

# **Board of Adjustment Staff Report**

Meeting Date: October 6, 2022 Agenda Item: 8D

VARIANCE CASE NUMBER:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

To request a variance to the front yard setback for additions to an existing single-family dwelling.

STAFF PLANNER:

Kat Oakley, Planner Phone Number: 775.328.3628 E-mail: koakley@washoecounty.gov

## **CASE DESCRIPTION**

For hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve a variance for a 14' encroachment into the 15' front yard setback for an addition to an existing single-family dwelling.

Applicant: GilanFarr Architecture
Property Owner: Heath & Amanda Rushing

Location: 27 Somers Loop APN: 123-031-04

Parcel Size: 0.102 acres (± 4,459 s.f.)

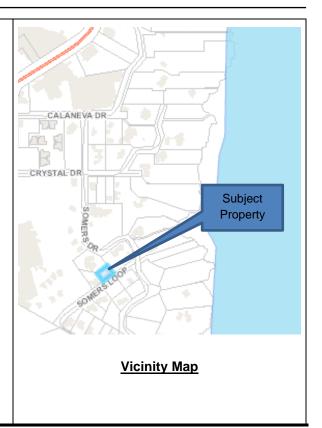
Master Plan: Stateline Point Regulatory Zone: Stateline Point

Area Plan: Tahoe

Development Code: Authorized in Article 804,

Variances

Commission District: 1 – Commissioner Hill



#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS DENY

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

I move that, after giving reasoned consideration to the information contained in the staff report and information received during the public hearing, the Washoe County Board of Adjustment **deny** Variance Case Number WPVAR22-0004 for Heath and Amanda Rushing, having been unable to make all five required findings in accordance with Washoe County Development Code Section 110.804.25:

(Motion with Findings on Page 11)

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## **Variance Definition**

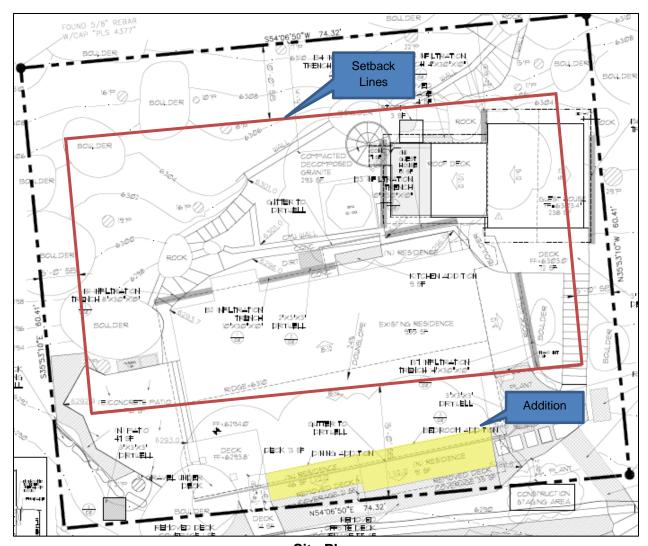
The purpose of a variance is to provide a means of altering the requirements in specific instances where the strict application of those requirements would deprive a property of privileges enjoyed by other properties with the identical regulatory zone because of special features or constraints unique to the property involved; and to provide for a procedure whereby such alterations might be permitted by further restricting or conditioning the project so as to mitigate or eliminate possible adverse impacts. If the Board of Adjustment grants an approval of the variance, that approval is subject to conditions of approval. Conditions of approval are requirements that need to be completed during different stages of the proposed project. Those stages are typically:

- Prior to permit issuance (i.e., a grading permit, a building permit, etc.).
- Prior to obtaining a final inspection and/or a certificate of occupancy on a structure.
- Prior to the issuance of a business license or other permits/licenses.
- Some conditions of approval are referred to as "Operational Conditions."
   These conditions must be continually complied with for the life of the business or project.

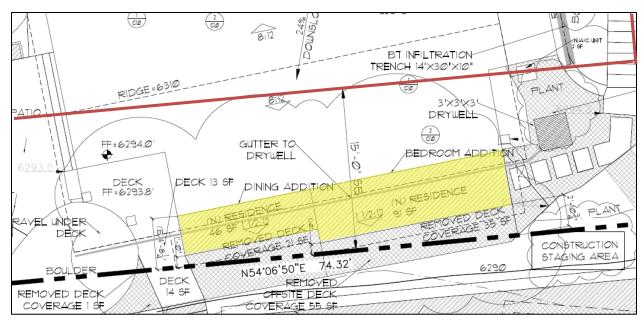
The applicant is seeking variance on the setback requirements. The Board of Adjustment will be ruling on this request.

Variance Requested	Relevant Code
Front yard setback off less than 15 feet	WCC 110.220.55

The subject property has a regulatory zone of Tahoe, Stateline Point (TA\_SP) and is 4,459 square feet in size. The required setbacks are 15 feet from the front, 10 feet from the rear, and 5 feet from the side property lines. The applicant is requesting a reduction of the front yard setback from 15 feet to 1 foot for additions to a single-family dwelling.



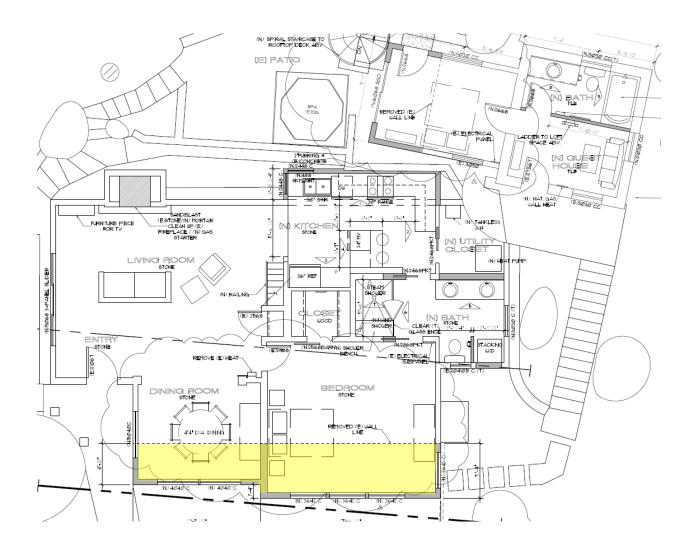
Site Plan



## **Enlarged Site Plan**



## **Elevations**



Floor Plan

## **Project Background/Evaluation**

The subject parcel contains a single story 846 sf residence built in 1936 and a 223 sf guest house constructed in 1946. The parcel has a regulatory zone of Tahoe, Stateline Point (TA\_SP). The existing main residence—the subject of this variance request—is currently located approximately 4ft 8in from the front property line. The structure predates the existing development code and current setback regulations. Per WCC 110.220.75, the existing setbacks for structures built legally prior to 2020 shall be considered the legal and conforming setbacks for the parcel; the structure is therefore conforming. There is no minimum lot size in the regulatory zone and the lot meets the minimum width requirement of 60 feet; the lot is therefore conforming.

