AGENDA

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 - 4:30 PM MCALLEN CITY HALL, 1300 HOUSTON AVENUE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR

At any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER -

1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on May 7, 2025

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Luis Gudino and Kimberly Gudino for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for an existing metal carport at Lot 24, Block 20, Balboa Acres Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2912 Daytona Avenue. (ZBA2025-0013)
- b) Request of April Rodriguez for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for a proposed carport measuring 20 feet x 20 feet at Lot 74, Plantation Gap Subdivision Phase 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 4517 Thunderbird Avenue. (ZBA2025-0014)
- c) Request of Andres and Dora Hilda Benavidez for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 15.5 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for an existing carport at Lot 22, Plantation Gap Subdivision Phase 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 4608 Toucan Avenue. (ZBA2025-0015)
- d) Request of CRV Construction, LLC on behalf of Reyes Ramon Ayala for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 11 feet into the 20foot front yard setback for a proposed metal carport at Lot 73, Ware Heights Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3412 Xanthisma Avenue. (ZBA2025-0012)
- e) Request of Saul Briones for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 21 feet 8 inches into the 25-foot front yard setback for an existing carport measuring 21 feet by 19 feet at Lot 9, Derby Downs Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2301 North 47th Street. (ZBA2025-0016)
- f) Request of Raudel Garcia for a Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 7-foot north side yard setback for a proposed irregularshaped swimming pool with an area of approximately 352 square feet at Lot 25, Block 7, Milmor Addition Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1214 North 16th Street. (ZBA2025-0010) (TABLED: 05/07/2025)

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) 821 South 26th 1/2 Street
- b) 3320 North Taylor Road
- c) 2828 North 28th 1/2 Street
- d) 2505 Erie Avenue
- e) 705 Grambling Avenue
- f) 2900 South Bentsen Road

ADJOURNMENT:

IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (681-1250) 72 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR PARTICULAR ACTION AT A FUTURE DATE.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen City Hall, Commission Chambers with the following present:

Present:	Jose Gutierrez Hugo Avila Daniel Santos Ivan Garcia Juan Mujica Alex Lamela Erick Diaz	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Alternate Alternate Alternate
Absent:	Hiram Gutierrez Nancy Valenzuela	Member Alternate
Staff Present:	Norma Borrego Omar Sotelo Rodrigo Sanchez Samantha Trevino Alexis Martinez Jessica Puga Carmen White	Assistant City Attorney I Planning Director Senior Planner Planner I Planner I Technician II Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on April 23, 2025.

The minutes for the meeting held on April 23, 2025. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Vice-Chairperson Hugo Avila. Mr. Alex Lamela seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Raudel Garcia for a Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 7-foot north side yard setback for a proposed irregular-shaped swimming pool with an area of approximately 352 square feet at Lot 25, Block 7, Milmor Addition Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1214 North 16th Street. (ZBA2025-0010)

Ms. Trevino stated the applicant was requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of four feet into the seven-foot north side yard setback for a proposed irregular shaped pool.

The subject property was located along the east side of North 16th Street approximately 150.0 feet south of Maple Avenue. The subject property has an area of 7,625 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential O.C.) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District O.C. in all directions.

The Milmor Addition Subdivision was officially recorded on May 26, 1927. A variance request was submitted on April 1, 2025. A building permit for a pool has not been submitted at this time.

The variance request is for a proposed swimming pool, which is considered an accessory structure and requires compliance with setbacks. The applicant proposes to build a swimming pool to be used to enjoy outdoor activities.

The submitted site plan shows a proposed swimming pool encroaching four feet into the seven-foot side yard setback along the north property line and indicates that the proposed pool placement takes into account the existing walkways, positioning the pool in a way that appears to minimize their removal. The applicant acknowledged that some portions of the walkways would be removed for the construction of the proposed pool. There are no utility easements that would be impacted by the proposed encroachment

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to the variance request.

Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since unnecessary hardship had not been established. However, if the Board approves the request, it should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

Mr. Raudel Garcia, 1214 North 16th Street. He stated they had a power line that ran across the property and they had to be at least 10 feet away from it horizontally. At vertically they had to be 22.5 feet away from the power line. Mr. Garcia showed pictures of the property and power line.

Ms. Yvonne Morales, owner of the home. She stated this was her childhood home. She stated she moved in about two years ago and wanted to put a pool. She stated that when they remodeled the home two years ago, the contractor they put the power line right in the center of house, which she was unware of it.

Chairperson Gutierrez explained to the Ms. Morales the variance runs with the land and not the owner and that a new owner could build whatever they want there.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in favor of the Variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in opposition of the Variance request.

Vice-Chairperson Avila asked staff if the setbacks were typically seven feet. Staff stated many of the subdivisions that are older for that do not have platted setbacks depending on the scheme they usually go 5 feet and 7 feet to keep that 12-foot separation or 6 feet and 6 feet.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff if there were any recent record of any approval of a variance. Staff stated there were two variances; one was for a storage shed and there other special exceptions that received approval for carports.

Mr. Garcia stated it was a pool quote and they let their customers know they have to be a certain distance from the power line.

He stated they were hoping AEP would have come out before the meeting to do the measurements.

Board member Mujica had concerns with safety issues by relocating the pole.

Following discussion, Mr. Alex Lamela **moved** to table the Variance request in order to give the applicant an opportunity to meet with AEP. Vice-Chairperson Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to table the Variance request with five members present and voting.

b) Request of Gilberto Gutierrez for a Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 5.5 feet into the 20-foot front yard setback for a proposed porch measuring 5.5 feet x 10 feet at Lot 3, Block 9, Colonia McAllen Unit No. 7 Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1952 South 33rd Street. (ZBA2025-0009)

Ms. Trevino stated the applicant was requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 5.5 feet into the 20-foot front yard setback for a proposed porch.

The subject property was located along the west side of South 33rd Street approximately 110.0 feet south of Sonora Avenue. The subject property has an area of 5,500 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential O.C.) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District O.C. in all directions.

The Colonia McAllen Unit No. 7 Subdivision was officially recorded on April 4, 1977. A variance request was submitted on March 27, 2025. A building permit for the addition has not been submitted at this time.

The variance request is for a proposed 5.5 ft x 10 ft wood porch in front of the house to relocate the home entrance.

The applicant states safety concerns, as the current side-door entry limits visibility of the street and may pose a security risk. The proposed porch would allow for a front-facing entry consistent with neighboring homes, thereby aligning the property with the prevailing neighborhood character. The applicant states that this addition not only improves personal safety but will also contribute to the neighborhood's overall appearance.

