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September 29, 2022

## BY HAND DELIVERY & EMAIL (jamie.whitehouse@sussexcountyde.gov)

Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning Office 2 The Circle, P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

RE: Board of Adjustment - Case No. 12743

David and Lisa Moore SCTP No.: 532-14.00-6.03

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

Kindly find the enclosed copy of Applicant David and Lisa Moore's Project Book for Case No. 12743. The Project Book will be used at the public hearing before the Board of Adjustment on October 3, 2022. I will also be emailing an electronic copy of the Project Book to you. Please let me know if you need any additional information prior to the public hearing.

Very Truly Yours,

MORRIS JAMES LLP

David C. Hutt, Esquire

Enclosure

cc: Amy Hollis (email to amy.hollis@sussexcountyde.gov)

## David and Lisa Moore

Board of Adjustment Case No. 12743



David C. Hutt, Esquire Morris James LLP Public Hearing

10/03/2022

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Case #	
Hearing Date	

## Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	Existing Condition Proposed  Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 11025 Iron Hill Road, Delmar, DE 19940	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	
Variances are sought from the 200' setback for a comme kennels as follows: (1) 36.9' (side); (2) 90.4' (side); (3) 117.5' (rear); (6) 69.1' (rear); and (7) 11.6' (side).	ercial dog kennel and its runs, cages or 85.9' (side); (4) 101.7' (rear); (5)
Tax Map #: 532-14.00-6.03	Property Zoning: AR-1
Applicant Information  Applicant Name: David L. and Lisa D. Moore	
Applicant Address: 11025 Iron Hill Road	
City Delmar State DE Zip:	19940
Applicant Phone #: (302) 841-1423 Applicant e	-mail: dlm7781@yahoo.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: same as applicant	
Owner Address:	
City State Zip:	
Owner Phone #: Owner e-m	ail:
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: David C. Hutt, Esq.   Morris Jan	nes LLP
Agent/Attorney Address: 107 West Market Street	
	19947
Agent/Attorney Phone #: (302) 856-0018 Agent/Atto	rney e-mail: dhutt@morrisjames.com
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
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Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

### 1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

The property is unique because it ranges from 340' wide to 420' wide which narrowness means that it would be exceptionally difficult to locate (center) a dog kennel or run 200' from the adjacent property lines. If the property did not have this condition, i.e., if the property had a greater width, the 200' setback could be met.

### 2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

Due to the narrowness of the property, there is no possibility that these dog kennels and runs could be placed 200' from all surrounding boundary lines.

### 3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

The applicant did not create the dimensions of the lot, nor did they build the existing home and outbuildings. The applicants are requesting this variance to arrange the dog kennel using the existing width of the property and building locations.

### 4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

If the variance is authorized, it will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood as the proposed dog kennel will use existing buildings, including the existing equestrian facilities (barn and track area). In addition, the use will not impair the use or development of adjacent properties as there are other commercial uses within the immediate vicinity of the property and the neighboring lots are large parcels.

### 5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

The dog kennels and runs were designed to utilize the existing buildings on the property and stay within the area on the property previously used as an equestrian facility (barn, track and pasture). The location of the dog kennels and runs represents the minimum variances that will afford the requested relief and allow the use of the property for a commercial dog kennel.

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**Criteria for a Special Use Exception:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.
1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.
Not applicable.
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2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)  Not applicable.
Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)
Not applicable.

Check List for Applications

The following shall be submitted with the application

<b>√</b> •	Completed Application	
<b>√</b> •	Provide a survey of the property (Variance)  Survey shall show the location of building(s), building setbacks, stairs, deck, etc.  Survey shall show distances from property lines to buildings, stairs, deck, etc.  Survey shall be signed and sealed by a Licensed Surveyor.	
□ •	Provide a Site Plan or survey of the property (Special Use Exception)	
✓ •	Provide Fee \$400.00	
✓ •	<b>Provide written response to criteria for Variance or Special Use Exception</b> (may be on a separate document if not enough room on the form)	
•	Copy of Receipt (staff)	
□ •	Optional - Additional information for the Board to consider (ex. photos, letters from neighbors, etc.)	
<ul> <li>Please be aware that Public Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearing for the application.</li> </ul>		
is filed wit	advised that the decision of the Board of Adjustment is only final when the written decision has been filed, you may anning & Zoning Department at 302-855-7878. The written decision is generally completed irty (30) to sixty (60) days following the Board's vote on the application or appeal. Please	
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Recorder of Deeds, Scott Dailey On 11/26/2019 at 3:14:29 PM Sussex County, DE

