#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# City of Lockhart Zoning Board of Adjustment 6:30 PM, Monday, October 5, 2020 Municipal Building — Glosserman Room 308 W. San Antonio St.

#### **BOARD MEMBER AUDIO CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

One or more members of the Lockhart Zoning Board of Adjustment may participate in a meeting remotely. The member of the Board presiding over the meeting will be physically present at the above public location. Audio conference equipment providing two-way audio communication with each member participating remotely will be made available, and each portion of the meeting held by audio conference that is required to be open to the public can be heard by the public at the location specified.

#### CITIZEN AUDIO CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388. Attendee Access Code: 626-304-323#.
- Citizens wishing to listen or participate must call in prior to the start of the meeting, and should identify themselves. Attendees may call in to listen only, if desired.
- Those wishing to speak will be called upon to address the Board.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda packets can be viewed online at <a href="www.lockhart-tx.org">www.lockhart-tx.org</a> starting two days prior to the meeting. Navigate from the Departments tab at the top of the page to <a href="Development Services">Development Services</a> <a href="Meeting Minutes/Schedules">Minutes/Schedules</a> (on left side) <a href="Agendas & Minutes">Agendas & Minutes</a> <a href="Agenda Packets">Agenda Packets</a>.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call meeting to order.
- 2. Citizen comments not related to a public hearing item.
- 3. Consider the minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting.
- 4. **SE-20-02.** Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider a request by Roberta Arispe for a Special Exception as provided in Section 64-130(c)(5), Chapter 64 "Zoning", Lockhart Code of Ordinances, to preclude an essentially inadvertent taking of property due to an existing nonconforming unplatted lot width and lot area on 0.10 acre in the Byrd Lockhart Survey, Abstract No. 17, zoned RMD (Residential Medium Density District) and located at 1003 Proctor Street.
- 5. **SE-20-03.** Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider a request by Brenda Hernandez, on behalf of Somsy Vejsiri, for a Special Exception as provided in Section 64-130(c)(5), Chapter 64 "Zoning", Lockhart Code of Ordinances, to preclude an essentially inadvertent taking of property due to an existing nonconforming unplatted lot depth and lot area on 0.127 acre in the Byrd Lockhart Survey, Abstract No. 17, zoned RLD (Residential Low Density District) and located at 1214 Farmer Street.
- 6. FV-20-01. Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider a request by Joe Roland on behalf of Worlanda Neal for a Variance to the Lockhart Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-490 "Residential Districts", to allow a six foot tall privacy fence to encroach approximately 12 feet into the minimum required 20 foot front yard setback on 0.551 acre in the Byrd Lockhart League, Abstract-17, zoned RMD (Residential Medium Density District) and located at 1210, 1212, and 1308 Green Street.
- 7. Discuss the date and agenda of the next meeting.
- 8. Adjourn.

Posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 308 West San Antonio Street, Lockhart, Texas at 11:15 a.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

#### CITY OF LOCKHART ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT JULY 06, 2020

#### **MINUTES**

Members Present: Wayne Reeder, Mike Annas, Laura Cline, John Juarez, Lori Rangel (By Phone),

Severo Castillo (By Phone)

Members Absent: Anne Clark, Kirk Smith

Staff Present: Christine Banda, Kevin Waller

Others Present: None

1. Call meeting to order. Chair Cline called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. <u>Citizen comments not related to a public hearing item.</u> None

3. Consider the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting.

Member Annas moved to approve the June 1, 2020 minutes. Member Reeder seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

4. <u>ZV-20-04</u>. Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider a request by Efrain Gutierrez, on behalf of Alice Guinn, for a Variance to Chapter 64 "Zoning", Lockhart Code of Ordinances, to allow a Portable Food Establishment to connect directly to the City wastewater system, on 0.464 acre in the James George Survey, Abstract No. 9, zoned CHB (Commercial Heavy Business District) and located at 1209 South Main Street.

Planning Staff Kevin Waller explained that the applicant has a portable food establishment on the subject property and would like to connect directly to the City's wastewater system. The Zoning Ordinance requires that a portable food establishment have a self-contained wastewater holding tank that must be emptied by either taking it to an authorized dump station or by being pumped to an authorized wastewater-hauling vehicle. Mr. Waller stated that Staff recommends approval with the condition that the applicant install an under-sink grease trap.

Chair Cline opened the public hearing and asked for any speakers either in favor or against. None came forward, so she closed the public hearing.

Chair Cline moved to approve ZV-20-04 with staff's condition of installing an under-sink grease trap. Member Juarez seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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6. Adjourn.

