#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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June 16, 2025

6:00 PM

#### Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda** 

**Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2025** 

Approval of Finding of Facts April 28, 2025

**Approval of Minutes for May 5, 2025** 

**Approval of Finding of Facts May 5, 2025** 

Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2025

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#### Case No. 13066 - James Nichols

seeks a variance from the front yard setback for an existing structure. (Section 115-185 and 115-139 (c) of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of Lagoon Lane within the Mariner's Cove Manufactured Home Park. 911 Address: 35414 Lagoon Lane, Millsboro. Zoning District: VRP. Tax Map: 234-25.00-4.00-56380

#### **Public Hearings**

#### Case No. 13081 – Robert Bayles

seeks a variance from the side yard setback for a proposed structure (Sections 115-25 and 115-185 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of Pleasant Drive within the North Towns End II subdivision. 911 Address: 6435 Pleasant Drive, Laurel. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel: 432-6.00-223.00

#### Case No. 13082 – Orshelia E. Thorpe

seeks variances from the front yard setback for proposed structures (Section 115-25 and 115-182 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south

side of Lakeview Road within the Lake Wood Estates subdivision. 911 Address: 29114 Lakeview Road, Millsboro. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel 133-19.00-27.00

#### Case No. 13083 – Richard and Jolene Evans

seek variances from the side and rear yard setbacks for existing structures (Section 115-20, 115-25, and 115-183 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of Chipmans Pond Road. 911 Address: 12070 Chipmans Pond Road, Laurel. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel 232-13.00-3.28

#### Case No. 13084 – Valerie Horsey

seeks a special use exception for a childcare center (Sections 115-40 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of Dove Road. 911 Address: 23856 Doe Road, Seaford. Zoning District: GR. Tax Parcel: 231-12.00-422.00

#### Case No. 13085 – Ryan Lehmann

seeks a variance from the front and side yard setback for existing and proposed structures and a special use exception for outdoor display or promotional activities at shopping centers or elsewhere (Section 115-80, 115-182, and 115-183 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of Lewes Georgetown Highway. 911 Address: 26822 Lewes Georgetown Highway, Harbeson. Zoning District: C-1. Tax Parcel 235-30.00-58.02

#### Case No. 13086 – Ida Wheatley

seeks a variance from the maximum fence height within the front yard setback requirement for a proposed structure (Section 115-34, 115-182, and 115-185 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the north side of River Road. 911 Address: 32069 River Road, Millsboro. Zoning District: MR. Tax Parcel: 234-34.11-10.00 and 234-34.11-10.02

#### Case No. 13090 – Karl Thomas

seeks a special use exception and variance for an accessory dwelling unit with a floor area greater than 1,000 sq ft or 50% of the floor area of the single-family dwelling located on the same lot. (Sections 115-20 A(15)(c) and 115-23 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the southeast side of Hurdle Ditch Road approximately 713 ft. south of Johnson Road. 911 Address: 22673 Hurdle Ditch Road, Harbeson. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Map: 234-10.00-70.12

#### **Additional Business**

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#### -MEETING DETAILS-

In accordance with 29 <u>Del. C.</u> §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on June 9, 2025. at 4:30 p.m. and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda was prepared by the Director of Planning and Zoning and is subject to change to include the additional or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.

Agenda items may be considered out of sequence.

The meeting will be streamed live at <a href="https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast">https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast</a>

The Board of Adjustment meeting materials, including the "packet" are electronically accessible on the County's website at: <a href="https://sussexcountyde.gov/">https://sussexcountyde.gov/</a>.

If any member of the public would like to submit comments electronically, these may be sent to <a href="mailto:pandz@sussexcountyde.gov">pandz@sussexcountyde.gov</a>. All comments are encouraged to be submitted by 4:30 P.M. on June 12, 2025.