Consideration: \$350,000.00 County/Town: \$5,250.00 State: \$8,750.00 Total: \$14,000.00

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TM #: 5-32-14.00-6.03 PREPARED BY & RETURN TO: The Smith Firm, LLC 8866 Riverside Dr. Seaford, DE 19973 File No. S19-328/

This Deed, made this 22 day of November, 2019,

- BETWEEN -

MICHAEL P. CORDREY, party of the first part,

- AND -

<u>DAVID L. MOORE</u> and <u>LISA D. WILLIAMSON</u>, of 11025 Iron Hill Rd., Delmar, DE 19940, as joint tenants unto the survivor of them, their heirs and assigns and not as tenants in common, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$350,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants and conveys unto the parties of the second part, and their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the following described lands, situate, lying and being in Sussex County, State of Delaware:

ALL that certain lot, piece and parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County and State of Delaware, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe (set) lying on the northwesterly right of way line of S.C.R. #454A (50' R/W) Iron Hill Rd. and being a common corner for these lands and Lot #1; thence running along these lands the following five courses and distances: (1) North 29 degrees 25 minutes 55 seconds East 461.89 feet to an iron pipe (set); thence (2) North 04 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West 166.75 feet to an iron pipe (set); thence (3) North 29 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds East 62.17 feet to an iron pipe (set); thence (4) South 67 degrees 49 minutes 37 seconds East 72.58 feet to an iron pipe (set); thence (5) North 26 degrees 16 minutes 59 seconds East 146.24 feet to point, said point being a corner for these lands; thence turning and running along these lands, South 66 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds East 419.94 feet to an iron rod (found), said iron rod being a corner for these

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lands; thence turning and running along these lands, South 32 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West 825.29 feet to an iron pipe (found) lying on the northeasterly right of way line of Iron Hill Rd., said iron pipe being a corner for these lands; thence turning and running along these lands by and with Iron Hill Rd., North 66 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds West 340.73 feet to the point and place of beginning, said to contain 7.219 acres of land, more or less, as shown on a survey entitled "Minor Subdivision Plan for Michael R. Smith", prepared by Miller-Lewis, Inc., Land Surveyor, dated March 22, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County in Plot Book 283, Page 26.

BEING a portion of the same lands conveyed to Michael P. Cordrey and Sharon L. Cordrey from Michael P. Cordrey and Sharon J. Cordrey a/k/a Sharon L. Cordrey, by Deed dated October 27, 1989, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County, Delaware, on October 30, 1989, in Deed Book 1681, Page 108. The said Sharon L. Departed this life, testate, on or about October 20, 2016 leaving Michael P. Cordrey sole owner.

**SUBJECT** to any and all restrictions, reservations, conditions, easements and agreements of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County, Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

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TM #: 5-32-14.00-6.03 PREPARED BY & RETURN TO: The Smith Firm, LLC 8866 Riverside Dr. Seaford, DE 19973 File No. S21-207/

This Deed, made this 11th day of June, 2021,

- BETWEEN -

<u>DAVID L. MOORE</u> and <u>LISA D. MOORE f/k/a LISA D. WILLIAMSON</u>, of 11025 Iron Hill Rd., Delmar, DE 19940, part of the first part,

- AND -

**DAVID L. MOORE** and **LISA D. MOORE**, of 11025 Iron Hill Rd., Delmar, DE 19940, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety unto the survivor of them, his or her heirs and assigns, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One and 00/100 Dollars (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the parties of the second part, and their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the following described lands, situate, lying and being in Sussex County, State of Delaware:

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SUBJECT TO ALL covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements of record, this reference to which shall not be construed to reimpose the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

David L. Moore (SEAL)

Lisa D. Moore f/k/a Lisa D. Williamson

STATE OF DELAWARE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX: to-wit

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of Office the day and year aforesaid.