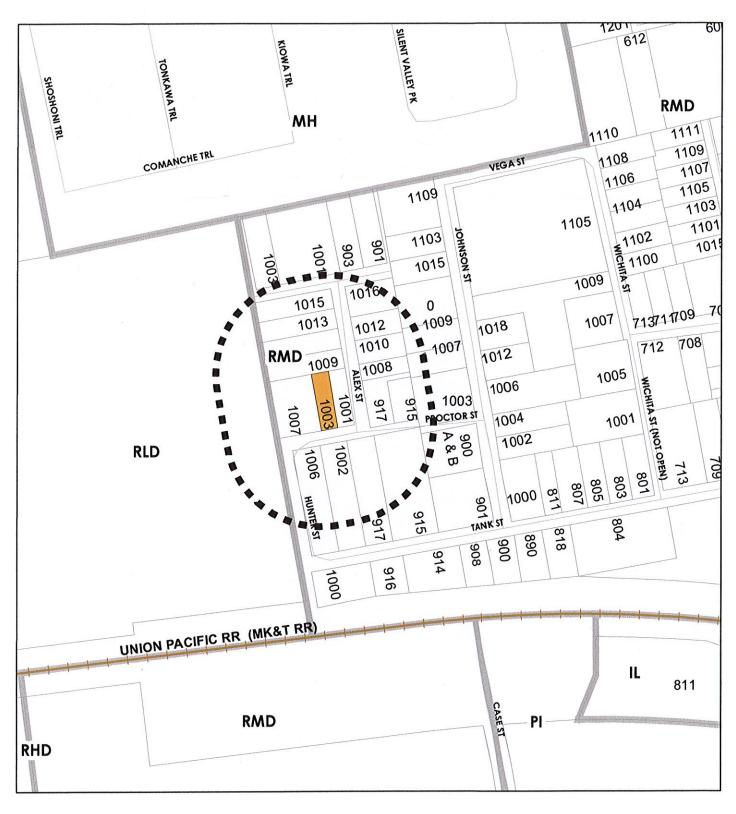
Member Annas moved to adjourn the meeting, and Member Reeder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Approved:

(Date)

Christine Banda, Recording Secretary

Laura Cline, Chair





LOT WIDTH AND LOT AREA

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

#### SPECIAL EXCEPTION

#### **CASE SUMMARY**

STAFF CONTACT: Kevin Waller, Assistant City Planner

REPORT DATE: September 30, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 5, 2020

APPLICANT'S REQUEST: Special Exception, as provided in Section 64-130(c)(5), to preclude an inadvertent

taking of property due to a 35.72-foot (average) nonconforming parcel width and a

nonconforming parcel area of 0.10 acre

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

CONDITIONS: None

#### **BACKGROUND DATA**

APPLICANT: Roberta Arispe

OWNER: Same

SITE LOCATION: 1003 Proctor Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Byrd Lockhart Survey A-17 (metes and bounds)

SIZE OF PROPERTY: 0.10 acre (35.72 feet (average) wide by 119.85 feet deep)

**EXISTING USE OF PROPERTY: Vacant** 

ZONING CLASSIFICATION: RMD (Residential Medium Density District)

#### **ANALYSIS OF ISSUES**

REASON FOR REQUESTED SPECIAL EXCEPTION: The applicant proposes to develop the property with either a site-built single-family dwelling or manufactured home. In order for the property to be developed, any use must meet certain dimensional standards, including a 50-foot minimum lot width and a 105-foot minimum depth for the SF-2 development type in the RMD zoning district, or receive approval of a Variance, or a Special Exception, in order to preclude an inadvertent taking of the property. In this instance, the Special Exception application seemed more appropriate. The property is 0.10 acre, or approximately 4,356 square feet, and measures 35.72 feet wide, which is the property's average width considering its differing widths at the front and rear property lines, and 119.85 feet deep. Since neither the property's width, nor its area, conforms to the required dimensions in the RMD district, either a Variance or Special Exception approval is necessary. According to the submitted application and site plan, the new residence will meet the required setbacks for the RMD district. If a manufactured home is utilized, a Specific Use Permit approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission will be required. In addition, the applicant submitted a letter from Matthew Allen of the Caldwell County Appraisal District (attached) which explains that the adjacent, undeveloped property to the east is partially traversed by Alex Street. This creates a situation that may prevent the applicant from being able to potentially purchase part of the adjacent property in order to make her property conforming to the minimum width and area requirements.

AREA CHARACTERISTICS: The properties to the north, west, and south, across Proctor Street, are developed with single-family dwellings. The property to the east is currently undeveloped and encroached upon by Alex Street, as discussed above. The neighborhood in general consists primarily of older single-family dwellings of varying physical condition, with some lots of substandard dimensions, most notably along Alex Street.