The property owners, Heath and Amanda Rushing, purchased the subject parcel on December 31, 2019. They submitted a variance request for this and other additions on January 8, 2020. The request was heard by the Board of Adjustment on March 4, 2021 and was denied based on an inability to find that there were exceptional circumstances or that granting the variance would not afford special privileges to the property owners. This variance application requests the same addition, which involves a 137 square foot expansion within the front yard setback. The plans also show a 51 square foot expansion to the guest house and a 9 square foot addition to the back of the primary residence, both of which are outside of the setbacks and don't require a variance.

Since the denial of the previous variance request, the underlying zoning has changed from Low Density Suburban (LDS) to TA\_SP. A notable element of this change is that the lot is no longer considered non-conforming as it relates to the lot size, as there is no minimum lot size for TA\_SP. The lot was previously below the minimum square footage for the LDS regulatory zone. The regulatory setbacks, however, remain the same as they were when previously assessed: 15 feet from the front, 10 feet from the rear, and 5 feet from the sides. While these aren't standard LDS setbacks, the property was subject to Low Density Urban (LDU) setbacks due to WCC 110.406.05, which states the following:

If a lot does not meet the minimum lot size for the regulatory zoning for the lot, the yard requirements and setback dimensions shall be based on the lot size for the next densest regulatory zone for which the lot does meet minimum size for lots in that zone.

These setbacks provide the applicant with 2,251.2sf of legal buildable area in which to expand their home while maintaining their required setbacks. For this and reasons expounded upon below, staff believes that building within the front yard setback is a self-imposed hardship.

## WCC 110.220.60 Sitting on Corner Lots and Sloped Lots

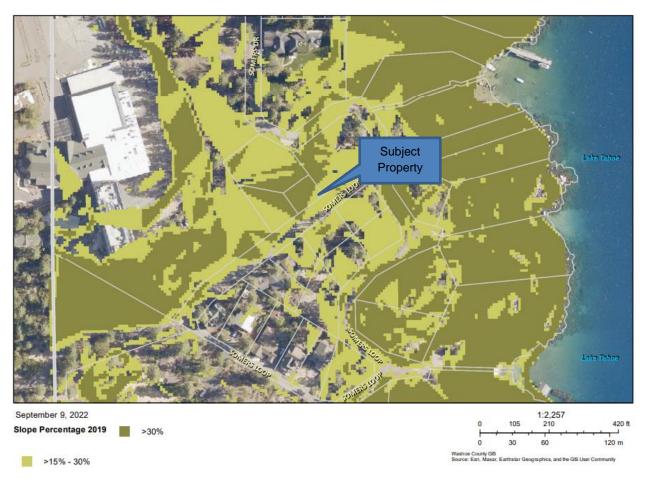
Significant slopes are not unusual in the Tahoe Area, and the Tahoe Area Plan—most recently updated April 15, 2021—anticipates the difficulties such slopes pose to development. WCC 110.220.60 allows structures to be built up to the front lot line when slopes in the front yard setback exceed 20%, so long as a certain set of standards can be met (WCC110.220.60(a)1-6). According to the applicant, slopes in the front yard setback are approximately 24%. WCC110.220.60(a)5 reads as follows:

(5) The maximum square footage of the portion of the structure designed to encroach on the established setback shall not exceed 25% of the size of the primary structure.

As stated in the application, 31% of the living area would fall within the front yard setback upon completion of the additions shown in the plans, precluding the utilization of this provision.

This aspect of the area plan provides a significant amount of flexibility for sloped lots that is not being employed by the applicant in their design. Its presence indicates that slopes over 20% are not, in fact, extraordinary in the region, a premise corroborated by slope data for the region shown

on the map below. Staff thus contends that there are no special circumstances and that granting this variance would constitute special privileges.



#### WCC 110.804 Variances

<u>Staff Comment:</u> Variances have some of the strictest legal requirements to allow staff to make a recommendation of approval. The Board must be able to make <u>all</u> five of the findings outlined in WCC.110.804.25. Staff is unable to make the finding a) Special Circumstances and finding c) no special privileges as outlined below.

<u>Special Circumstances</u> – Special Circumstances can be broken down into one of three types of special circumstances – exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of the property; exceptional topographic conditions; or other extraordinary or exceptional situation.

- 1. <u>Shape of property</u> The property is rectangular in shape and meets the minimum lot width requirements for the TA\_SP regulatory zone. The applicant has 2,251.2sf of area in which to build that is within the required setbacks.
- 2. Topographic Conditions The proposed parcel contains slopes that range from approximately 25% to 35%. There is an argument that there are exceptional topographic circumstances due to the presence of slopes greater than 15%. However, staff believes that this parcel is indeed buildable regardless of the slopes given that the parcel already contains a single-family residence (864sf) and guest house (223sf). Further, the applicant is proposing a 37sf expansion within the required setbacks under WBLD20-104356. An additional 51sf expansion of the guest house within the setbacks is also identified in this application, indicating that there is buildable area within the setbacks. Additionally, these slopes are not exceptional for the area; they are, in fact, common and specifically

addressed in the Tahoe Area Plan. As outlined in the discussion of WCC 110.220.60 Sitting on Corner Lots and Sloped Lots above, the development code provides flexibility for lots with slopes greater than 20% within the front yard setback. The applicant therefore could use the 2,251.2 square feet of building area outside of the required setbacks and additional space within the front setback with a slightly modified design. Therefore, staff does not believe there are exceptional topographic conditions precluding development on the subject parcel.

3. Exceptional Situation - Staff does not identify any other extraordinary or exceptional situation requiring a variance. The legal placement of the house within the setbacks of the regulatory zone does not preclude the applicant from living in and using their property within the bounds of the development code. Failure to grant a variance in this case will not result in the elimination of the economic value of the property right in its totality nor interfere with the investment backed expectations for the use of the house.

<u>Special Privileges</u> - Per WCC 110.220.75, existing setbacks for structures legally constructed prior to 2020 shall be considered the lot's legal setbacks. This provision applies to the subject primary residence, which was constructed in 1936. Expansion within the established setbacks is allowed if certain standards are met, including that "no further intrusion into the setback is requested" (WCC 110.220.75(c)). The proposed expansion of the main residence will total 137sf entirely within the existing front yard setback. This provision of the Tahoe Area Plan recognizes the prevalence of legally constructed buildings that do not conform with the current setbacks established through the regulatory zoning. Moreover, it provides significant flexibility for expansions to those structures. Therefore, granting a variance to expand within the established setbacks would constitute a special privilege not afforded to other structures in the Tahoe Area that also predate the development code.

## **Reviewing Agencies**

The following agencies/individuals received a copy of the project application for review and evaluation.