Staff had not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to the variance request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the variance request since unnecessary hardship had not been established. However, if the Board approves the request, it should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan

Mr. Gilberto Gutierrez, 1952 South 33rd Street. He stated the house was sitting on concrete blocks. By looking on the south side, inside the pillars there are steel pipes into the driveway. It would be impossible to move it back. He wanted to build a small porch in front to move the door, which was on the side of the house. This way he could see the street from the front when he moves the door. He stated he obtained a building permit and planned to enclose part of where his vehicle was parked and make it into a living area.

Board member Mujica mentioned that with a variance, the applicant or the next new owner

runs with the land and anyone could build anything and enclose it.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in favor of the Variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in opposition of the Variance request.

Following discussion, Mr. Erick Diaz **moved** to approve the Variance request 5.5 feet by 10 feet as presented by staff. Vice-Chairperson Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve Variance request with five members present and voting.

c) Request of Tomas Rios Jr. for a Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow a lot frontage width of 39.67 feet instead of the 50-foot minimum requirement along the west front property line for a proposed single family dwelling at a 0.19 Acre Tract of Land, More or Less, Out of Lot 6, Block 16, Steele And Pershing Subdivision (Proposed Lot 1, De Rios Subdivision), Hidalgo County, Texas; 3021 South "J" Street. (ZBA2025-0011)

Ms. Martinez stated the applicant was requesting to provide a 39.67 feet frontage width instead of the 50 foot required minimum lot width along the front of the property for a proposed family residential dwelling.

The subject property was located north of East Pineridge Avenue and east of South "J" Street. The subject property was currently Zoned R-1 (single-family residential-OC) District and is vacant. The property was currently vacant.

An application for a Variance request was submitted on April 3, 2025. Steele and Pershing Subdivision was the initial subdivision for the subject property, however, there was an application for a Subdivision Plat Review (De Rios Subdivision) submitted on March 28, 2025 and was approved with conditions, one being a lot frontage variance, by the Planning and Zoning Commission on the meeting of April 22, 2025.

The applicant was requesting to provide a 39.67 feet frontage width instead of the 50 foot required minimum lot width along the front of the property for a proposed family residential dwelling.

According to the current McAllen Zoning Ordinance Section 138-179 (c) states "Any use of property that does not meet the required minimum lot size; front, side and rear yard dimensions; and/or lot width; or exceeds the maximum height, building coverage or density per gross acre as required in section 138-356" which states in the Table of Height and Yard Requirements for a "Minimum Lot Width Along Front located in an R-1 Single Family Residential District is 50 feet.

In the past there have been residential building permits issued along South "J" Street, some lots in which contained the same hardship of not meeting the 50-foot minimum lot width along the front of a property. One recorded plat north of the subject property, "El Rancho Santa Cruz Subdivision Phase I", Lot 6, shows that it was platted containing a lot frontage of 39.67 feet which is similar in size to this current request and was permitted a single family dwelling onto that property.

Should the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals grant approval of the request, the applicant would be subject to comply with any further Building and Developmental Code Regulations to proceed with the single family dwelling construction.

Staff had not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to the special exception request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the Variance request since it does not meet the minimum lot width along the front of the property according to the Zoning Ordinance requirement.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff if the applicant was present. Staff stated they were not able to attend the meeting.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in favor of the Variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in opposition of the Variance request.

Following discussion, Mr. Hugo Avila **moved** to approve the Variance request as presented on the site plan against staff's recommendation. Mr. Juan Mujica seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve Variance request with five members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Chairperson Jose Gutierrez **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

Carmen White, Administrative Assista

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

- FROM: Planning Staff
- DATE: May 16, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF LUIS GUDINO AND KIMBERLY GUDINO FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 20 FEET INTO THE 25 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING METAL CARPORT AT LOT 24, BLOCK 20, BALBOA ACRES SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2912 DAYTONA AVENUE. (ZBA2025-0013)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a special exception for an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 foot front yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 23 feet by 25 feet. The property owner for this lot is wishing to use the carport for vehicle protection.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located north of Daytona Avenue, south of Covina Avenue, and approximately 190 feet west of North 29th Street. The lot has 96 feet of frontage along Daytona Avenue with a lot size depth of 110 feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) District. Adjacent zoning is R-1 (single-family residential) District in all directions and A-O (Agricultural and Open Space) District to the north. Surrounding land uses are single-family residences and vacant land.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Balboa Acres Subdivision was recorded on December 27, 1962. The front yard setback is 25 feet as per plat. On April 2, 2025, Code Enforcement Department issued out a stop work order for a carport not having a permit on file. A building permit for the carport was submitted April 8, 2025 and was rejected due to front yard encroachment. An application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on April 10, 2025. On April 15, 2025 a citation was then issued for construction without a permit by Code Enforcement Department.

ANALYSIS: The request is for a special exception to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 foot front yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 23 feet by 25 feet. The applicant is applying for a special exception for the existing carport on the property to provide protection to their vehicles from severe weather conditions. The applicant was under the assumption that the information provided to them by the builder of the carport about not needing to acquire a building permit was necessary and that he has built several similar structures and areas in McAllen with no issues. His assurance to the property owners did not make them aware that there was a size restriction along with a limitation of building areas on the lot regarding structures, non the less that a building permit was required until it was brought to their attention by city Staff.

This lot does have an access alley in the rear of the property, however, there is not enough room to relocate the carport in the backyard with the existing structures. The existing carport does not fall under the maximum requirement as stated in Section 138-371 (g) "No carport for which a special exception has been granted under this subsection shall exceed 400 square feet in size". However, the applicant is proposing to modify the structure to measure 20 feet by 20 feet to comply with the maximum limitation of 400 square feet. The main house was not built with a garage and is why the applicant is requesting to keep the carport subject to modifications as shown on the site plan.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception request.

Following a site visit, staff observed various other carports in the subdivision that had a similar front carport encroachments and records indicated some have not applied for permits and some have approved special exceptions with issued permits.