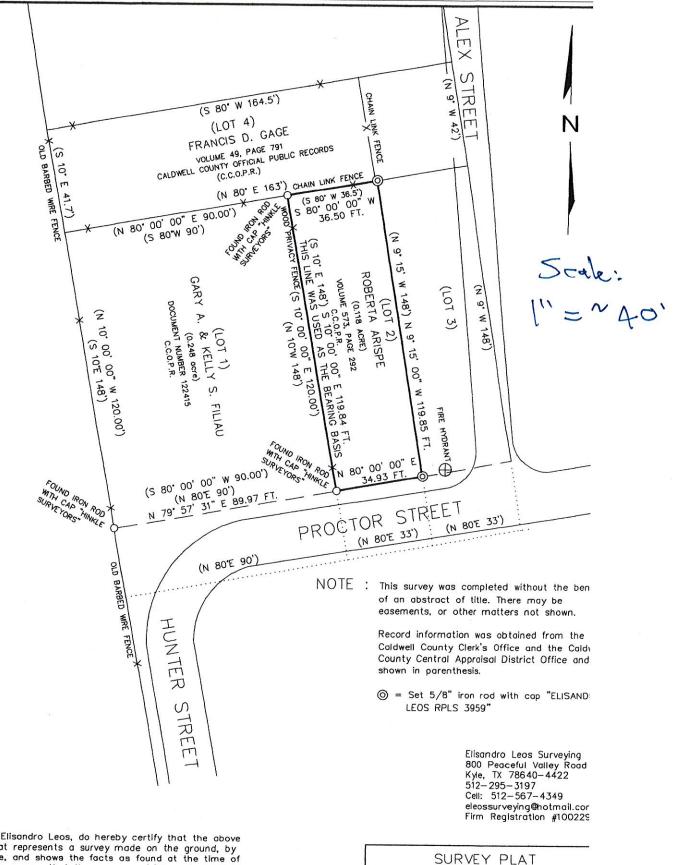
EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Other substandard lots in the neighborhood have been developed with no adverse impacts on public health and safety.

EFFECT ON THE CHARACTER OF THE ZONING DISTRICT WHERE LOCATED: The character of the area already includes homes on substandard-sized properties similar to the subject parcel.

EFFECT ON SURROUNDING PROPERTY: Due to the facts that approval of the special exception would not change the size or configuration of the lot, the property is already zoned for residential use, and required setbacks will be maintained, there would be no adverse impact on surrounding properties.

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION: None as of the date of this report.

CASE NUMBER: SE-20-02



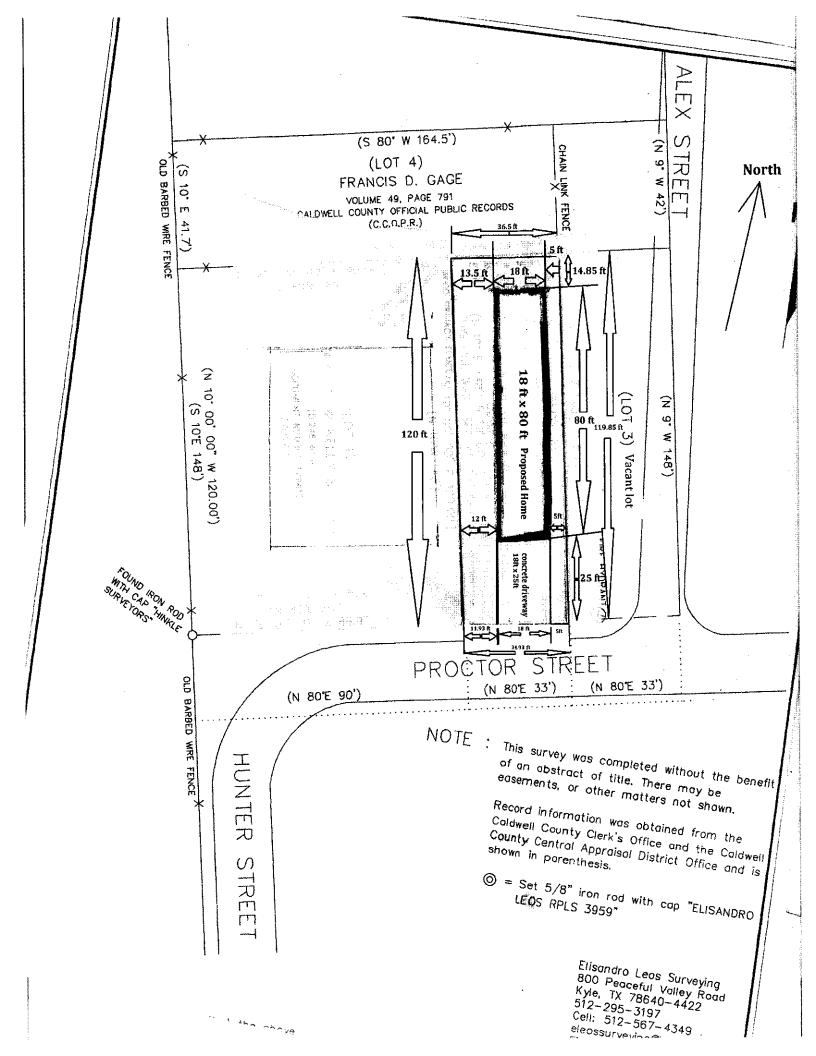
l, Elisandro Leos, do hereby certify that the above plat represents a survey made on the ground, by me, and shows the facts as found at the time of the survey, that there are no visible and or apparent encroachments other than shown. This survey is NULL AND VOID without the original signature, in blue ink,