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## **Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware**

Case # 13066
Hearing Date 5-5-25
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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: (ple	ease check all ap	plicable)	
Variance  Special Use Exception  Administrative Variance  Appeal	]		Existing Condition  Proposed  Code Reference (office use only)
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Variance for a permitted	porce		
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Tax Map #: 234-25.00-4	.00-56380		Property Zoning: VRP
Applicant Information			
Applicant Name: Jame	s Nichols		
Applicant Address: 3541	4 Lagoon Lane		
City Millsboro	State DE	Zip: 19	9966
Applicant Phone #: (415)	756-9299		nail: nicholsroofing@gmail.com
Owner Information			
Owner Name: Same as	above		
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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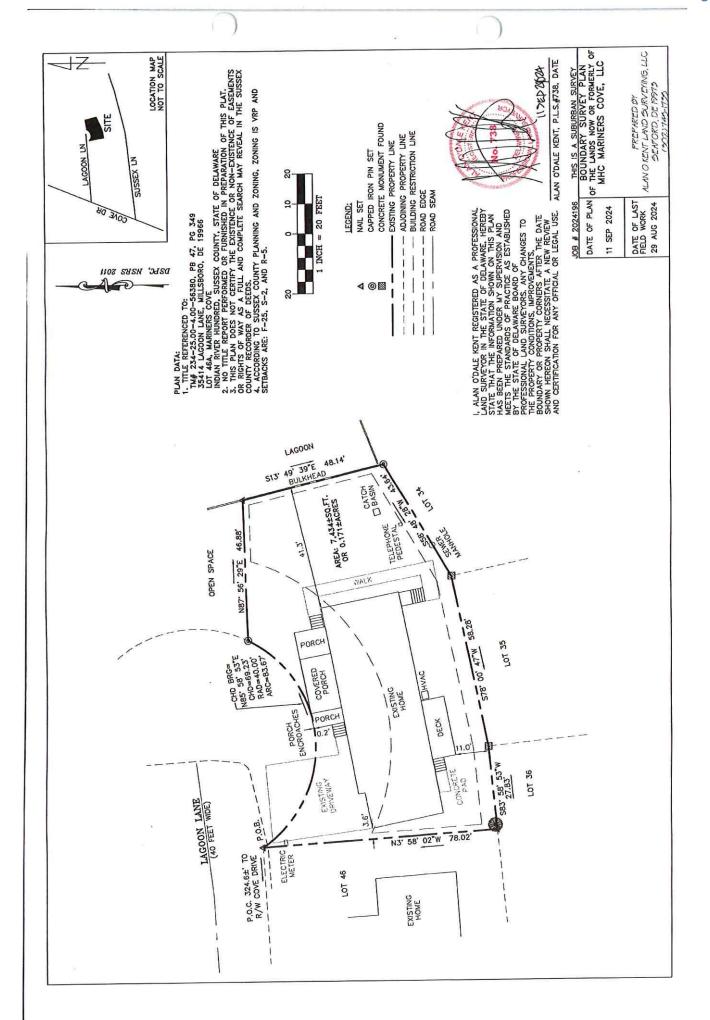
Sussex County, DE - BOA Application
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1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.
2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)
Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

## **Check List for Applications**

The following shall be submitted with the application

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•	Provide written response to criteria for Variance separate document if not enough room on the for	
•	Copy of Receipt (staff)	
<ul> <li>Optional - Additional information for the Board to consider (ex. photos, letters from neighbors, etc.)</li> </ul>		
• 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.		
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*Please be advised that any action taken in reliance of the Board's decision prior to the filing of the written decision and the expiration of any applicable appeal period is taken at the Property Owner's Risk.		
The undersigned acknowledges that that he or she has read the application completely and that if the appellant / applicant is unable to convince the Board that the standards for granting relief have been met, the appeal / application will be denied.		
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney		
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#### James Nichiols

35414 Lagoon Lane Millsboro, DE 199 (415) 756-9299 nicholsroofing@qmail.com

February 26, 2025

#### Sussex County Board of Adjustment

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle Georgetown, DE 19947

#### Criteria for a Variance,

#### 1. Uniqueness of property:

There is a non-existent cul de sac on paper at the end Lagoon Lane. The property would be too narrow for the existing building let alone a porch addition.