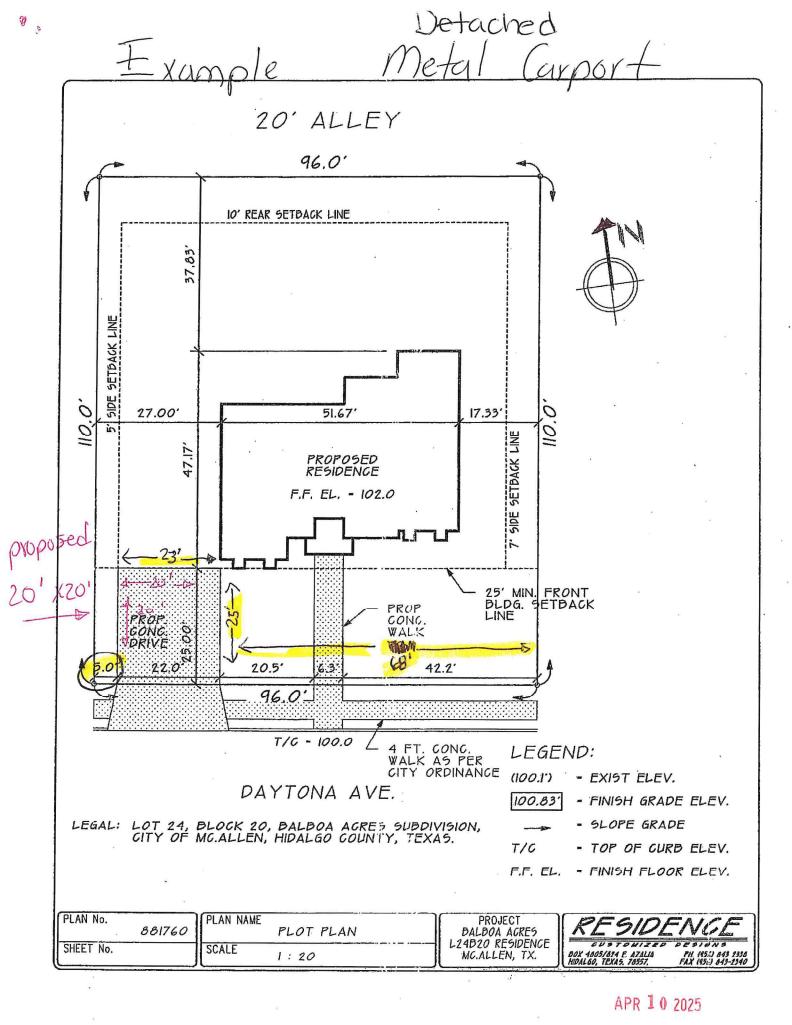
Special exceptions are issued to an individual and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Special Exception request since approval is granted to the property owner only and will not negatively impact the existing character of the neighborhood.

ADJ	City of McAllen Planning Department APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF JUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE	78501 220 505-0220 250
Case Number	ZBA 2025-0013 ZBOA Meeting: 5/21/2025 Accepted By: Alexis M2	
PROJECT		
Legal Description	2912 Daytona Ave Lot 24 Bloc Balboa Acres Mailler Tx 78503	<u>k</u> 20
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Street Address	2912 Daytona Ave	
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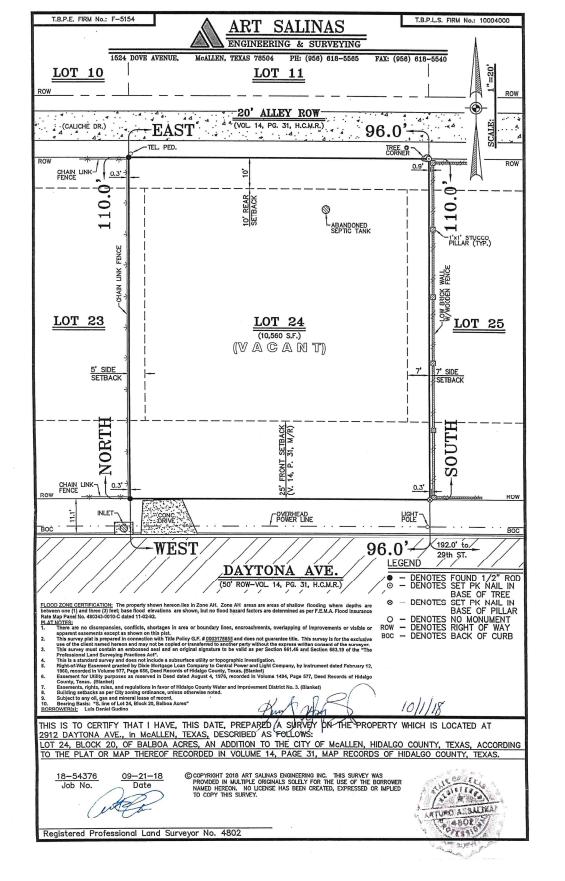
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	City of McAllen
	Planning Department REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION
0	 *A variance will not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor shall it be based solely on economic gain or loss. In order to make a finding of hardship and grant the variance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (<i>Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses</i>) **Information provided here by the applicant does not guarantee that the Board will grant a variance. ***Applicant should include all information they determine is relevant, but it is not required to provide responses to all sections listed below. 1. Describe the special circumstance or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land:
for Appeal	to public health safety or welfare and it's not intending for living purpose 2. Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner:
Reason for A	Requesting a variance that let me use the driveway Space to have a carport, because I don't have a garage a carport that helper me with shade, and protect from hail 3. Describe how the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:
	The carport it's not obstructing or impeding the flow of traffic of pedestruans, it is not creating any blind spots or reducing visibility maintaining Scate travelon conditions, of rainwater runoft 4. Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property:
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Board Action	Chairman, Board of Adjustment Date Signature

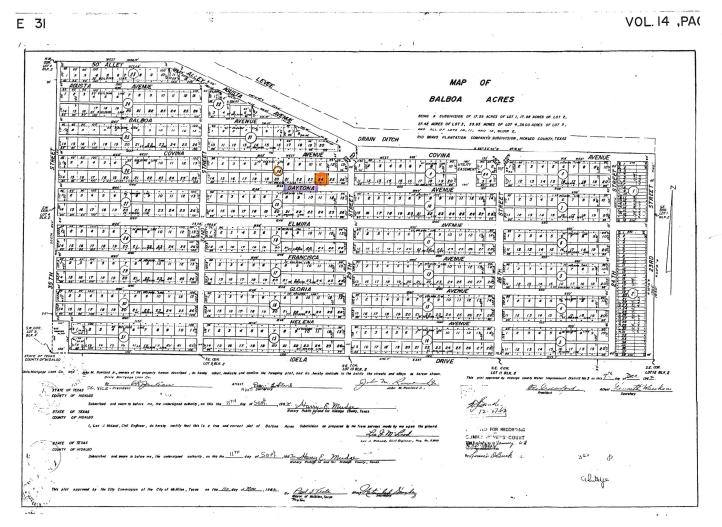


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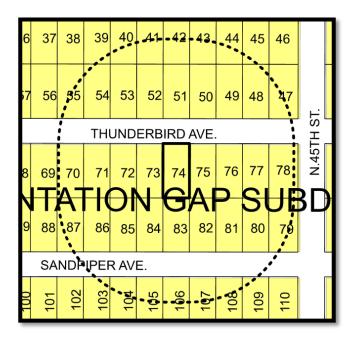
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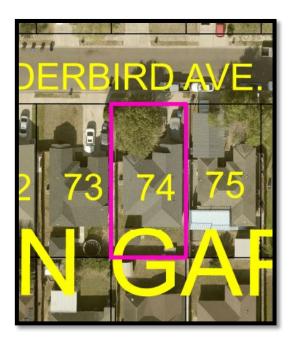




- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- DATE: May 16, 2025
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF APRIL RODRIGUEZ FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 20 FEET INTO THE 25 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED CARPORT MEASURING 20 FEET X 20 FEET AT LOT 74, PLANTATION GAP SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 4517 THUNDERBIRD AVENUE. (ZBA2025-0014)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 foot front yard setback for a proposed metal carport.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the south side of Thunderbird Avenue approximately 205.0 feet west of North 45th Street. The subject property has an area of 5,149 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential O.C.) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District O.C. in all directions.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Plantation Gap Phase 1 Subdivision was officially recorded on December 20, 2004. This home and like several homes within this subdivision were built with a single car garage. The subdivision plat indicates a front yard setback requirement of 25 feet. A special exception request was submitted on April 10, 2025. A building permit for the proposed metal carport was submitted on April 9, 2025.

ANALYSIS: The applicant is requesting the special exception for a proposed metal carport with an encroachment into the front yard setback. The applicant explains that their home was originally built with a single-car garage, and the proposed 20 foot x 20 foot metal carport is intended to shield their other vehicles from the extreme heat and weather conditions.

There is no rear alley access on the property that would allow the proposed carport to be relocated outside of the front yard setback.

In the past there have been other special exceptions granted in Plantation Gap Phase 1 Subdivision for encroachment into the front yard setback.

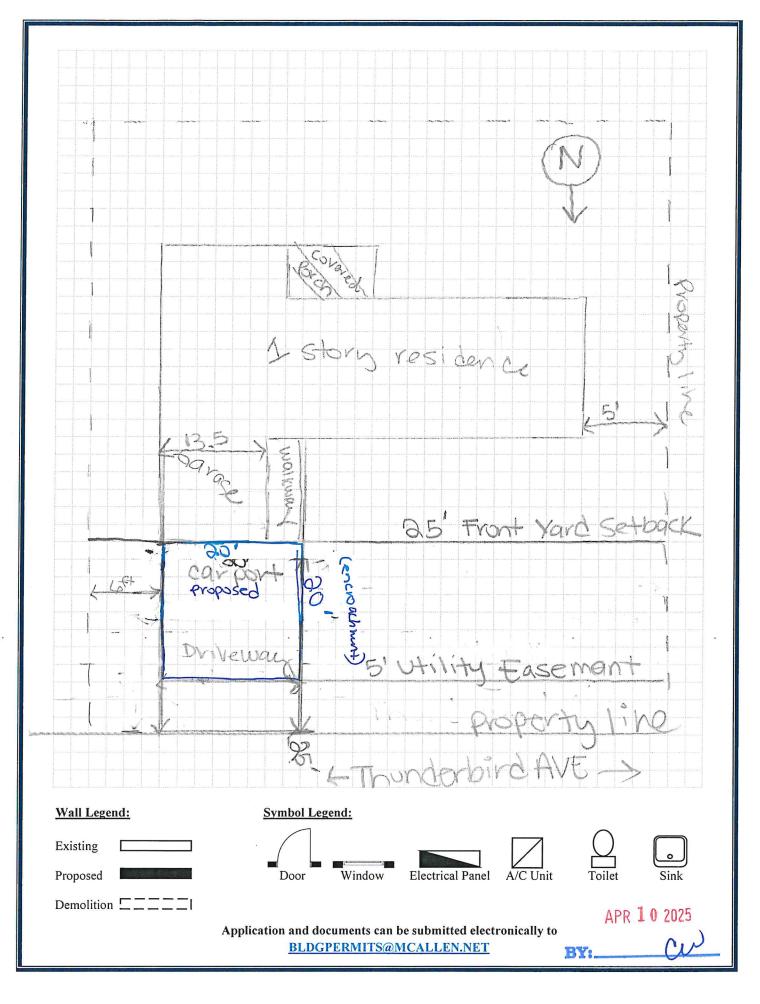
Ther is a 5 foot utility easement in the front but will not be impacted by the encroachment.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to the variance request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval since special exception requests are granted to the property owner only and a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own special exception.

City of McAllen <i>Planning Department</i> APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE
Case Number: <u>Z6A 2025-0014</u> ZBOA Meeting: <u>2/2/2025</u> Accepted By: <u>HM</u>
PROJECT
Legal Description Plantation Gap Phase I
Subdivision Name <u>Rlantation Gap Phase I</u>
Street Address 4517 Thunderbird AVE
Number of lots
required
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OWNER
NamePhone
AddressE-mail CityStateZip
AUTHORIZATION To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated? Yes VNO I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described above and this application is being submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable) OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this application and have attached written evidence of such authorization. Signature Date No APR 10 2025

	City of McAllen <i>Planning Department</i> REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION
Reason for Appeal	 *A variance will not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor shall it be based solely on accommission provided here by the applicant does not guarantee that the Variance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses) ***Applicant should include all information they determine is relevant, but it is not required to provide responses to all sections listed below. 1. Describe the special circumstance or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the applicant of the reasonable use of the land: Due to own inverse the applicant of the reasonable use of the land: Due to own inverse the applicant of the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner: 2. Describe how the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area: Camport will posticle protection from the area: Camport will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area: Camport will not be a variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area: Camport will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area: Camport will not a cause day of or how the safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area: Camport will not a cause day of or property: Subdivision has a vari day of a car garage homes and/or essisting carpords while I only NOUL I car garage.
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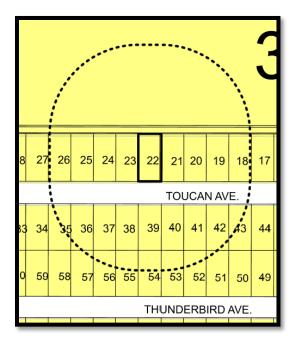






- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- DATE: May 16, 2025
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF ANDRES AND DORA HILDA BENAVIDEZ FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 15.5 FEET INTO THE 25 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING CARPORT AT LOT 22, PLANTATION GAP SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 4608 TOUCAN AVENUE. (ZBA2025-0015)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25 foot front yard setback for an existing metal carport that is proposed to be modified to comply with square footage size requirement.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the north side of Toucan Avenue approximately 355.0 feet west of North 45th Street. The subject property has an area of 5,199 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential O.C.) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District O.C. in all directions.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Plantation Gap Phase 1 Subdivision was officially recorded on December 20, 2004. This home and like several homes within this subdivision were built with a single car garage. The subdivision plat indicates a front yard setback requirement of 25 feet. A special exception request was submitted on April 14, 2025. A building permit for the proposed metal carport was submitted on January 27, 2025.