Elisandro Leos - R.P.L.S. 3959



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> IN THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS SURVEYED : MARCH 21, 2016 SURVEYED FOR : ROBERTA ARISPE ADDRESS: 1001 PROCTOR STREET SCALE . 1" = 30 FFFT



# CITY OF OCKhart

# SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION

(512) 398-3461 • FAX (512) 398-3833 P.O. Box 239 • Lockhart, Texas 78644 308 West San Antonio Street ١

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APPLICATION FEE OF \$ 125 PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF LOCKHART AS FOLLOWS:

1/4 acre or less Between 1/4 acre and one acre

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TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT I OR ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION.

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OFFICE USE ONLY	
ACCEPTED BY Kerin Waller	RECEIPT NUMBER 960409
DATE SUBMITTED 3/15/2020	CASE NUMBER SE - 20 - 02
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### CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

April 11, 2016

Owner: Roberta Arispe

PID # 18229

Legal: A017 Lockhart, Byrd, Acres 0.11

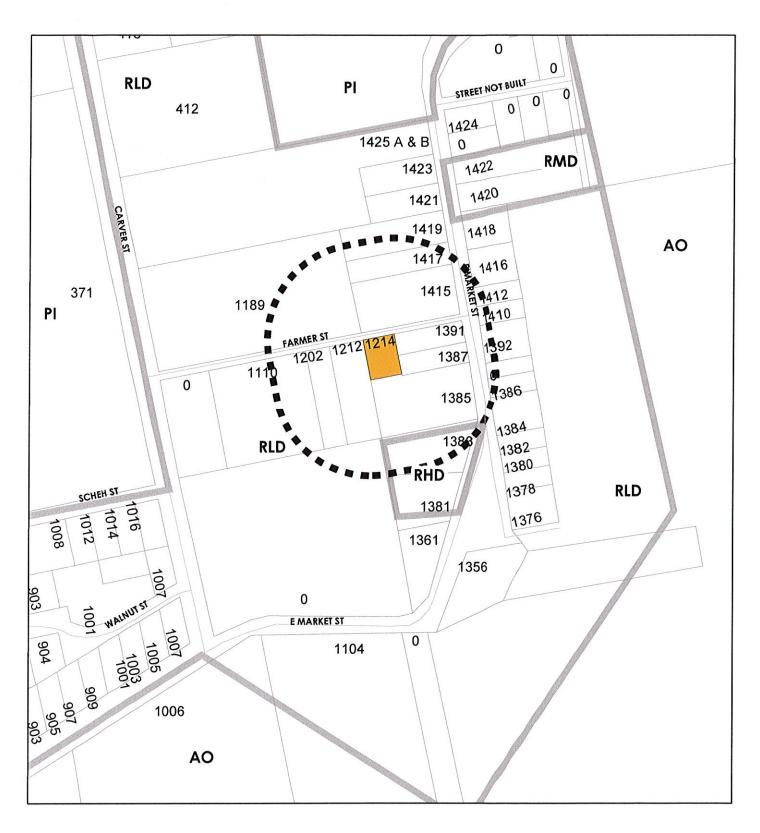
A current survey was performed March 2016. The surveyor had discovered that there is a small strip of land between the East side of the property and Alex Street. This area was supposed to be Lot 3 of a partition deed. The surveyor could not determine who the current owner should be at this time.

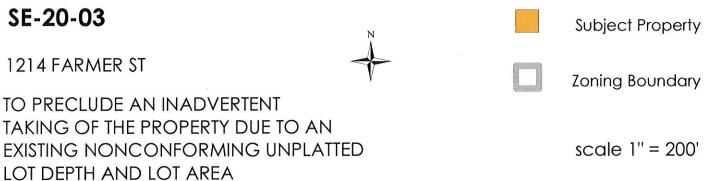
The City has encroached this area over time as the street had migrated toward the West instead of continuing straight to Proctor Street. There are no know documents that gave the City any ownership or easement.

The surveyor had suggested that Roberta should contact an attorney to discuss the possibility of claiming adverse possession for this small strip of land. The owner has been mowing and cleaning this land for many years. It appears that the City has assumed that she was the owner of this tract. The surveyor also mentioned that someone should contact the City about where the agreeable East edge should be defined since the street runs at an angle.