MICHAEL R. SMITH
Attorney - Bar #4916
Admitted to Delaware Bar: 12/15/2006
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My Commission Expires:

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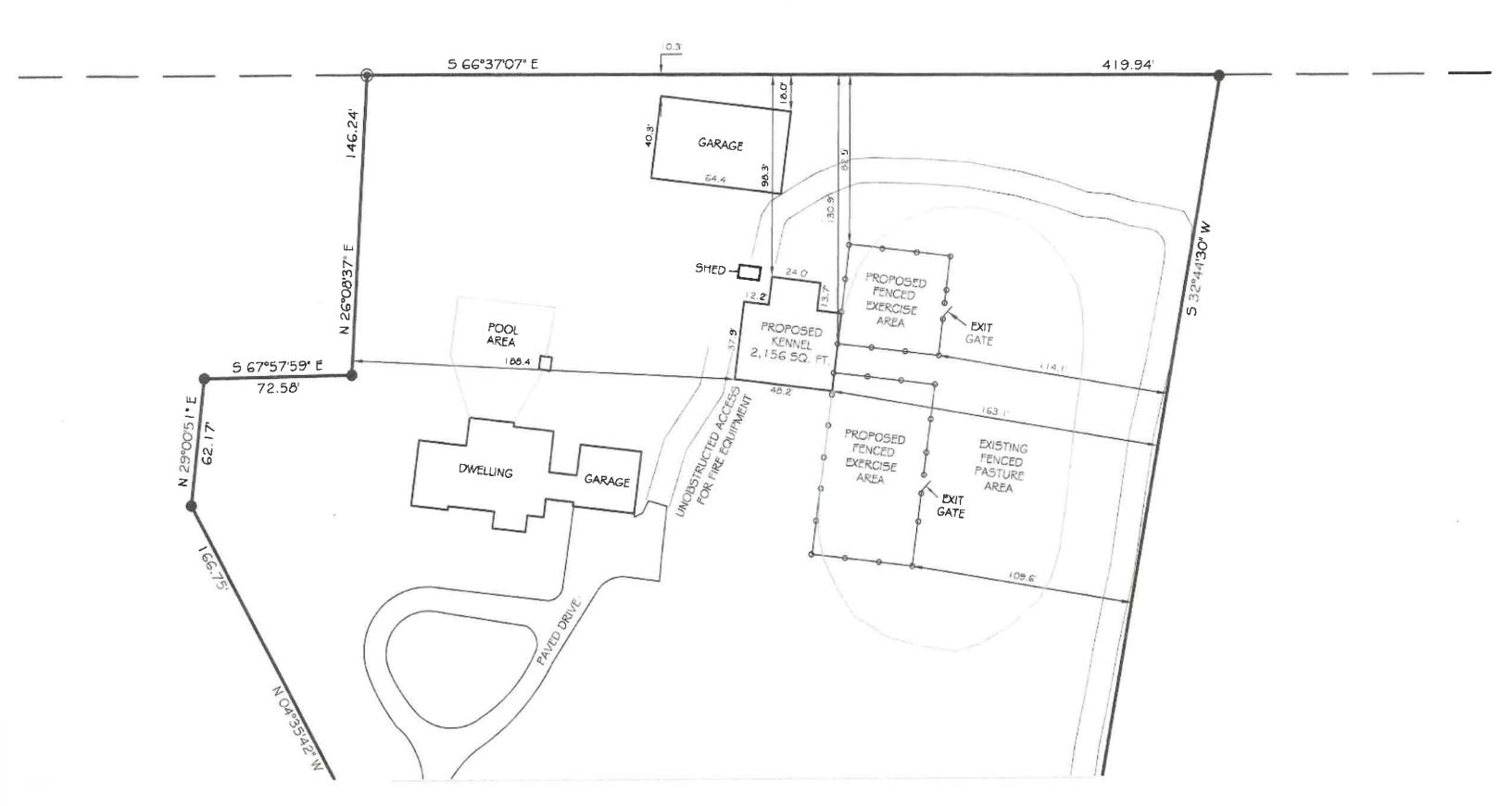