ANALYSIS: The applicant is requesting the special exception for an existing metal carport measuring 24.83 feet x 16.75 feet with a total of 416 square feet which exceeds the 400 square foot size not allowed by ordinance. the applicant is proposing to reduce the carport size to bring into compliance. The carport currently encroaches 15.42 feet into the front yard setback. The applicant asserts that the carport is essential to accommodate her husband for medical reasons. The structure provides necessary shade and protection from extreme weather conditions, thereby enabling him to safely perform daily exercises and spend time outdoors without exposure to excessive heat or adverse weather.

Ther is a 5 foot utility easement in the front but will not be impacted by the encroachment.

There is no rear alley access on the property that would allow the proposed carport to be relocated outside of the front yard setback.

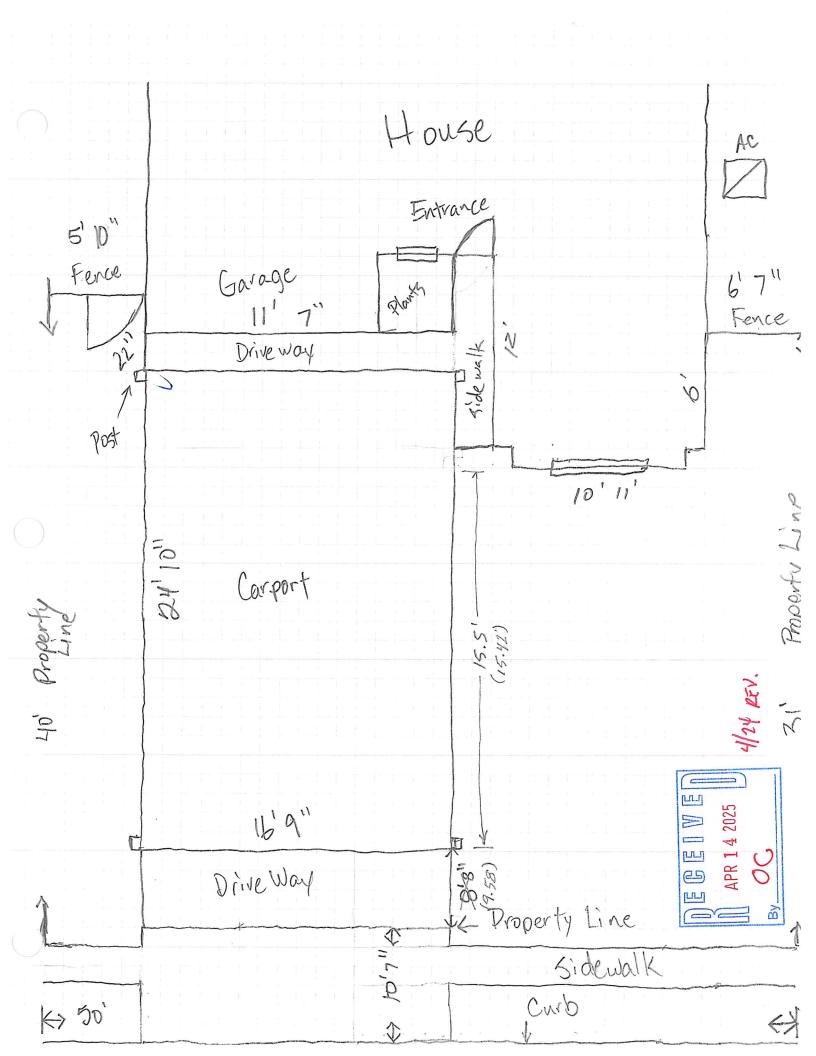
In the past there have been other special exceptions granted in Plantation Gap Phase 1 Subdivision for encroachment into the front yard setback.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to the variance request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval since special exceptions are issued to the property owner only and any change in ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own special exception.

City of McAllen 311 North 15th Street McAllen, TX 78501 P. O. Box 220 Planning Department McAllen, TX 78505-0220 APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF (956) 681-1250 ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE (956) 681-1279 (fax)
Case Number: ZBA2025-0015 ZBOA Meeting: 5/2/25 □ Routed Receipt No: 368410 □ Scanned Accepted by: P: 557 S: Customer Acknowledgment (Int.):
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the 25ft Front vard Setback (carport)
Signature for Special Exception (carport) \$300.00 non-refundable filing fee +⊠ \$50.00 Recording Fee for Special Exception (carport)
 Current Survey and Metes and Bounds (if the legal description of the tract is a portion of a lot) is required
APPLICANT
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City MCA/LEN State TEXAS Zip 78504
OWNER
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AUTHORIZATION
To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated? Yes INO I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described above and this application is being submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable) OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this application and have attached written evidence of such authorization.
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Board Action	Chairman, Board of Adjustment Date Signature







- TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- DATE: May 1, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF CRV CONSTRUCTION, LLC ON BEHALF OF REYES RAMON AYALA FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 11 FEET INTO THE 20 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED METAL CARPORT AT LOT 73, WARE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 3412 XANTHISMA AVENUE. (ZBA2025-0012)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a special exception for an encroachment of 11 feet into the 20 foot front yard setback for a proposed metal carport measuring 15 feet by 20 feet. The property owner for this lot is wishing to use the carport for vehicle protection.



PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located north of Xanthisma Avenue, south of Yucca Avenue, and approximately 170 feet west of North 34th Street. The lot has 50 feet of frontage along Xanthisma Avenue with a lot size depth of 98.75 feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) District. Adjacent zoning is R-1 (single-family residential) District in all directions, R-3T (Multifamily Residential Townhouse) District to the north and R-3A Multifamily Residential Apartment to the south. Surrounding land uses are single-family residences and vacant land. **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** Ware Heights Subdivision was recorded on February 9, 1999. The front yard setback is 20 feet as per plat. An application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on April 3, 2025. No building permit has been applied for yet.