Matthew Allen







#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

#### SPECIAL EXCEPTION

#### **CASE SUMMARY**

STAFF CONTACT: Kevin Waller, Assistant City Planner

REPORT DATE: September 30, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 5, 2020

APPLICANT'S REQUEST: Special Exception, as provided in Section 64-130(c)(5), to preclude an inadvertent

taking of property due to an 84.10-foot nonconforming parcel depth and a

nonconforming parcel area of 0.127 acre

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

CONDITIONS: None

#### **BACKGROUND DATA**

APPLICANT: Brenda Hernandez

OWNER: Somsy Vejsiri

SITE LOCATION: 1214 Farmer Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Byrd Lockhart Survey A-17 (metes and bounds) SIZE OF PROPERTY: 0.127 acre (66 feet wide by 84.10 feet deep)

**EXISTING USE OF PROPERTY: Vacant** 

ZONING CLASSIFICATION: RLD (Residential Low Density District)

#### ANALYSIS OF ISSUES

REASON FOR REQUESTED SPECIAL EXCEPTION: The applicant proposes to develop the property with a single-family dwelling. In order for the property to be developed, any use must meet certain dimensional standards, including a 65-foot minimum lot width and a 120-foot minimum depth for the SF-1 development type in the RLD zoning district, or receive approval of a Variance, or a Special Exception, in order to preclude an inadvertent taking of the property. In this instance, the Special Exception application seemed more appropriate. The applicant has indicated that potentially purchasing property from a neighbor in order to make the subject property conforming would be cost-prohibitive. The property is 0.127 acre, or approximately 5,532 square feet, and measures 66 feet wide by 84.10 feet deep. Since neither the property's depth, nor its area, conforms to the required dimensions in the RLD district, either a Variance or Special Exception approval is necessary. According to the submitted application and site plan, the new residence will meet the required setbacks for the RLD district.

AREA CHARACTERISTICS: The subject property is surrounded by properties developed with single-family dwellings. The neighborhood in general consists primarily of older single-family dwellings of varying physical condition, with several lots of substandard widths generally located to the west, north, and east.

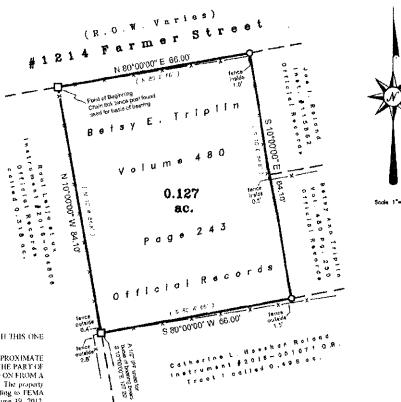
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION: None as of the date of this report.

### City of Lockhart Caldwell County, Texas Byrd Lockhart Survey A-17



General Notes

I) THIS SURVEY IS FOR USE WITH THIS ONE TRANSACTION ONLY.

2) FLOOD ZONES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND CREATE NO LIABBLITY ON THE PART OF THE SURVEYOR AND ARE BASED ON FROM A FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP. The property shown lies in Flood Zone "X" according to FEMA Punel #48035C0120E. effective date June 19. 2012. Flood Zone "X" is areas determined to a touside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. WARNING: This flood Statement, as Determined by a HULD. —FLA. FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP, DOES NOT IMPLY that the Property or the improvements thereon will be Free fron Flooding or Flood Denigg. On the cocasions, Greater Floods Can and Will Occur, and Flood Heights may be increased by Mandade on Natural Causes.

911 ADDRESS: 1214 Farmer Street Lockbart, Texas 78844

#### SURVEY PLAT

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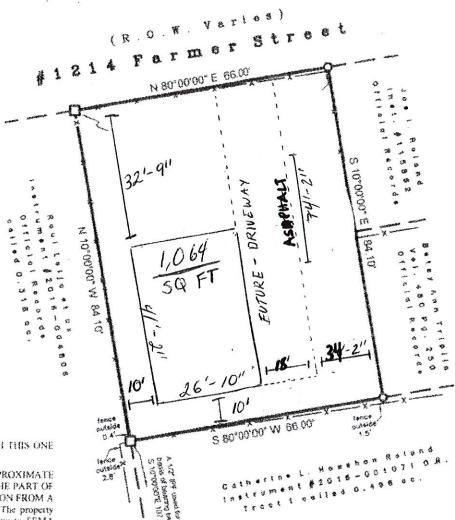
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Mr. Somsy Vejsiri

September 14, , 2020	
City of Lockhart P.O. Box 239 Lockhart, TX 78644	
Re: Zoning Variance Application Authorization	
To Whom It May Concern:  As Owner of the property at 1214 Farmer St. Lock	hart, TX 78644 (A017 LOCKHART, BYRD,
ACRES .127), I hereby authorize Mr. Jose J. Herr 'Applicant' in regards to the Zoning Variance Appli	nandez & Brenda Hernandez to act as cation for the above listed property.
Thank you.	
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## SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION

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APPLICATION FEE OF \$ 12500 PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF LOCKHART AS FOLLOWS:

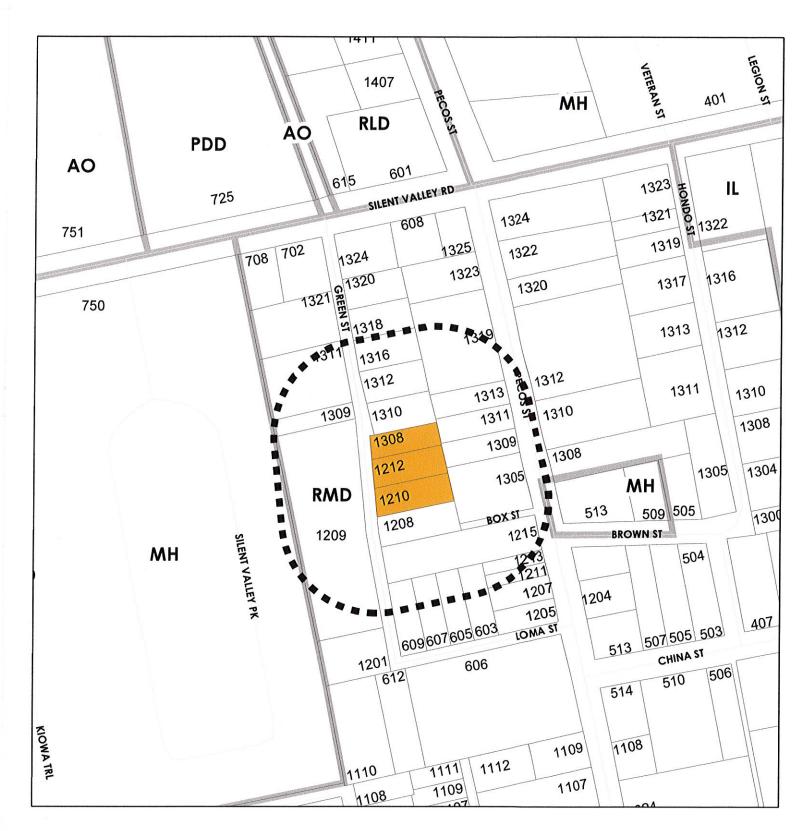
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One acre or greater

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1210, 1212, 1308 GREEN ST

TO ALLOW A SIX FT PRIVACY FENCE TO ENCROACH 12 FT INTO THE MINIMUM 20 FT FRONT YARD SETBACK



SUBJECT PROPERTY



**ZONING BOUNDARY** 

scale 1" = 200'

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

#### **FENCE VARIANCE**

CASE NUMBER: FV-20-01

#### **CASE SUMMARY**

STAFF CONTACT: Kevin Waller, Assistant City Planner KW

REPORT DATE: October 1, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 5, 2020

APPLICANT'S REQUEST: Variance to Section 12-490(3) to allow a 6-foot tall opaque privacy fence in

the front yard of a residence on property zoned RMD

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Analysis of the variance review criteria supports a recommendation for

denial.

CONDITIONS: None

#### **BACKGROUND DATA**

APPLICANT: Joe Roland OWNER: Worlanda Neal

SITE LOCATION: 1210, 1212, and 1308 Green Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Byrd Lockhart Survey A-17 (metes and bounds)

SIZE OF PROPERTY: 0.551 acre

EXISTING USE OF PROPERTY: Single-family dwelling

ZONING CLASSIFICATION: RMD (Residential Medium Density District)

#### **ANALYSIS OF ISSUES**

REASON FOR REQUESTED VARIANCE: The applicant recently constructed a 6-foot tall wooden, opaque privacy fence in the front yard of the subject property, prior to securing a building permit or approval of a Fence Variance. The fence encroaches approximately 12 feet into the minimum required 20-foot front-yard setback, or 8 feet from the front property line at its closest point. The fence's setback from the front property line, as constructed, ranges from approximately 8 feet to 25 feet. Section 12-490(3) of the Fence Ordinance limits fences in residential front-yard building setback areas to a maximum height of four feet, requires fences to block no more than 50 percent of the view through the fence, and requires such fences to be an element of landscaping constructed of a material approved by the building official. The 6-foot high wooden privacy fence does not comply with any of these conditions. In addition, it should be noted that the three property addresses above are each located on tracts that are collectively identified as one 0.551-acre parcel in a legal description recorded in Volume 230, Page 821 of the Caldwell County Official Records.

AREA CHARACTERISTICS: There are no other privacy fences, or other fences over four or five feet high, in front yards of other homes in the immediate neighborhood. There are some chain-link fences in several front yards along North Pecos Street, one block to the east, that are at least four feet high, but considered "grandfathered".

UNIQUE CONDITIONS OF PROPERTY: There is no physical condition of the subject property, such as size or topography, that differentiates it from other similarly situated lots in the area. In responding to the variance review criteria, the applicant states that the curvature of Green Street along the property's frontage creates a unique condition that necessitates the fence to be placed within the front-yard setback. However, Staff finds that the fence could have been constructed to follow the general contour of the street and still maintain the required 20-foot front-yard setback. The applicant also states that the new fence was constructed in the exact location of a previous, chain-link fence, which appears to have been over four feet tall according to Google street-view imagery. The location of the previous fence may be considered a unique condition of the property, although it is unknown if the current property owner constructed the previous fence, thus creating a self-imposed hardship.