#### 2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

The property has an existing home purchased in August of 2023, The middle of this home is beyond the set back. This Variance request is for just the existing, permitted, front porch.

#### 3. Not created by the applicant:

These property lines were unknown by the applicant until the survey was completed after the porch was permitted and built.

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

The porch addition is only 0.02 feet (about 2.5 inches into the cul de sac, and on property that is currently maintained by the applicant at the applicants expense. This addition does not block any view it is not hindering access to any property, public or private.

#### 5. Minimum Variance:

The porch and driveways are built and will not be altered beyond the existing structure.

#### **James Nichiols**

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February 26, 2025

#### **Sussex County Board of Adjustment**

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#### To Whom it May Concern,

A variance is requested for 35414 Lagoon Lane Millsboro DE, for a permitted and existing porch at that address. The county granted a permit for an addition of a porch structure, the Mariners Cove Management agreed that the porch could be built. After the porch was completed and the final inspection of the structure was done, a zoning officer notified us that the porch structure was over the allowed set back of 25 feet from the front property line. We were told by the zoning agent to complete a survey of the property and request a variance from the Board of Adjustment

After the survey was completed (at a cost of \$750.00) it was discovered that there is a cul de sac on paper that was never constructed at the end of Lagoon Lane, and that cul de sac would have been into our driveway and front yard and the required setbacks would have been in the middle of the house, meaning that the existing house we purchased in August of 2023 should never have been built

It appears that the front property line was assumed (by both Mariners Cove and by Sussex County Zoning and Planning) to be continuous from the shoulder of Lagoon Lane to the canal bulkhead and therefore the main house would not have been encroaching on the setbacks.

In our case, we relied on our contractor, Mariners Cove Management, and Sussex County to ensure that we were compliant with all laws, regulations and codes prior to the construction of the front porch addition. Unfortunately our contractor, who pulled the permit, left in the middle of the job and we had to hire someone else to finish the project. Mariners Cove was unaware that we did not meet the initial setback and Sussex County was not aware of a cul de sac at all.

Our porch is consistent with nearby houses, It does not block any views or access to any private or public property. We maintain the front yard and

driveway that are "in the cul de sac" at our expense. There have been no complaints from neighbors or management since we started the porch addition last spring nor since completion in June of 2024.

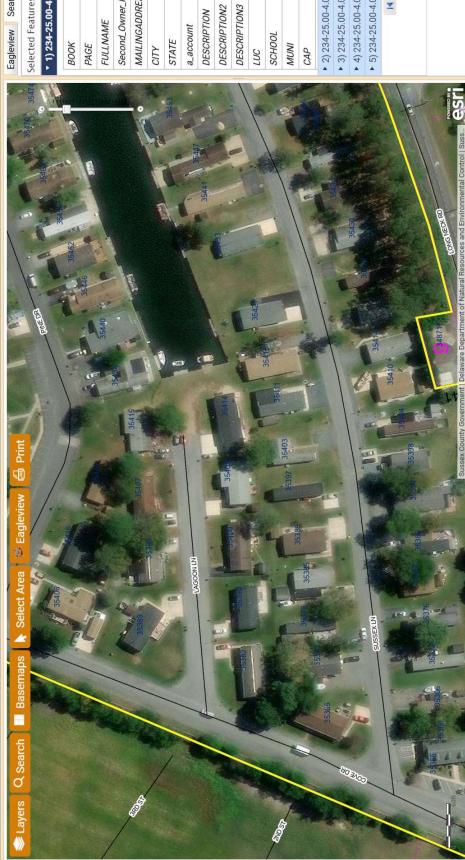
Footnote: (Respectfully) I have been a licensed and bonded specialty contractor in another state since 1996, I have been involved with hundreds of construction projects from a few hundred bucks to multimillion dollar commercial, industrial, state and federal projects, I have never experienced another situation where the project is permitted, inspected for footings, Inspected for framing and final inspected per code by the building department, and then, after the fact had a setback issue with the county.