ANALYSIS: The request is for a special exception to allow an encroachment of 11 feet into the 20 foot front yard setback for a proposed metal carport measuring 15 feet by 20 feet. The applicant is applying for a special exception for the proposed carport on the property to provide protection to their vehicles from severe weather conditions. This lot does not have an access alley to have the carport relocated to the rear of the property. The proposed carport does fall under the maximum 400 square feet requirement as stated in Section 138-371 (g) "No carport for which a special exception has been granted under this subsection shall exceed 400 square feet in size". The current built in one car garage is being used for one vehicle; however, the applicant has additional vehicles that they would like to provide the same coverage protection with the use of the proposed carport.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception request.

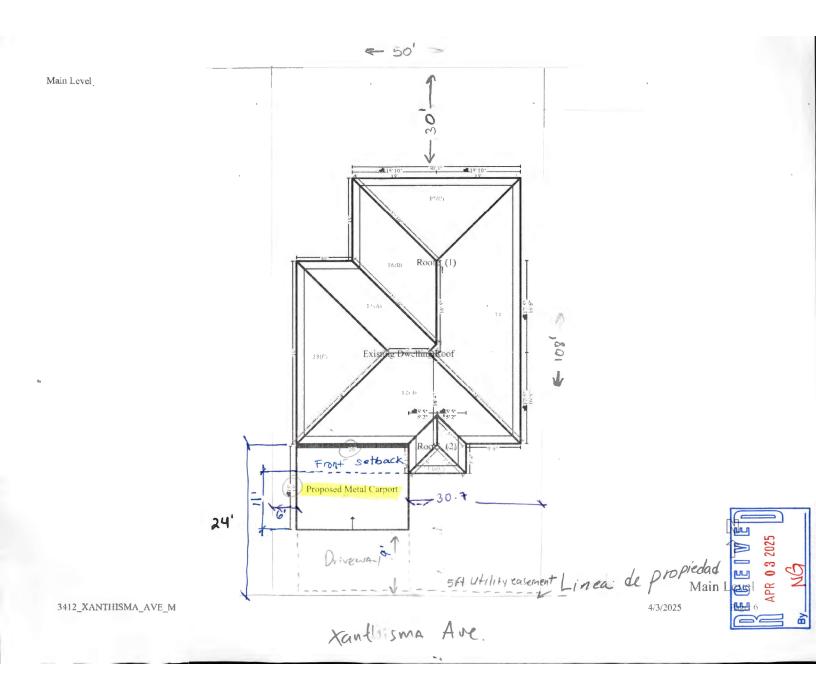
In conducting research on the subdivision, staff did not find any other variances or permits issued out for carports. During a site visit, staff only saw one other carport in the subdivision that has a similar front carport encroachment into that property.

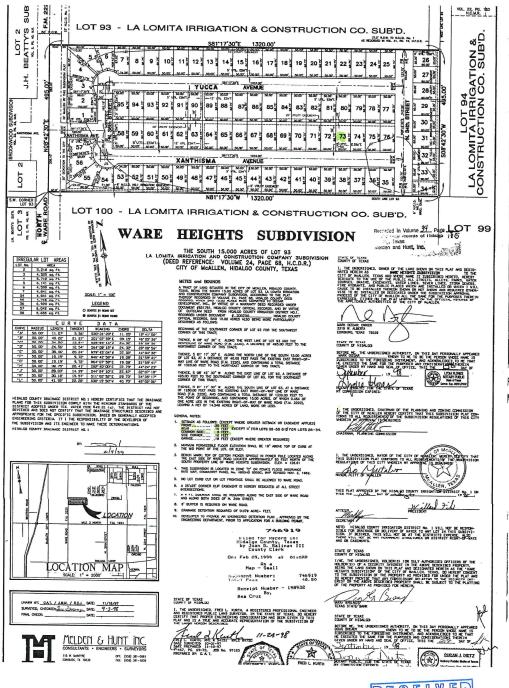
Special exceptions are issued to an individual and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends disapproval of the Special Exception request since it is not compatible with the character of the neighborhood.

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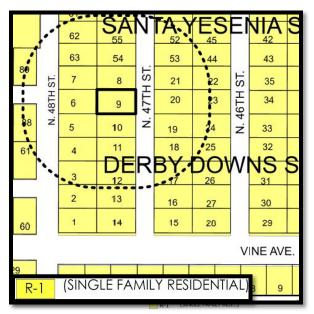


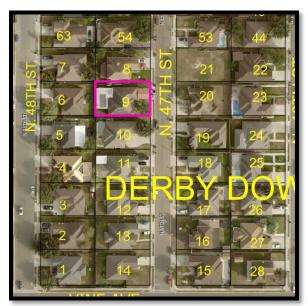


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- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** April 28, 2025
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF SAUL BRIONES FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 21 FEET 8 INCHES INTO THE 25 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING CARPORT MEASURING 21 FEET BY 19 FEET AT LOT 9, DERBY DOWNS SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2301 NORTH 47TH STREET. (ZBA2025-0016)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting to encroach 21 feet 8 inches into the 25 foot front yard setback for an existing carport. The carport will be used to protect his vehicles from weather related damage.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the west side of North 47th Street. The subject property is currently Zoned R-1 (single family residential-OC) District.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Derby Downs Subdivision was recorded on October 29, 2004. A building permit was rejected April 8, 2025 for carport addition. An application for a special exception request was submitted on April 15, 2025.

ANALYSIS: The applicant is requesting to encroach 21 feet 8 inches into the 25 foot front yard setback for an existing carport. There are no utility easements that run along the front of the property.

The carport will be used to protect his vehicles from adverse weather as per the applicant.

In the past there have been 2 variances granted in Derby Down's Subdivision for encroachments into the rear yard setback. There have been no applications or approval for special exceptions in Derby Down's Subdivision.

Special exceptions are issued to and recorded for the present applicant/owner only. New property owners would need to apply for a new special exception request.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to the special exception request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends disapproval of the special exception request.