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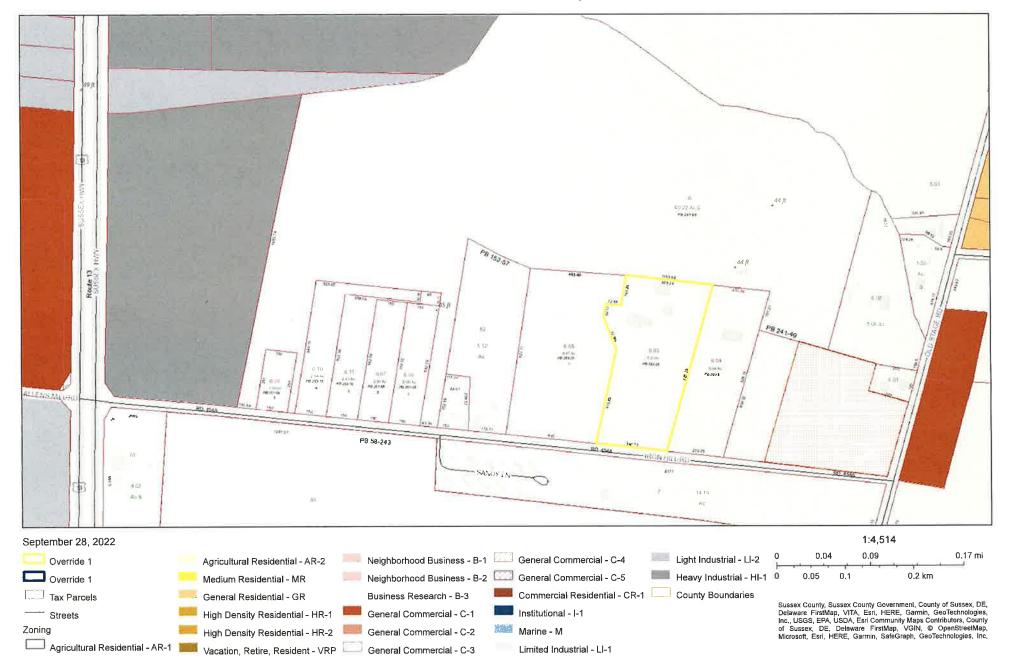
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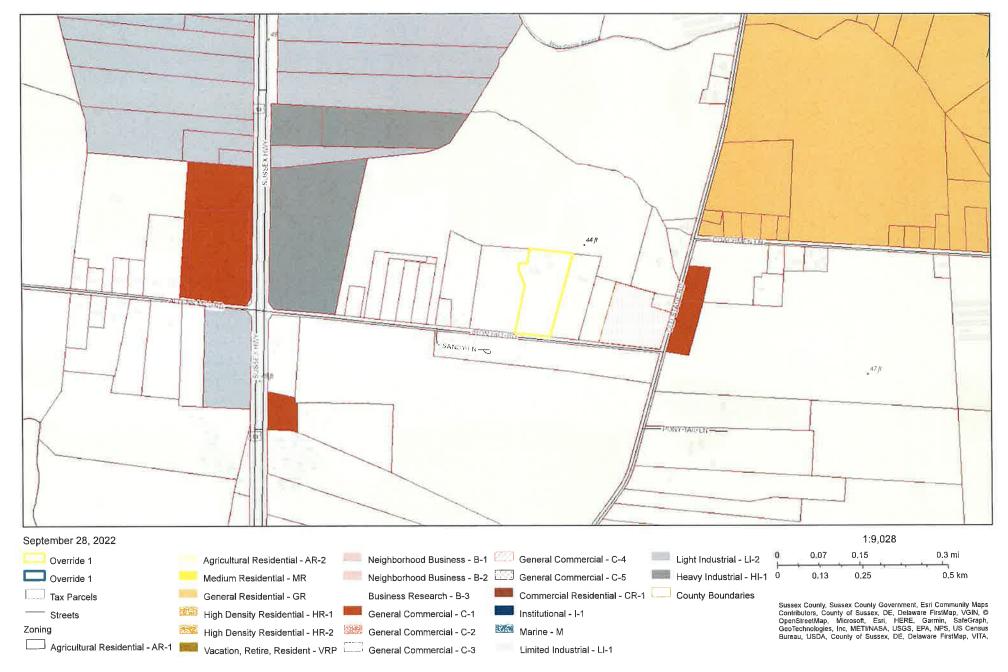