Agencies	Sent to Review	Responded	Provided Conditions	Contact
NV Water Resources	X	X		Steve Shell, sshell@water.nv.gov
Washoe County Building & Safety	X			
Washoe County Engineering & Capital Projects	X	x	х	Robert Wimer, rwimer@washoecounty.gov
Washoe County Water Rights Manager	X	х		Timber Weiss, tweiss@washoecounty.gov
WCHD EMS	Х	х		Sabrina Brasuell, sbrasuell@washoecounty.gov
WCHD Environmental Health	Χ	х	х	James English, jenglish@washoecounty.gov
TMFPD	X			
Regional Transportation Commission (All Apps)	X			
Washoe-Storey Conservation District (All Apps)	x	х		Jim Shaffer, shafferjam51@gmail.com
Nevada State Historic Preservation	Х			
Incline Village Roads	X	х	x	Rich Thomsen, rthomsen@washoecounty.gov
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District	X	х		
North Lake Tahoe FPD	X	х	х	Jennifer Donohue, jdonohue@nltfpd.net; Ryan Sommers, rsommers@nltfpd.net
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Х			

All comments from the contacted agencies can be found in Exhibit A, Agency Comments.

## **Staff Comment on Required Findings**

Washoe County Development Code Section 110.804.25, Article 804, *Variances*, requires that all of the following findings be made to the satisfaction of the Washoe County Board of Adjustment before granting approval of the request. Staff has completed an analysis of the variance application and has determined that the proposal is not in compliance with the required findings as follows.

- (a) <u>Special Circumstances</u>. Because of the special circumstances applicable to the property, including exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of the specific piece of property; exceptional topographic conditions; extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition of the property and/or location of surroundings; the strict application of the regulation results in exceptional and undue hardships upon the owner of the property.
  - <u>Staff Comment:</u> Staff **cannot** make the finding that there are special circumstances warranting a variance. There is adequate space to build within the legally required setbacks and the lot appears to be suitable for development regardless of the terrain. Staff provided a detailed analysis of these circumstances in Article 804, above.
- (b) <u>No Detriment.</u> The relief will not create a substantial detriment to the public good, substantially impair affected natural resources or impair the intent and purpose of the Development Code or applicable policies under which the variance is granted.

- <u>Staff Comment:</u> Engineering staff provided conditions limiting county liability for damages which might arise out of normal snow removal operations. These mitigating conditions can be found in Exhibit A, Agency Comments. None of the reviewing agencies indicated any concerns.
- (c) <u>No Special Privileges</u>. The granting of the variance will not constitute a grant of special privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and the identical regulatory zone in which the property is situated.
  - <u>Staff Comment:</u> Staff **cannot** make the finding that there are no special privileges. Granting this variance would be in contravention to WCC 110.220.75(c), which constrains the expansions of all other structures in the Tahoe Area that pre-date the development code. Staff provided a detailed analysis of this issue in Article 804, above.
- (d) <u>Use Authorized.</u> The variance will not authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the regulation governing the parcel of property.
  - <u>Staff Comment</u>: The proposed use of a residential addition is allowed in the Tahoe, Stateline Point regulatory zone.
- (e) Effect on a Military Installation. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.
  - <u>Staff Comment:</u> There are no military installations within the noticing area. This variance would not have an impact on military installations.

## Recommendation

After a thorough analysis and review, Variance Case Number WPVAR22-0004 is being recommended for denial. Staff offers the following motion for the Board's consideration.

### **Motion**

I move that, after giving reasoned consideration to the information contained in the staff report and information received during the public hearing, the Washoe County Board of Adjustment **deny** Variance Case Number WPVAR22-0004 for Heath and Amanda Rushing, having been **unable** to make all five required findings in accordance with Washoe County Development Code Section 110.804.25:

- (a) <u>Special Circumstances</u>. Because of the special circumstances applicable to the property, including exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of the specific piece of property; exceptional topographic conditions; extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition of the property and/or location of surroundings; the strict application of the regulation results in exceptional and undue hardships upon the owner of the property;
- (b) <u>No Detriment.</u> The relief will not create a substantial detriment to the public good, substantially impair affected natural resources or impair the intent and purpose of the Development Code or applicable policies under which the variance is granted;
- (c) <u>No Special Privileges.</u> The granting of the variance will not constitute a grant of special privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and the identical regulatory zone in which the property is situated:
- (d) <u>Use Authorized.</u> The variance will not authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the regulation governing the parcel of property;
- (e) <u>Effect on a Military Installation.</u> Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

## **Appeal Process**

Board of Adjustment's action will be effective 10 calendar days after the written decision is filed with the Secretary to the Board of Adjustment and mailed to the applicant, unless the action is appealed to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, in which case the outcome of the appeal shall be determined by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. Any appeal must be filed in writing with the Planning and Building Division within 10 calendar days from the date the written decision is filed with the Secretary to the Board of Adjustment and mailed to the applicant.

Applicant: GilanFarr Architecture

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Property Owner: Heath & Amanda Rushing

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Representatives: Phil Gilanfarr

phil@gilanfarrarchitects.com



July 18, 2022

Washoe County Community Services Planning and Development Division

RE: Rushing; 123-031-04

Variance Case; WPVAR22-0004

Dear Washoe County Staff:

The following conditions are requirements of the Washoe County Health District, Environmental Health Services Division, (WCHD) which shall be responsible for determining compliance with these conditions.

## Contact Name - James English - jenglish@washoecounty.us

- a) Condition #1: The WCHD has no comments, concerns or requirements for this application as submitted.
- b) Condition #2: The property is served by community water and sewer infrastructure.

If you have any questions or would like clarification regarding the foregoing, please contact James English, EHS Supervisor at jenglish@washoecounty.us regarding all Health District comments.

Sincerely,

James English. REH EHS Supervisor

**Environmental Health** 

Washoe County Health District

From: Program, EMS

**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 11:08 AM

To: Oakley, Katherine Cc: Program, EMS

**Subject:** FW: July Agency Review Memo I **Attachments:** July Agency Review Memo I.pdf

Good morning,

The EMS Program has reviewed the June Agency Review Memo I – Variance Case Number WPVAR22-0004 (Rushing) and has no concerns or questions at this time based on the information provided.

Thank you,

Sabrina.

#### Sabrina Brasuell

EMS Coordinator | Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness Washoe County Health District

sbrasuell@washoecounty.gov | Cell: (775) 830-7118 | Office: (775) 326-6043

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Date: August 26, 2022

To: Kat Oakley, Planner, Planning and Building Division

From: Robert Wimer, P.E., Engineering and Capital Projects Division

Re: Variance Case WPVAR22-0004 – Rushing Setback Reduction Variance

APN 123-031-04

## GENERAL PROJECT DISCUSSION

Washoe County Engineering and Capital Project staff has reviewed the above referenced application. The application, prepared by GilanFarr Architecture, is for a variance to reduce the required building front yard setback for a residence along the southeast border of the parcel to one foot.