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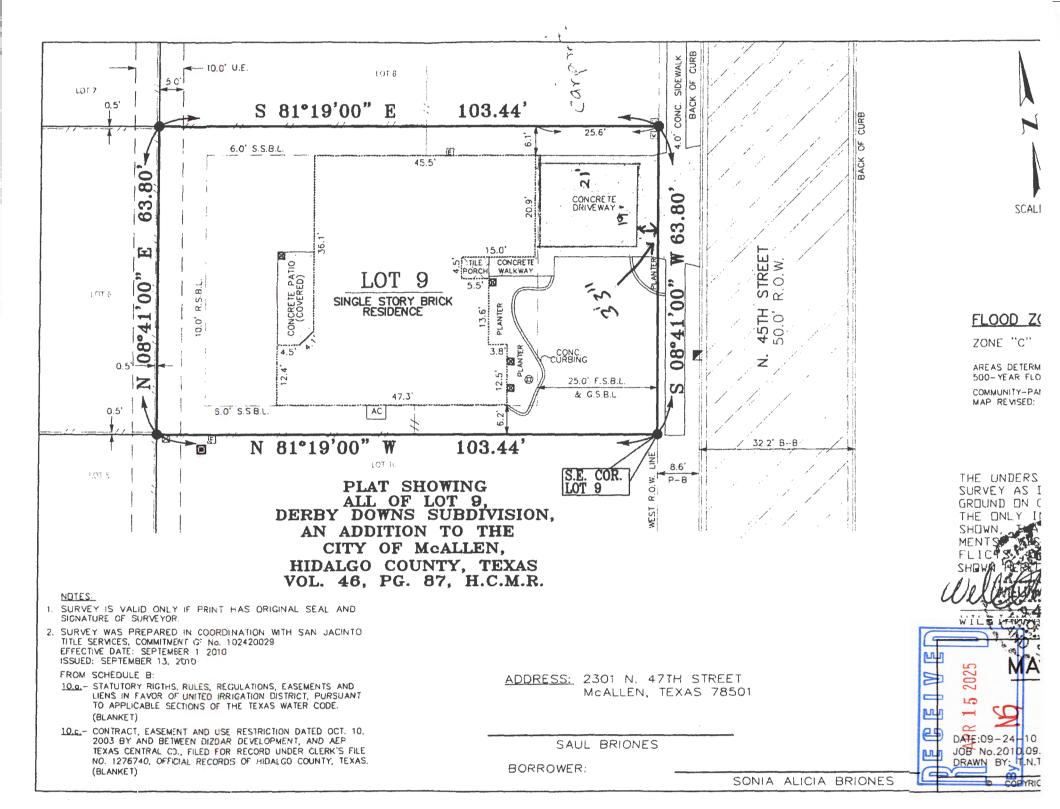
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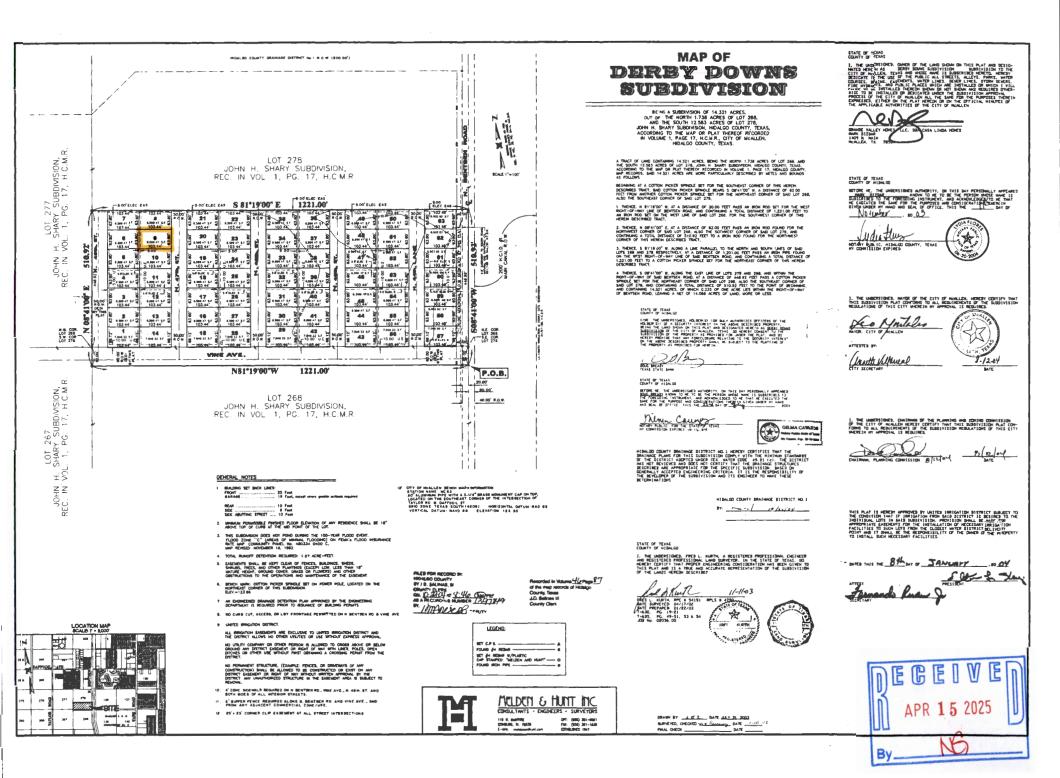
Planning Department

Reason to appeal & board action.

- 1. My property at 2301 N. 47th St has spatial limitations that make constructing a protective vehicle structure anywhere but the front yard impractical. The existing carport encroaches 21 feet 8 inches into the 25-foot front yard setback, but removing it would eliminate the only viable option for shielding vehicles from weather-related damage. Both vehicles do not fit inside the garage which is currently being used as an office for my small home-based business. Without the carport, I am unable to protect personal vehicles from exposure-particularly significant considering previous hailstorms have already caused damage.
- 2. The variance is essential to allow me to maintain basic protection for my vehicles, as garage use is already dedicated to a small business office. The carport provides a practical and function that supports both personal and professional needs on the property. Denying the variance would unfairly limit my ability to enjoy the full intended use of the property in a way that others in the neighborhood currently do.
- 3. The carport does not obstruct sidewalks, views, or public right-of-way. It is constructed safe, visually appropriate manner and does not interfere with traffic, emergency access, or neighboring properties. It enhances the utility of the property without posing any risk to others, and similar structures can be found in the neighborhood. The carport serves a necessary protective role without diminishing any public or neighborhood interests.
- 4. Both household vehicles do not fit inside the existing garage. Additionally, the garage space is currently used as an office space for a small home-based business, which is essential for my livelihood. There is no alternative covered parking available on my property. This has become a major issue, especially considering past severe weather events including hailstorms and flooding, which have caused damage to my vehicles in the past. The carport serves as the only form of reliable protection against these recurring threats, making it a necessary accommodation for both personal and financial well-being. These combined circumstances make this situation uniquely deserving of a variance





