverse consequences to our residents from a forced demolition of a portion of the Acadia building to comply with the front setback requirement than we are with this minor setback intrusion. A significant construction project to demolish a portion of the Acadia building that is immediately adjacent to The Bentley raises potential noise, dust and construction safety issues for the elderly residents at The Bentley, as well as the residents living at Acadia Assisted Living facility. We think that the forced demolition of a portion of the Acadia building to correct a minor setback intrusion would have detriment effects and would not serve the interests of the public.

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Sincerely,

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Christopher J. Bouchard Chief Legal Officer

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## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

				Case No.	: BDA	134	4-110
Data Relative to Su	ubject Property:			Date:	9-1	11-14	Ĺ
Location address:	3344 Forest Lane			_ Zoning	District: _	P.D	. 429
Lot No.: 3A	Block No.: A/6445	Acreage:	4.0263	Censu	s Tract: _	009	96.07
Street Frontage (in I	Feet): 1) <u>340.14</u> 2)	N/A 3	) <u>N/A</u>	4)	N/A	5)	N/A
To the Honorable	Board of Adjustment :						Neo
Owner of Property (	(per Warranty Deed):	Forest Lar	e Assisted	Living Limi	ted Partn	ership	
Applicant:	Jackson Walker L.L.P./Jon	athan G. Vins	on	Teleph	one: (2	14) 953	3-5941
Mailing Address:	901 Main Street, St	uite 6000, Da	llas, Texas		Zip Cod	e:7	5202
E-mail Address:		jvinson	@jw.com				
Represented by:	Jackson Walker L.L.P./Jo	onathan G. Vi	nson	Telepho	one: (21	14) 953	-5941
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Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:

Granting of the requested variance will not be contrary to the public interest; and, owing to special conditions (including as-built location of occupied assisted living units), to be described further in supplementary materials to be provided to City Staff, literal enforcement of the referenced regulations would result in unnecessary hardship. The variance is necessary to maintain development of this specific parcel of land in a manner commensurate with other parcels in P.D. 429 zoning, and is not to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only.

Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

### Affidavit

Before me the unders	signed on this day persor	nally appear	red Jonathan	G. Vinson
	5		(Affiant/Applicar	nt's name printed)
who on (his/her) oa	th certifies that the al	bove staten	nents are true and cor	rect to his/her best
knowledge and that	he/she is the owner/or	principal/	or authorized represent	ative of the subject
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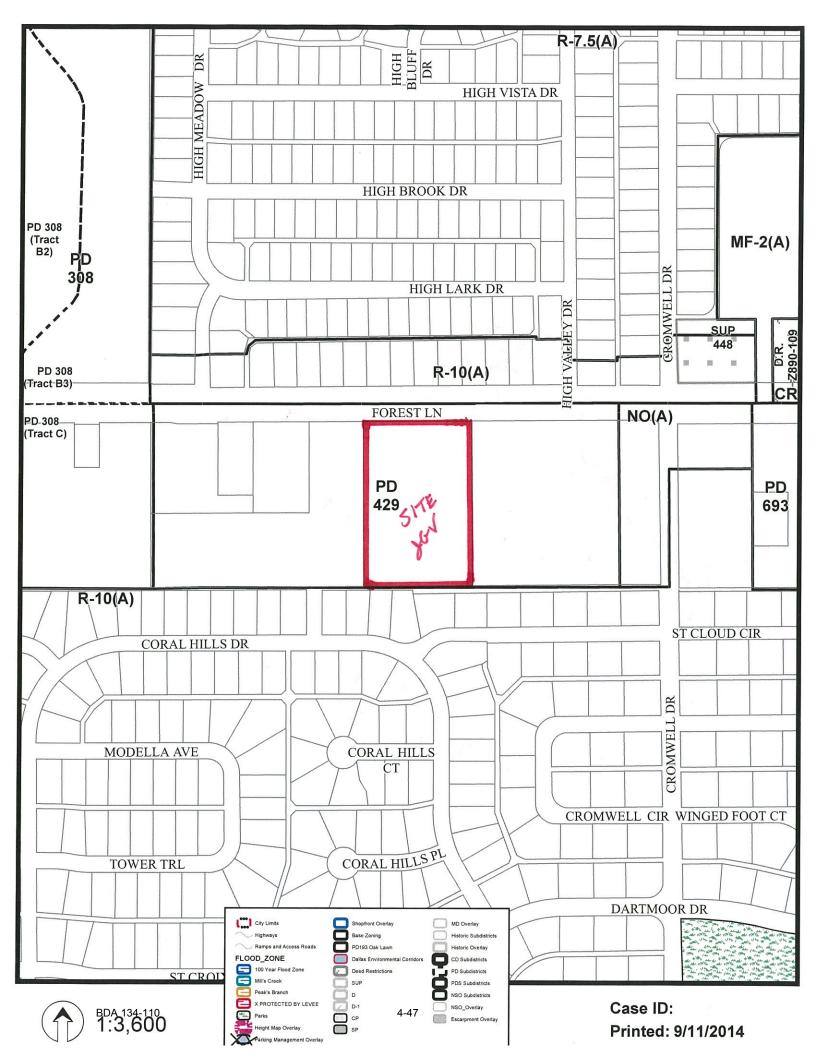
Chairman																	Remarks	Appeal wasGranted OR Denied	Date of Hearing	MEMORANDUM OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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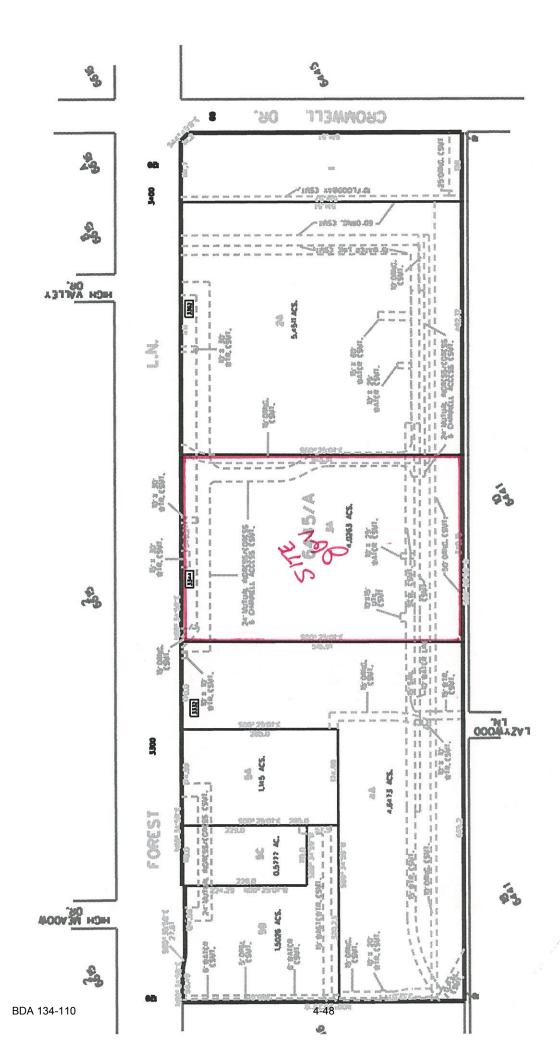
BDA134-110. Application of Jonathan Vinson for a variance to the front yard setback regulations at 3344 Forest Lane. This property is more fully described as Lot 3A, Block A/6445, and is zoned PD-429, which requires a front yard setback of 80 feet. The applicar proposes to construct and maintain a retirement housing residential structure and provide 75 foot front yard setback, which will require a 5 foot variance to the front yard setback regulation.