NATURE OF HARDSHIP: No hardship would result from placement of the fence in a location that meets the required front-yard setback, other than the financial implications associated with its relocation. Financial conditions are not considered a hardship.

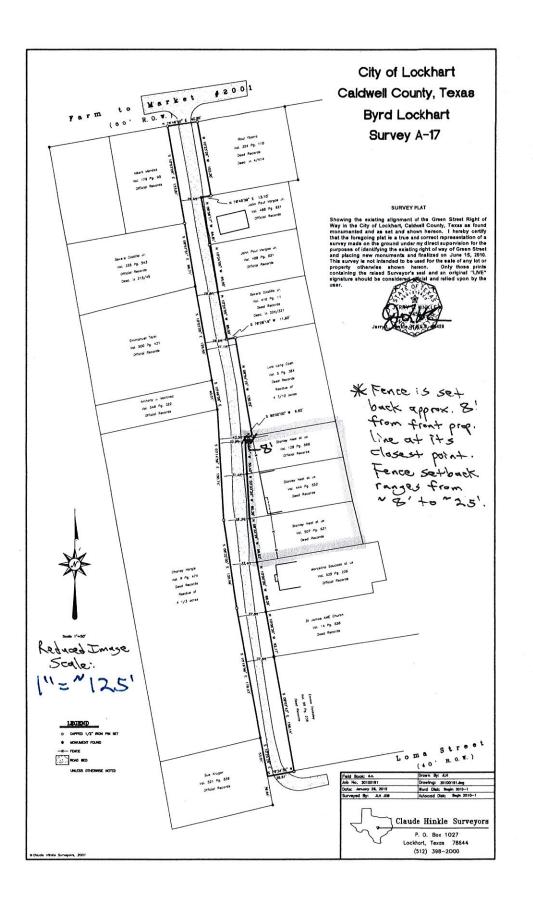
EFFECT ON SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Although the fence will not have an adverse impact on public safety, it may alter the essential character of the zoning district and neighborhood within which it is located due to its visibility from the street. The fence may set an undesirable precedent for tall, solid fences in residential front yards where there is no unique condition of the property that justifies it.

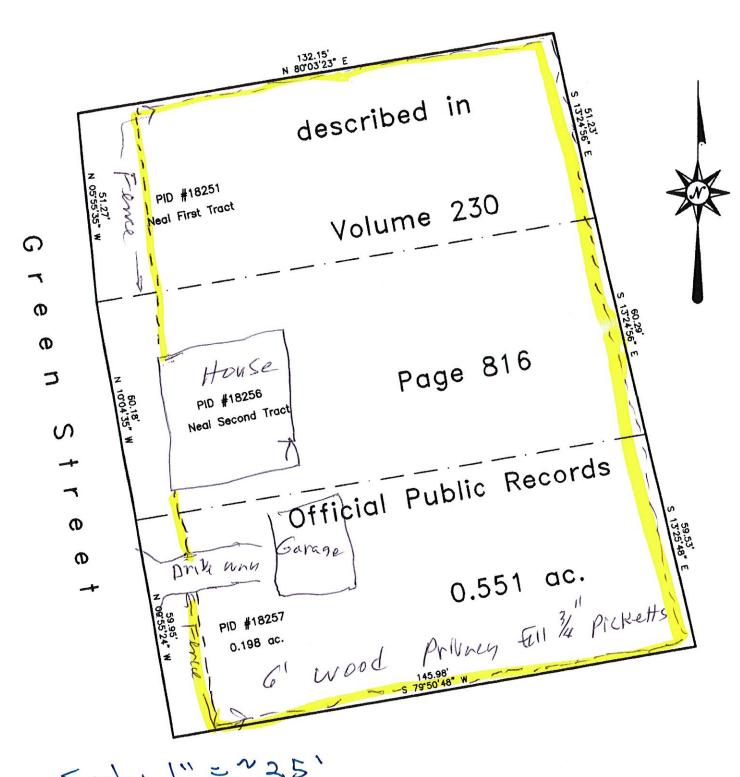
COMPLIANCE WITH VARIANCE CRITERIA: In order to approve a variance, the Board must find that the request meets all six of the criteria outlined in Section 64-129(a) of the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant submitted the attached written explanation as evidence in support of the variance.

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS: If the variance is denied, the fence would either have to be relocated to meet the required 20-foot front-yard setback, or it could be replaced with a new fence within the front-yard setback that is limited to a maximum of four feet high, with a wood split-rail fence, wood or simulated wood picket fence, or wrought-iron fence.

PRECEDENT: If the variance is approved and the fence remains, it may set a precedent for other fence variance applications for similar fences in the neighborhood.

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION: None, as of the date of this report.