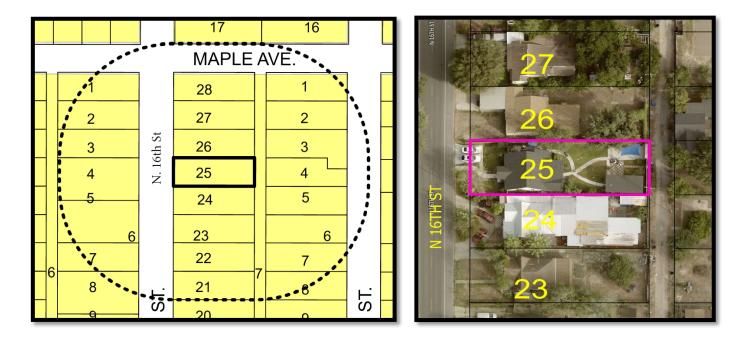




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- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** April 16, 2025
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF RAUDEL GARCIA ON BEHALF OF YVONNE MORALES FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 4 FEET INTO THE 7 FOOT NORTH SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED IRREGULAR SHAPED SWIMMING POOL WITH AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 352 SQUARE FEET AT LOT 25, BLOCK 7, MILMOR ADDITION SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 1214 NORTH 16TH STREET. (ZBA2025-0010)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of four feet into the seven foot north side yard setback for a proposed irregular shaped pool.



PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the east side of North 16th Street approximately 150.0 feet south of Maple Avenue. The subject property has an area of 7,625 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential O.C.) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District O.C. in all directions.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: The Milmor Addition Subdivision was officially recorded on May 26, 1927. A variance request was submitted on April 1, 2025. A building permit for a pool has not been submitted at this time.

ANALYSIS: The variance request is for a proposed swimming pool which is considered an accessory structure and requires compliance with setbacks. The applicant proposes to build a swimming pool to be used to enjoy outdoor activities.

The submitted site plan shows a proposed swimming pool encroaching four feet into the seven foot side yard setback along the north property line and indicates that the proposed pool placement takes into account the existing walkways, positioning the pool in a way that appears to minimize their removal. The applicant acknowledged that some portions of the walkways would be removed for the construction of the proposed pool. There are no utility easements that would be impacted by the proposed encroachment

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to the variance request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since unnecessary hardship has not been established. However, if the Board approves the request, it should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

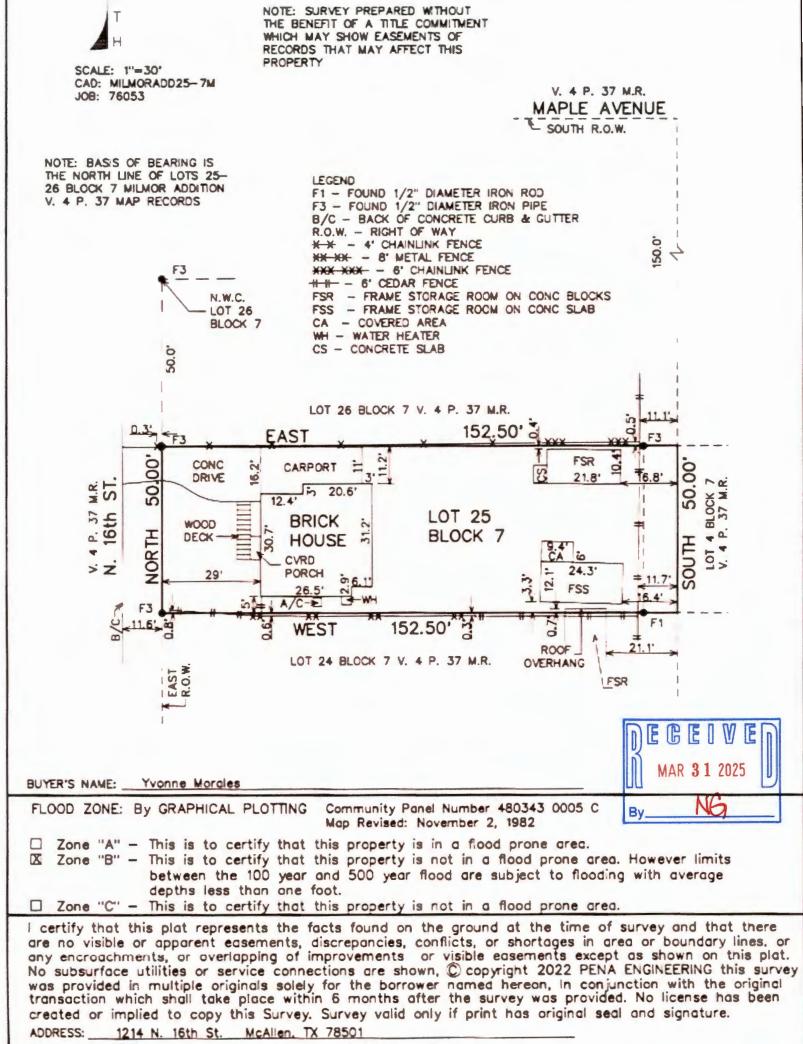
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AUTHORIZATION
To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated?
I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described above and this application is being submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable) OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this application and have attached written
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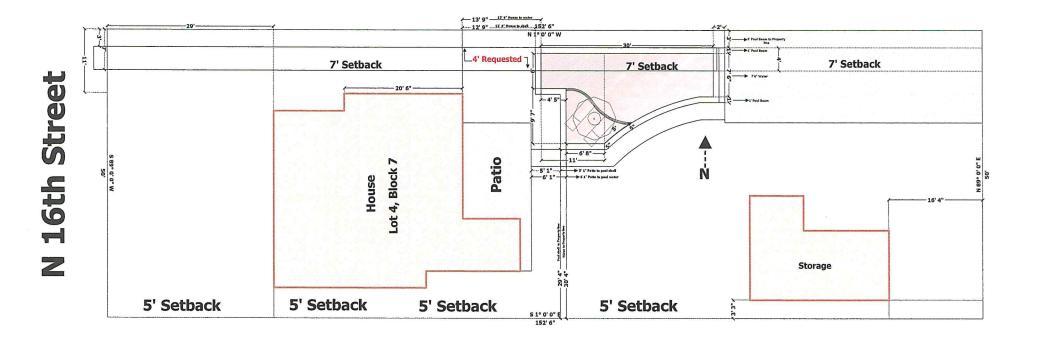
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