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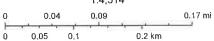
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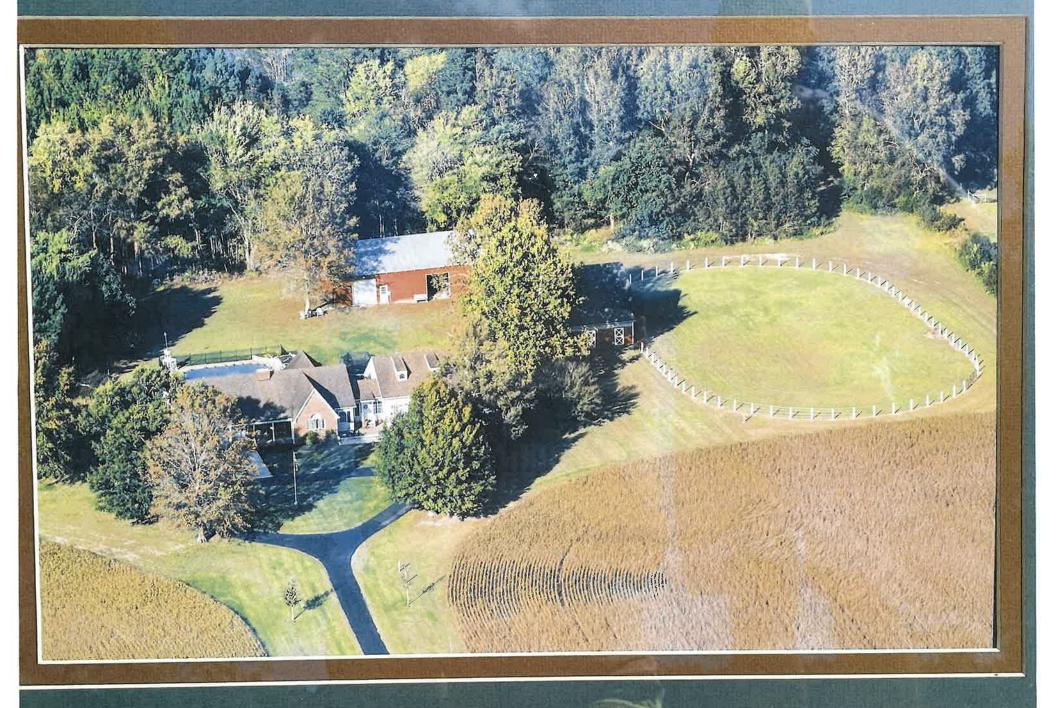
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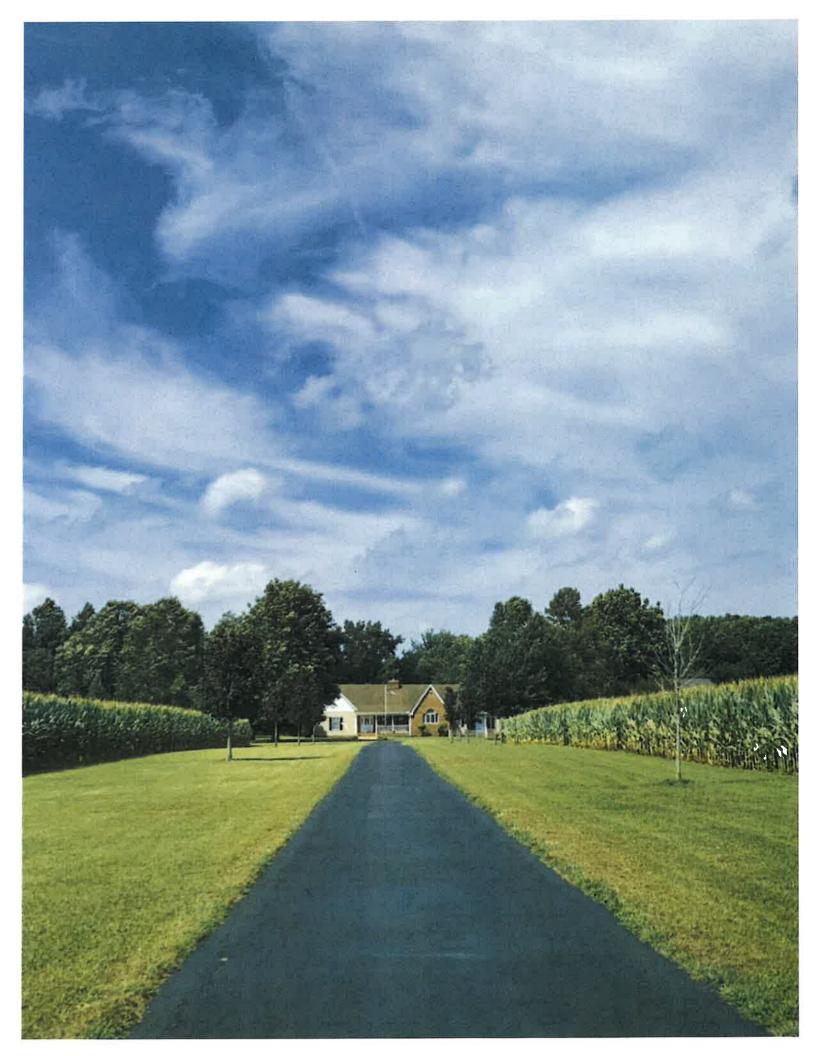