Scale: 1" = ~ 25'

- linique Physical Condition exists along Green Street. Quislence Shown What Green St is constructed in Such a way that it is straight for most of the way, but, at the Point where the conflict is, it makes a Shap cure to toward the House, where as if it had remained straight, there would not have been a need for this Vorviance Requesto
  - (1.) at the Southern end of the property there is no problem, because the street is straight at that Point
- 2. The Fence was constructed and installed in the Some Foot print as the existing Chain lik tence that was. as stated above, he street is the problem.
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  - of the Zonna District, within which the property is Located.

#### Authorization to Represent Green Street Property

From: Worlanda Neal (nealy\_blu@yahoo.com)

To: j.roland60@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, September 14, 2020, 11:04 AM CDT

#### Good morning,

Joe Roland has my authority to represent my property located at 1212 Green Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644. If you have any questions or need additional information please let Joe know. Thanks

# Worlanda Williams-Neal 2W Consulting

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would have not one bit of talent left, and could say "I used everything you gave me" And Jesus would put his arms around me and say "Job well done"!

# CITY OF OCKhart

## **FENCE VARIANCE APPLICATION**

(512) 398-3461 • FAX (512) 398-3833 P.O. Box 239 • Lockhart, Texas 78644 308 West San Antonio Street

APPLICANT/OWNER PO BOX 1197			
APPLICANT NAME JOE Roland ADDRESS 207 Windridge No			
DAY-TIME TELEPHONE (572) 738-2172 Loykhat, TX			
E-MAIL J. roland 60 Qyahoo.com 78644			
OWNER NAME Gorlanda Neal ADDRESS 1212 Kageen St.			
DAY-TIME TELEPHONE (612)796-4871 WOCKHART, TX			
E-MAIL			
PROPERTY			
ADDRESS OR GENERAL LOCATION [212 Kersen St. LOCKHART TX			
182, + Portion of ABALLANDER MALL SI			
SIZE 0.551 ACRE(S) ZONING CLASSIFICATION RMD 310+5			
REQUESTED FENCE VARIANCE			
VARIANCE TO SECTION(S) $12 - 490(3)$ OF THE FENCE REGULATIONS			
CURRENT ORDINANCE REQUIREMENT(S) Allow a 6' tall opaque privacy			
fence to encroach approximately 12 feet into the minim	, ca		
required 20-foot front Setback!			
REQUESTED VARIANCE(S) Request a variance to allow the Fence of			
the Front Northside of Residence According to City of			
Lockhart ordinance. The Ferrer Should have been Constructed 20'			
From the Street (Green St). The Fence was Construct in the some toot print as the old fence.			

#### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT THE OWNER, A LETTER SIGNED AND DATED BY THE OWNER CERTIFYING THEIR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICANT TO REPRESENT THE PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR BUSINESS THAT OWNS THE PROPERTY.

IF NOT PLATTED, A METES AND BOUNDS LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

A WRITTEN STATEMENT DOCUMENTING THE REASON FOR THE VARIANCE(S), INCLUDING EVIDENCE THAT THE REQUEST COMPLIES WITH THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA AS REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE.

- 1. A unique physical condition exists within or adjacent to the subject tract or structure(s) located thereon which distinguishes it from others similarly situated, and which creates an exceptional hardship, difficulty, or inequity that would result from literal enforcement of the ordinance;
- 2. The condition or characteristic noted above is not caused by an action of the property owner, occupant, or applicant;
- 3. The variance is the minimum amount necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;
- 4. The *sole* reason for the variance is not a desire of the owner, occupant, or applicant for increased financial gain or reduced financial hardship;
- 5. The variance will not adversely affect the general public health or safety, or persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed fence, and will not substantially or permanently interfere with the appropriate use of adjacent conforming property in the same district; and,
- 6. The variance will not alter the essential character of the zoning district within which the subject property is located, and is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the fence regulations.

DRAWING, SUBMITTED ON PAPER NO LARGER THAN 11" X 17", SHOWING: 1) Scale and north arrow; 2) Location of site with respect to streets and adjacent properties; 3) Property lines and dimensions; 4) Location and dimensions of buildings, parking areas, and existing fences; 5) location, dimensions, and type of proposed fence; and, 6) any other information applicable to the requested variance.

APPLICATION FEE OF \$ 735,000 PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF LOCKHART AS FOLLOWS:

1/4 acre or less

\$125

Between 1/4 acre and one acre

\$150

One acre or greater

\$170 plus \$20.00 per each acre over one acre

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT I OR ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION.

SIGNATURE Jal d. Rolind

DATE 2 Sept. 20

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OFFICE USE ONLY	
ACCEPTED BY Kerin Waller	RECEIPT NUMBER 960405
DATE SUBMITTED 9/16/2020	CASE NUMBER FV - 20 - 0
DATE NOTICES MAILED 9-21-2020	DATE NOTICE PUBLISHED 9-24-2020
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING DATE	10/5/2020
DECISION	
CONDITIONS	