The Engineering and Capital Projects Division recommends approval of this variance case subject to the following conditions of approval:

- 1. A complete set of construction improvement drawings, including an on-site grading plan, shall be submitted when applying for a building/grading permit. Grading shall comply with best management practices (BMP's) and shall include detailed plans for grading, site drainage, erosion control (including BMP locations and installation details), slope stabilization, and mosquito abatement. Placement or removal of any excavated materials shall be indicated on the grading plan. Silts shall be controlled on-site and not allowed onto adjacent property.
- 2. Provide a hold-harmless agreement, that holds harmless the County for damage to said Owners' property which might arise out of normal snow removal operations by reason of any structures being constructed closer than fifteen (15) feet to the property line, to the satisfaction of the District Attorney and the Engineering Division.

From: Thomsen, Richard

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 4:14 PM

**To:** Oakley, Katherine

**Subject:** Variance Case Number WPVAR22-0004 (Rushing Variance)

Kat,

I have reviewed the Rushing variance application and have no conditions regarding this application. Thank you and have a great day.



Rich Thomsen
Road Operations Supervisor | CSD Incline Village
RThomsen@washoecounty.gov | Office: 775.328.2180
625 Mt. Rose Highway Incline Village NV 89451

From: Jennifer Donohue < JDonohue@nltfpd.net> Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 12:39 PM

To: Oakley, Katherine

**Subject:** NLTFPD Review of WPVAR22-0004

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Greetings Planner Oakley,

NLTFPD has no comments or conditions for WPVAR22-0004, as presented.

Regards,



### **Jennifer Donohue Fire Marshal**

Office: <u>775.831.0351 x8127</u> | Cell: <u>775.434.4555</u>

Email: jdonohue@nltfpd.net 866 Oriole Way | Incline Village | NV 89451







From: Steve Shell <sshell@water.nv.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 9:46 AM

**To:** Oakley, Katherine **Subject:** WPVAR22-0004

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The Division of Water Resources has no comment on this project.

As of June 1, 2021, the Office of the State Engineer is open to the public. Please call 684-2800 upon arrival and a representative will come down to escort you to our office.

#### Steve Shell

Water Rights Specialist II
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Nevada Division of Water Resources
901 S. Stewart St., Suite 2002
Carson City, NV 89701
<a href="mailto:sshell@water.nv.gov">sshell@water.nv.gov</a>
(O) 775-684-2836 | (F) 775-684-2811





From: Weiss, Timber A.

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 2:45 PM

**To:** Oakley, Katherine **Cc:** Behmaram, Vahid

**Subject:** No Water Rights Comments for WPVAR22-0004 (Rushing Variance)

Hello, no comments on this variance.

Thank you,



Timber Weiss, PE | Professional Engineer

**Engineering & Capital Projects Division | Community Services Department** 

1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg A Reno, NV 89512

tweiss@washoecounty.gov | Office Voice Mail: 775.954.4626 or 775.433.0769

Visit us first online: www.washoecounty.us/csd

For additional information, email <a href="mailto:engineering@washoecounty.us">engineering@washoecounty.us</a> or call 775.328.2040





# Washoe-Storey Conservation District

Bret Tyler Chairmen Jim Shaffer Treasurer Cathy Canfield Storey app Jean Herman Washoe app

1365 Corpotate Blvd. RenoNV 89502 775 857-8500 ext. 131 nevadaconservation.com

August 23, 2022

Washoe County Community Services Department

C/O Kat Oakley, Planner

1001 E Ninth Street, Bldg. A

Reno, NV 89512

R: WPVAR22-0004 Rushing Variance

Dear Kat

In reviewing to variance for a fourteen -foot encroachment into the 15- foot front setback, the Conservation District has the following comment.

We recommend the addition exterior and roof materials match to the existing single-family dwelling.

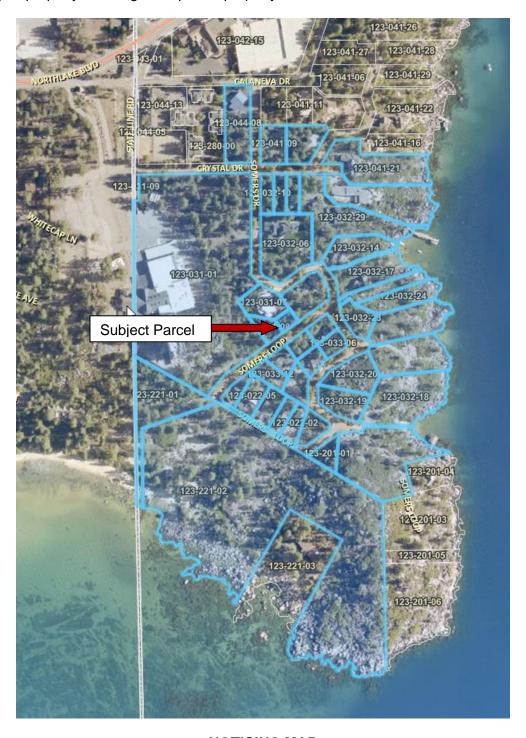
Thank you for providing us the opportunity to review the project that may have impacts on our natural resources and any questions call us at (775) 750 8272.

Sincerely,

Jim Shaffer

## **Public Notice Map**

Pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 110.306.25 public notification consists of notification by mail of at least 30 separate property owners within a minimum 500-foot radius of the subject property. This proposal was noticed within a 600 foot radius of the subject property, noticing 31 separate property owners.



**NOTICING MAP** 

# **Washoe County Development Application**

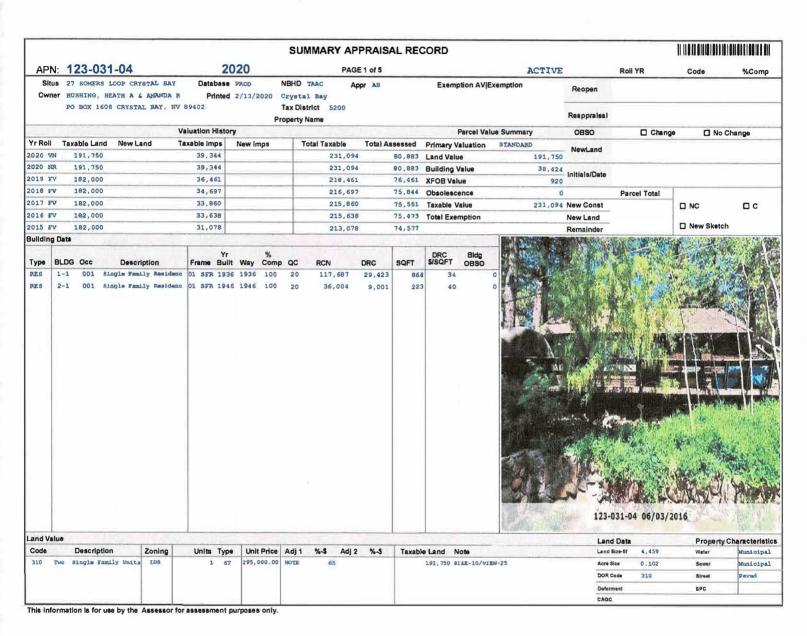
Your entire application is a public record. If you have a concern about releasing personal information, please contact Planning and Building staff at 775.328.6100.