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## THE SMITH FIRM, LLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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DEREK G. GAY

September 19, 2022

<u>Transmitted via Electronic Mail</u> Sussex County Board of Adjustment c/o David Hutt, Esq.

Re: David and Lisa Moore;

Board of Adjustment Case No. 12743;

TM: 532-14.00-6.03

Dear David:

As you are aware, I'm the owner of lands located to the north (TM: 532-14.00-6.00) and to the west (TM: 532-14.00-6.09) of David and Lisa Moore's residence located on Iron Hill Road in Delmar, Delaware. I'm aware that David and Lisa have submitted application to the Sussex County Board of Adjustment for variances from the setback requirements that are applicable to the operation of a commercial dog kennel on their property. I write to express my support of David and Lisa's application.

I have known David and Lisa for many years. I have observed what the two of them have done with other properties that they have owned in the past, and what they have done with their property on Iron Hill Road. I have spoken with David about the plans to operate a commercial dog kennel from their property, and have seen the plans for that operation. It is my belief that there is a need for the services that they hope to provide. David and Lisa have been good stewards of the land, and I have no doubt that good stewardship will continue with their operation of a kennel.

I am available to respond to any questions or concerns that may exist with respect to the content of this correspondence.

Best Regards,

/s/ Michael R. Smith

Michael R. Smith, Esq.

September 22, 2022

Sussex County Board of Adjustment 2 The Circle P. O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

### To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in support of a request for a zoning variance – specifically case Number 12743 made by David and Lisa Moore. We have no objection to this request, and we support approval.

The Moores are and always have been very good neighbors. They are responsible individuals and we believe would be good business people.

Additionally, there is a natural audio buffer between our properties

We believe that a business such that they have proposed would be good for our community. We have always encouraged that the highest and best use of a property be utilized.

Robert Krepps Linda Krepps 11077 Iron Hill Road Delmar, DE 19940