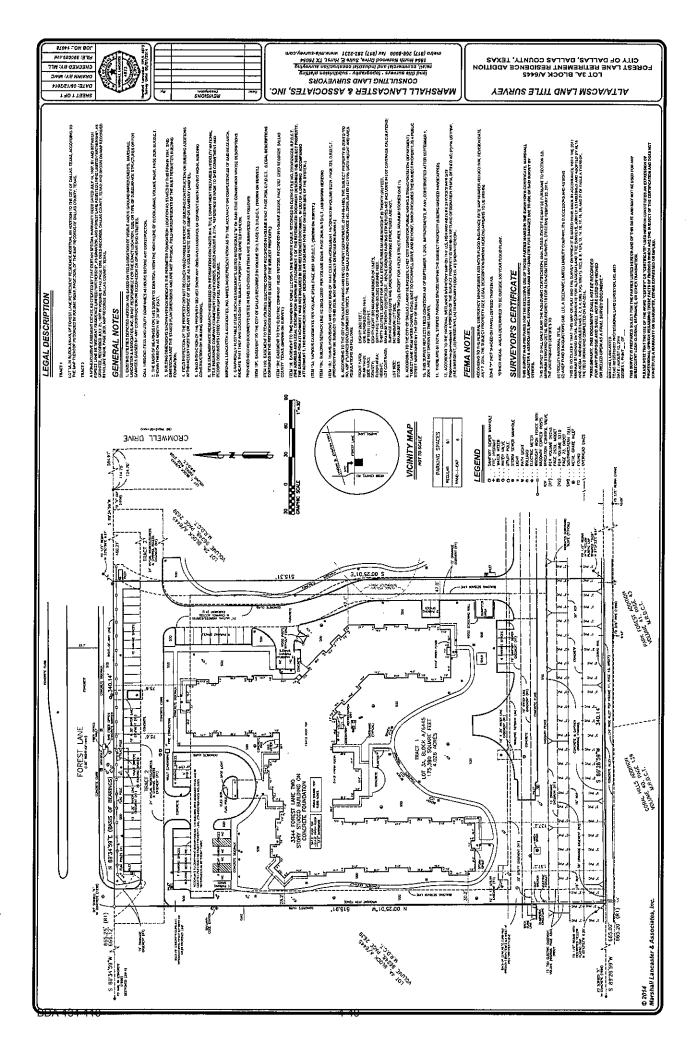
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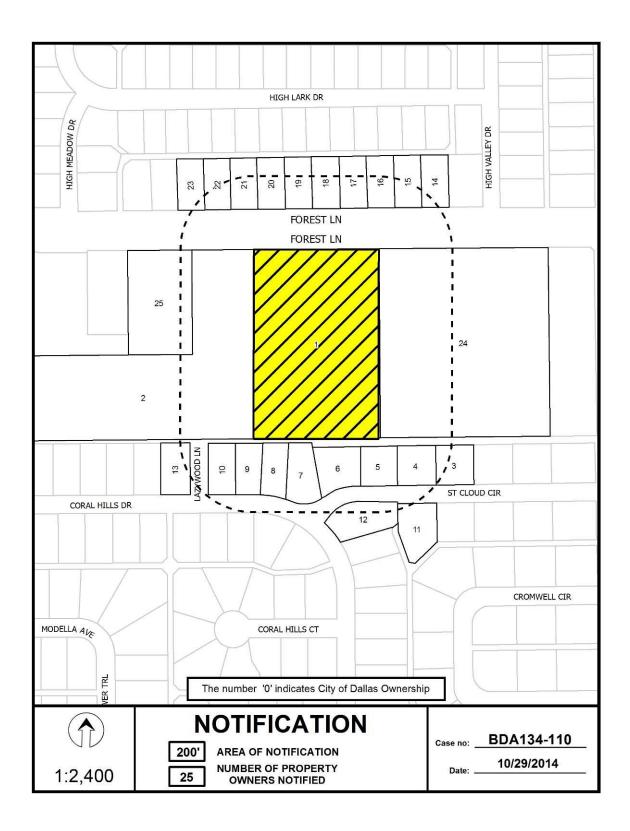
Larry Holmes, Building Official











# Notification List of Property Owners

## BDA134-110

## 25 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	3344	FOREST LN	FOREST LANE ASSISTED
2	3332	FOREST LN	SECURITY STORAGE
3	3333	ST CLOUD CIR	BONLIE DAVID M
4	3323	ST CLOUD CIR	BONLIE MARILYN J
5	3317	ST CLOUD CIR	GARCIA BRENDA
6	3309	ST CLOUD CIR	MIKKELSEN CHARLES J &
7	11589	CORAL HILLS DR	ELLIS LIN W
8	11583	CORAL HILLS DR	SIFUENTES MARIA G
9	11577	CORAL HILLS DR	ARANDA JESUS R JR &
10	11573	CORAL HILLS DR	ROMO ROSA A &
11	3324	ST CLOUD CIR	THOMPSON HELEN
12	11607	CORAL HILLS DR	PADGETT MARY ELIZABETH C
13	11567	CORAL HILLS DR	GOUSHEY SYLVIA D LIFE ESTATE
14	3355	FOREST LN	RATHVON DONNA M
15	3349	FOREST LN	PERALES ANDRES & MARIA
16	3343	FOREST LN	AGUILAR FRANCISCO
17	3337	FOREST LN	CANTU NICOLE E & JOSE M
18	3331	FOREST LN	NGUYEN TAM THANH
19	3325	FOREST LN	HERNANDEZ CRESENCIO
20	3319	FOREST LN	JOHNSON DAPHINE H
21	3311	FOREST LN	PANG FOON
22	3305	FOREST LN	HAILEMESKEL AMHA
23	3299	FOREST LN	COULAM LESLIE ALLAN
24	3362	FOREST LN	NIC 13 THE BENTLEY OWNER LLC
25	3326	FOREST LN	DENTAL DEPOT OF DALLAS