Project Information	S	Staff Assigned Case No.:					
Project Name: 27 Som	ers Loop						
Project Remodel of sing Description:	gle story wood fra	amed building with loft.	96 13				
Project Address:27 Somers Lo	op, Crystal Bay NV	39402					
Project Area (acres or square fe	et): 530 sq ft						
Project Location (with point of re	eference to major cross	streets AND area locator):					
27 Somers Loop, Crystal E	Bay, NV 89402 / c	closest cross street is Some	ers Drive.				
Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:	Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:				
123-031-04	.102						
Indicate any previous Washo Case No.(s).	e County approval	s associated with this applica	tion:				
Applicant Inf	ormation (attach	additional sheets if necess	sary)				
Property Owner:		Professional Consultant:					
Name: Heath & Amanda Rush	ing	Name:GilanFarr Architecture					
Address:125 Roger Stone Rd		Address:PO Box 446					
Madisonville, LA	Zip: 70447	Crystal Bay, NV	Zip: 89402				
Phone: 601.876.7659	Fax:	Phone: 775.831.8001	Fax:				
Email:heath@newnr.com		Email:phil@gilanfarrarchitects	.com				
Cell:	Other:	Cell:	Other:				
Contact Person: Heath Rushing	g	Contact Person:Phil GilanFarr					
Applicant/Developer:		Other Persons to be Contac	ted:				
Name:GilanFarr Architecture		Name:					
Address:PO Box 446		Address:					
Crystal Bay, NV	Zip: 89402		Zip:				
Phone: 775.831.8001	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:				
Email:aleks@gilanfarrarchitec	ture.com	Email:					
Cell: 925.557.8780	Other:	Cell:	Other:				
Contact Person: Aleks Soto		Contact Person:					
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CAB(s):		Regulatory Zoning(s):					

# **Variance Application** Supplemental Information (All required information may be separately attached)

Front Setback
You must answer the following questions in detail. Failure to provide complete and accurate information will result in denial of the application.
What are the topographic conditions, extraordinary or exceptional circumstances, shape of the property or location of surroundings that are unique to your property and, therefore, prevent you from complying with the Development Code requirements?
The size of the lot with standard setbacks does not allow for any modification to the front of the main house
What steps will be taken to prevent substantial negative impacts (e.g. blocking views, reducing privacy, decreasing pedestrian or traffic safety, etc.) to other properties or uses in the area?
Additions are kept small and at or below the height of the existing house or guest house.
How will this variance enhance the scenic or environmental character of the neighborhood (e.g eliminate encroachment onto slopes or wetlands, provide enclosed parking, eliminate clutter in view of neighbors, etc.)?
Will provide an updated front of the house improving the curb appeal. Update will also remove a portion of deck that is beyond the extent of the property line.
What enjoyment or use of your property would be denied to you that is common to other properties in your neighborhood?
The ability to improve the existing house function and utilizing the allowable coverage.
Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that apply to the area subject to the variance request?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please attach a copy.
How is your current water provided?
East Stateline Point Watershed / MUNICIPAL
How is your current sewer provided?

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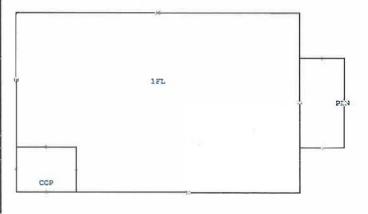
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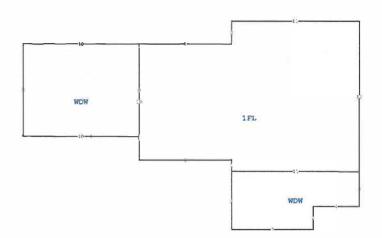
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### 27 Somers Loop

## **Variance Findings**

1. What provisions of the Development Code (e.g. front yard setback, height, etc.) must be waived or varied to permit your request?

The request is to reduce the front yard setback from 15 feet to 1-foot.

2. What are the topographic conditions, extraordinary or exceptional circumstances, shape of the property or location of surroundings that are unique to your property and, therefore, prevent you from complying with the Development Code requirements?

The house was originally built in 1936 and majority of the structure extends into the front setback with a portion extending over the property line.

The purpose of the variance request is to increase the bedroom and living space. The site is a 24% upslope directly from Somers' loop. There is no site location which would allow the additions due to TRPA regulations. TRPA coverage restricts adding or relocating coverage to other areas on the site since this is all Class 1A.

The existing house currently sites 4ft 8in back from the front property line and the deck extends 4 ft over the property line. The addition will replace the existing deck and the entire deck in front of the addition will be removed eliminating the structure extending past the property line.

In order to achieve the addition, we are requesting a 1-foot front setback. This does not change the parking or the access to the property. There is no other way to provide ample living space without damaging or removing the existing structure. The living area within the front setback is 31% of the total living area.

3. What steps will be taken to prevent substantial negative impacts (e.g. blocking views, reducing privacy, decreasing pedestrian or traffic safety, etc.) to other properties or uses in the area?

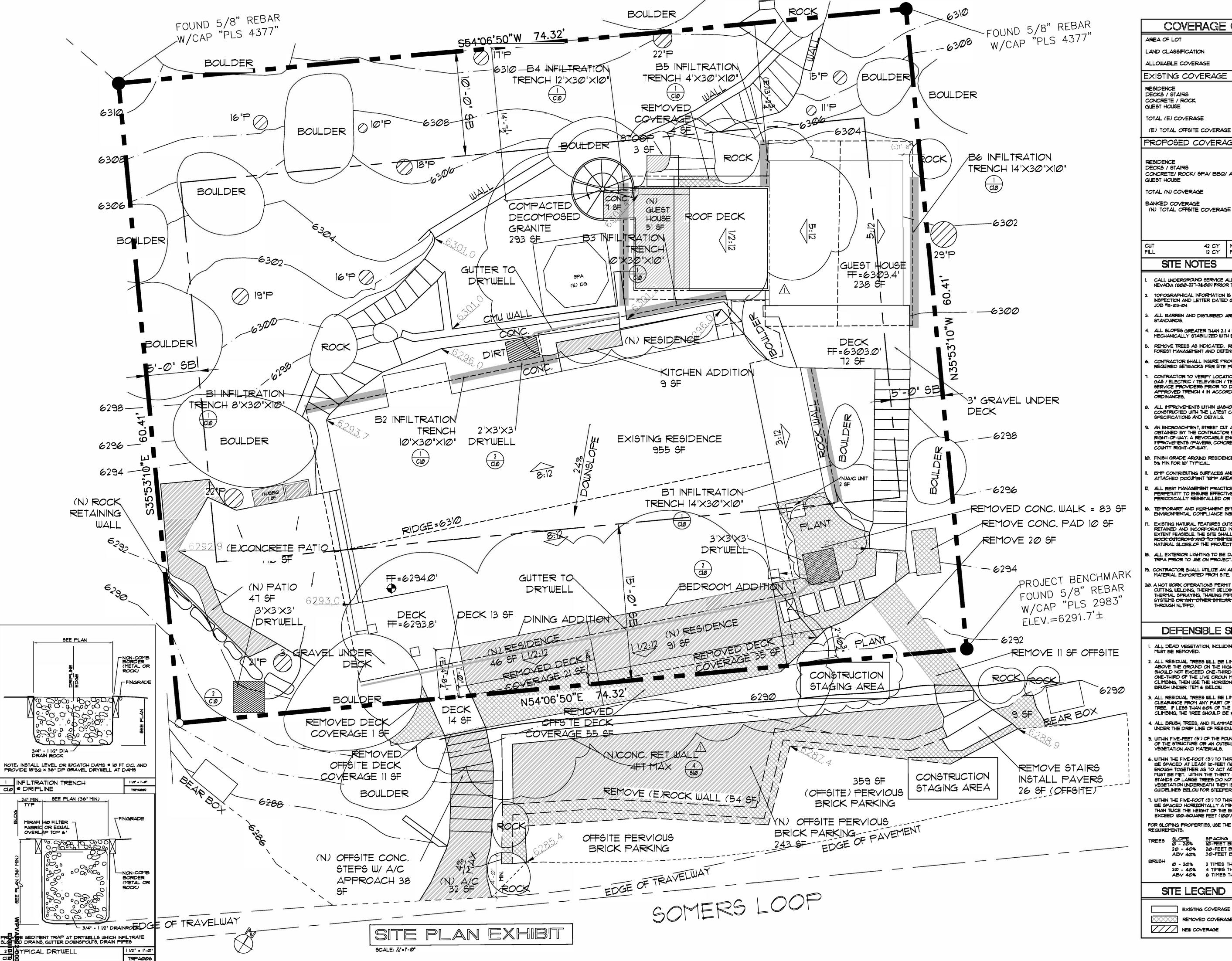
This request does not block views or reduce privacy, removing the front deck will increase privacy for the neighbors.

4. How will this variance enhance the scenic or environmental character of the neighborhood (e.g. eliminate encroachment onto slopes or wetlands, provide enclosed parking, eliminate clutter in view of neighbors, etc.)?

By removing the deck and encroachment into the right-a-way, it will allow a landscape buffer between the edge of road and house. This will allow the parking area along the edge of road to enlarged.

5. What enjoyment or use of your property would be denied to you that is common to other properties in your neighborhood?

The ability to have more than one bedroom. Other properties in this neighborhood have been granted front setback reduction variances.



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AREA OF LOT	4,490 SF / 0.10 AC
LAND CLASSIFICATION	la (1%)
ALLOWABLE COVERAGE	45 SF
EXISTING COVERAGE	
RESIDENCE DECKS / STAIRS CONCRETE / ROCK GUEST HOUSE TOTAL (E) COVERAGE	955 S.F. 351 SF.• 861 S.F. 238 S.F. 2,4 <i>0</i> 5 S.F.
(E) TOTAL OFFSITE COVERAGE	359 SF.
PROPOSED COVERAGE	
RESIDENCE DECKS / STAIRS CONCRETE/ ROCK/ SPA/ BBQ/ A/C GUEST HOUSE	TOTAL 1,101 SF 151 SF 808 SF 289 SF

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CUT	42 CY	NUMBER OF TREES
ILL	12 CY	FOR REMOVAL

- CALL UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (800-227-2600) PRIOR TO ANY DIGGING.
- TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION IS BASED ON TRPA APPROVED SITE INSPECTION AND LETTER DATED 05/10/2019 BY ARNETT & ASSOCIATES, INC. JOB 49-03-04
- ALL BARREN AND DISTURBED AREAS TO BE REVEGETATED PER TRPA/BMF STANDARDS.
- ALL 9LOPES GREATER THAN 2:1 & ROAD SIDE DITCHES AND BANKS SHALL BE MECHANICALLY STABILIZED WITH EITHER ROCK PROTECTION OR VEGETATION.
- REMOVE TREES AS INDICATED. REMOVE DEAD TREES & BRANCHES PER THE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL INSURE PROPER PLACEMENT OF ADDITION WITHIN THE REQUIRED SETBACKS PER SITE PLAN.
- CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS OF WATER / SEWER / GAS / ELECTRIC / TELEVISION / TELEPHONE UTILITIES WITH AITPROPRIATE SERVICE PROVIDERS PRIOR TO DIGGING. INSTALL ALL UTILITIES IN AN APPROVED TRENCH & IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE CODES & ORDINANCES.
- ALL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN WASHOE CO. RIGHT OR WAY SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH THE LATEST COUNTY CODES AND COUNTY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS.
- AN ENCROACHMENT, STREET CUT AND EXCAVATION PERMIT SHALL BE OBTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO STARTING WORK WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. A REVOCABLE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY IMPROVEMENTS (PAVERS, CONCRETE, LANDSCAPING, WALLS, ETC.) IN THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY.
- Ø. FINISH GRADE AROUND RESIDENCE SHALL SLOPE AWAY FROM STRUCTURE 15% MIN FOR 10' TYPICAL.
- BMP CONTRIBUTING SURFACES AND TREATMENTS ARE LABELED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT 'BMP AREAS'.
- ALL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN PERPETUITY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVENESS WHICH MAY REQUIRE BMPS TO BE PERIODICALLY REINSTALLED OR REPLACED.
- TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT BMPS MAY BE FIELD FIT BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR WHERE ASTROPRIATE.
- EXISTING NATURAL FEATURES OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING SITE SHALL BE RETAINED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE SITE DESIGN TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE. THE SITE SHALL BE DESIGNED TO AVOID DISTURBANCE TO ROCK OUTCROPS AND TO MINIMIZE VEGETATION REMOVAL AND MAINTAIN THE NATURAL SLOPE OF THE PROJECT SITE.
- ALL EXTERIOR LIGHTING TO BE DARK SKY COMPLIANT AND APPROVED BY TRPA PRIOR TO USE ON PROJECT.
- . CONTRACTOR SHALL UTILIZE AN APPROVED DISPOSAL LOCATION FOR ALL MATERIAL EXPORTED FROM SITE.
- 20. A HOT WORK OPERATIONS PERMIT IS REQUIRED WHEN OPERATIONS INCLUDE CUTTING, WELDING, THERMIT WELDING, BRAZING, SOLDERING, GRINDING, THERMAL SPRAYING, THAWING PIPES, INSTALLATION OF TORCH-APPLIED ROOF SYSTEMS OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITY. PERMITS SHALL BE OBTAINED

# DEFENSIBLE SPACE NOTES

- ALL DEAD VEGETATION, INCLUDING TREES, BRUSH AND OTHER VEGETATION MUST BE REMOVED.
- 2. ALL RESIDUAL TREES WILL BE LIMBED TO A HEIGHT OF TEN-FEET (10")
  ABOVE THE GROUND ON THE HIGH SIDE. REMOVAL OF LOUER BRANCHES
  SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL TREE HEIGHT. IF MORE THAN
  ONE-THIRD OF THE LIVE CROWN MUST BE REMOVED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS
  CLIMBING, THEN USE THE HORIZONTAL SPACING GUIDELINES LISTED FOR
  BRUSH UNDER ITEM 6 BELOW.
- 3. ALL RESIDUAL TREES WILL BE LIMBED TO ACHIEVE A TEN-FOOT (10') CLEARANCE FROM ANY PART OF THE HOUSE TO THE BRANCHES OF THE TREE. IF LESS THAN 60% OF THE LIVE CROWN WOULD BE LEFT AFTER CLIMBING, THE TREE SHOULD BE REMOVED.
- I. ALL BRUSH, TREES, AND FLAMMABLE MATERIALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM UNDER THE DRIP LINE OF RESIDUAL TREES OR TREE GROUPINGS.
- 5. WITHIN FIVE-FEET (5') OF THE FOUNDATION OR SUPPORT POSTS OF ANY PART OF THE STRUCTURE OR AN OUTBUILDING, REMOVE ALL FLAMMABLE VEGETATION AND MATERIALS.
- 6. WITHIN THE FIVE-FOOT (5') TO THIRTY-FOOT (30') ZONE, TREE CANOPIES WILL BE SPACED AT LEAST 10-FEET (10') APART. IF TREES ARE GROUPED CLOSE ENOUGH TOGETHER AS TO ACT AS ONE UNIT, THEN ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET. WITHIN THE THIRTY (30') TO ONE-HUNDRED-FOOT (100') ZONE, STANDS OF LARGE TREES DO NOT HAVE TO BE REMOVED SO LONG AS THE VEGETATION UNDERNEATH THEM IS REMOVED. PLEASE SEE SPACING GUIDELINES BELOW FOR STEEPER SLOPES.
- . WITHIN THE FIVE-FOOT (5") TO THIRTY-FOOT (30") ZONE, BRUSH FIELDS MUST BE SPACED HORIZONTALLY A MINIMUM DISTANCE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN TWICE THE HEIGHT OF THE BRUSH. INDIVIDUAL BRUSH PLANTS CANNOT EXCEED 100-SQUARE FEET (100') IN AREA AND THREE (3') IN HEIGHT.
- FOR SLOPING PROPERTIES, USE THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS FOR THE ABOVE
- TREES SLOPE 0 20% SPACING

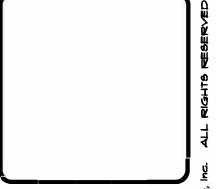
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# SITE LEGEND

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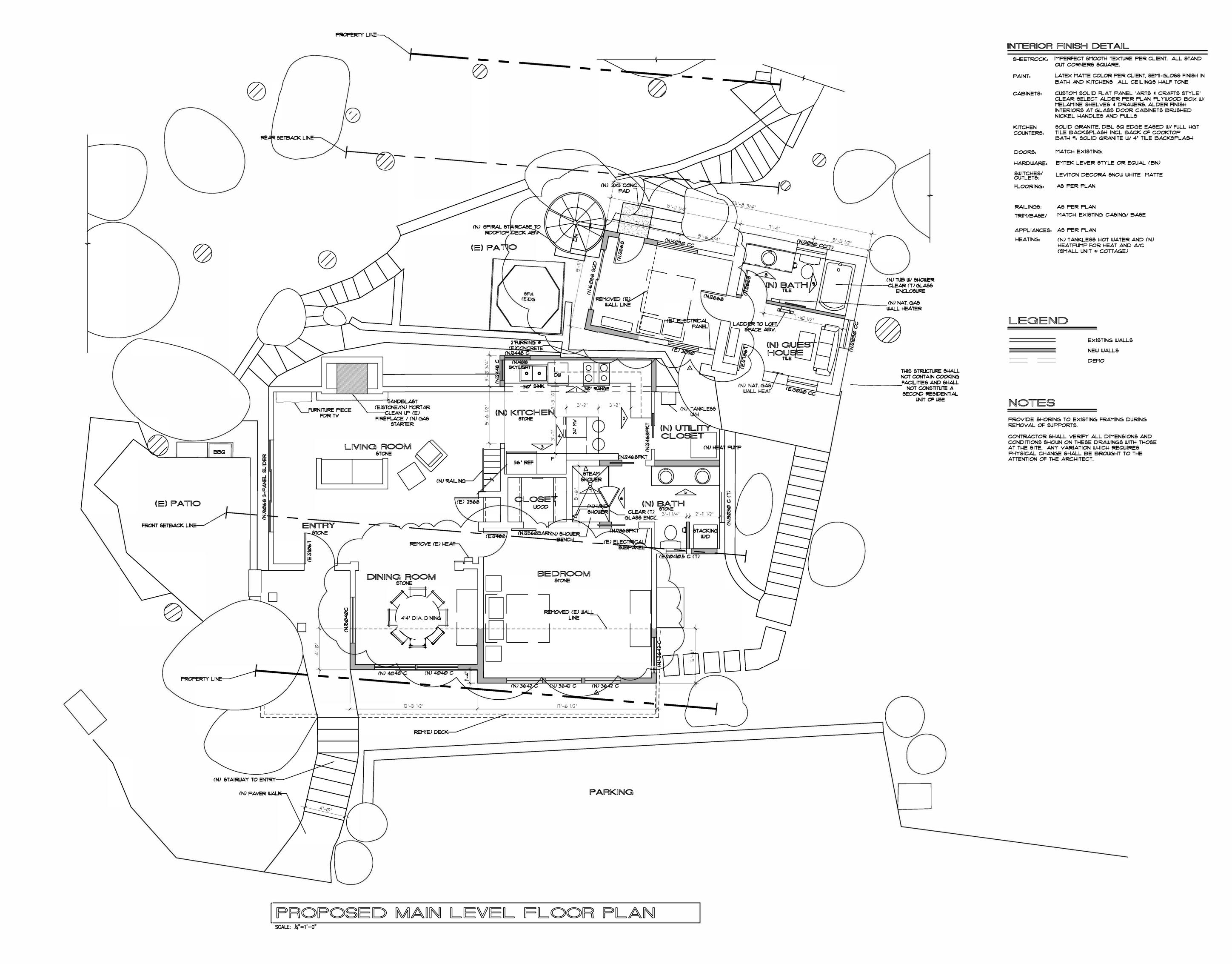
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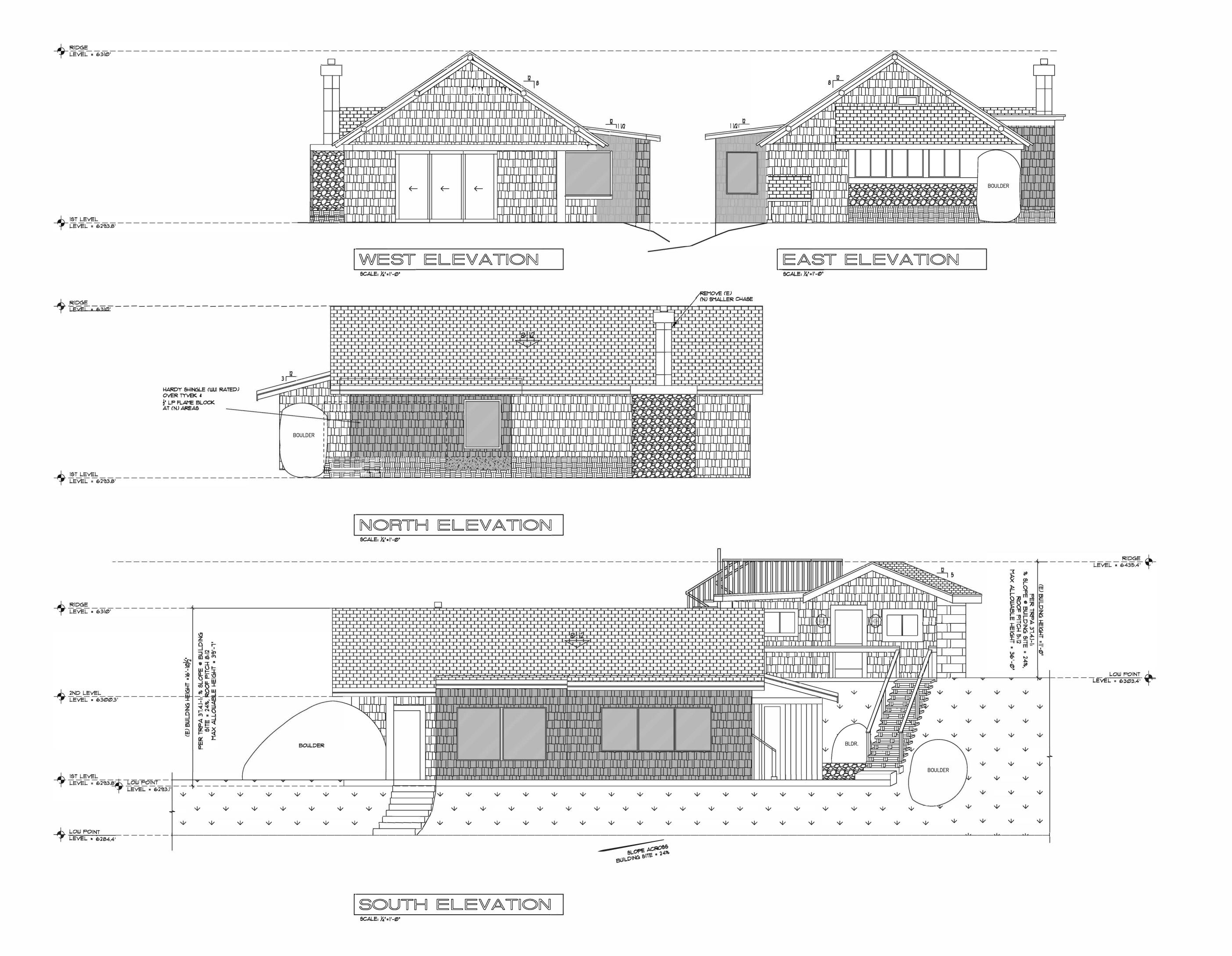
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#### 27 Somers Loop

What provisions of the Development Code (e.g. front yard setback, height, etc.) must be waived or varied to permit your request?

The request is to reduce the front yard setback from 15 feet to 1-foot.

### Findings per 110.804.25

<u>Special Circumstances.</u> Because of the special circumstances applicable to the property, including either the:

- (1) Exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of the specific piece of property, or
- (2) By reason of exceptional topographic conditions, or
- (3) Other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition of the property and/or location of surroundings, the strict application of the regulation results in exceptional and undue hardships upon the owner of the property;

The site is over 24% upslope directly from Somer's loop and is very shallow. This in itself creates a special circumstance in addition TRPA classifies this parcel as high sensitivity (i.e. Class 1A). There isn't a mechanism to increase coverage in order to facilitate an expansion. TRPA requires relocation findings which are much more stringent on the higher sensitive parcels and in this case we cannot meet the findings to relocate existing coverage from a disturbed location to an undisturbed location. We can only work within the areas that are currently disturbed in order to meet the requirement for construction.

The existing house currently sites 4ft 8in back from the front property line and the deck extends 4 ft over the property line. The addition will replace the existing deck and the entire deck in front of the addition will be removed eliminating the structure extending past the property line.

There is no other way to provide ample living space without damaging or removing the existing structure. The living area within the front setback is 31% of the total living area.

There is this perception that TRPA has a standard policy that applies to all parcels with relationship coverage. This is in fact not the case as each parcel has a land classification based on the sensitivity, slope and drainage. The parcels that have a high classifications of 4 or greater have a much broader opportunity to expand and it is much easier on a class 4 or greater parcel to determine relocation findings, which is necessary for TRPA to analyze when you are disturbing undisturbed locations or when you are proposing to install a building or coverage in an area that was previously undisturbed. The other benefit that the lower sensitive parcels have is they qualify for the coverage reduction program which allows those parcels to apply pervious pavers or previous decks to increase the coverage in order to maximize additional living space. This is not allowed on the higher sensitive parcels which makes certainly an unfair advantage for those who have higher sensitive parcels to be able to expand versus those who do. This is probably why so many of these higher sensitive parcels homes have really been limited in their size and opportunity compared to those on higher sensitive parcels.

**No Detriment.** The relief will not create a substantial detriment to the public good, substantially impair affected natural resources or impair the intent and purpose of the Development Code or applicable policies under which the variance is granted;

This request does not block views or reduce privacy, removing the front deck will increase privacy for the neighbors. By removing the deck and encroachment into the right-a-way, it will allow a landscape buffer between the edge of road and house. This will allow the parking area along the edge of road to enlarged.

<u>No Special Privileges.</u> The granting of the variance will not constitute a grant of special privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and the identical regulatory zone in which the property is situated; and

Many of the adjacent parcels in this neighborhood have received front yard setback reductions for similar reasons, So this request will not be a grant of a special privilege.

<u>Use Authorized.</u> The variance will not authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the regulation governing the parcel of property.

This variance request is to expand the single family use slightly to accommodate a bedroom. Single family is an allowed use.

<u>Effect on a Military Installation.</u> The variance will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose and mission of the military installation.

There are no known military installations in the area.