Please see the attached pages for answers to the questions on the application.

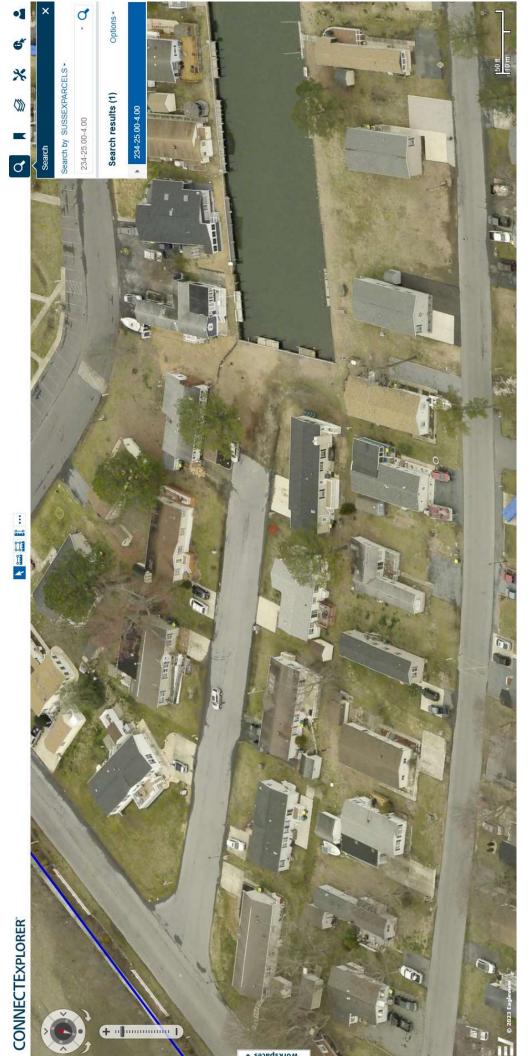
Sincerely,

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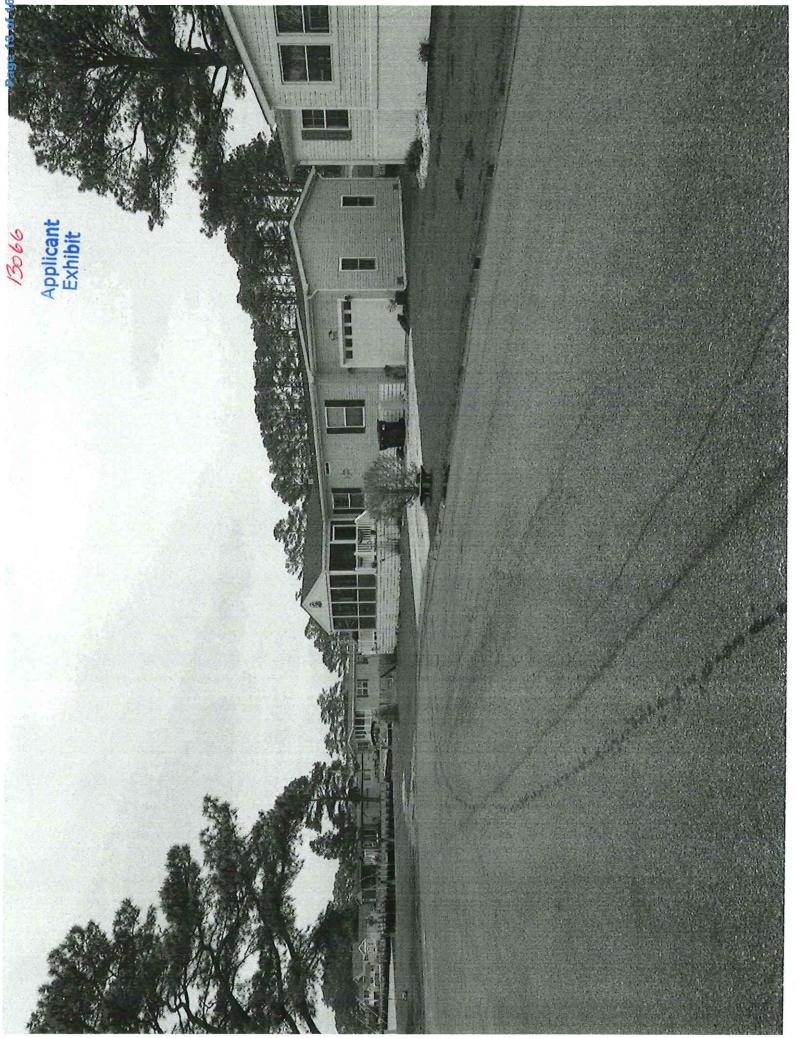
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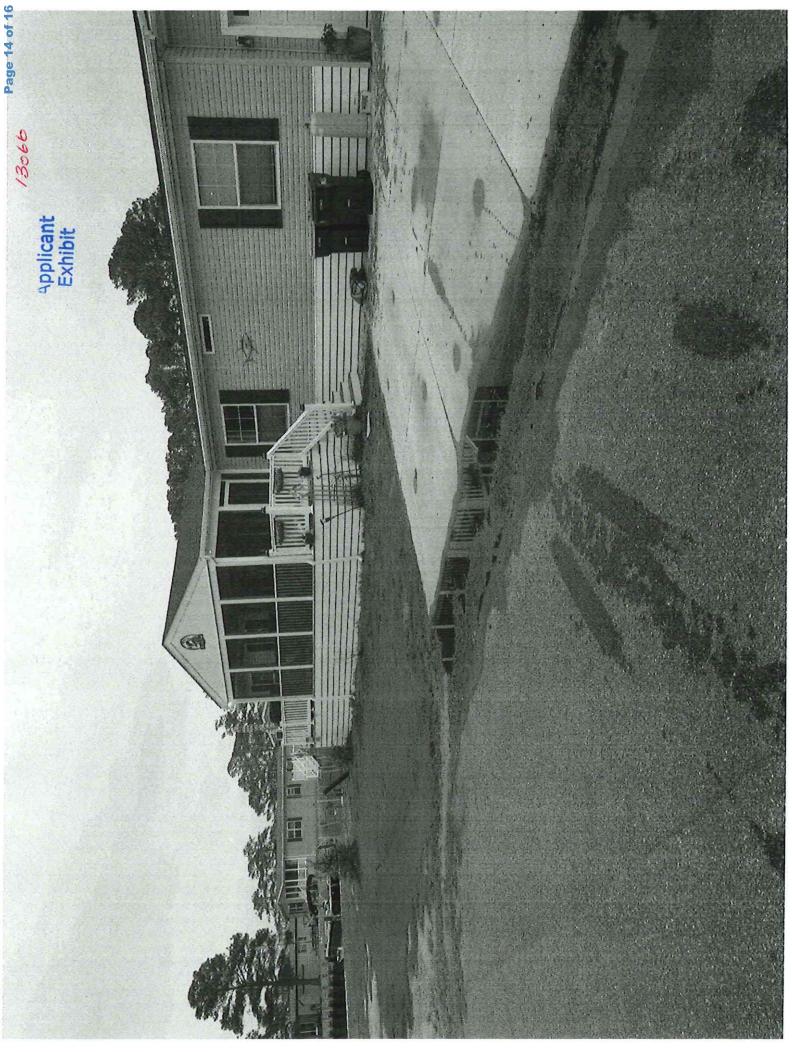


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Applicant Exhibit

To whom it may Concern,

This letter refers to case #13066. The property is located at 35414 Lagoon Ln. We are neighbors and received notification of a hearing regarding the addition of a screened in deck at this residence.

The deck is a nice improvement to the home as well as our neighborhood and in no way infringes on our space or view.

Dale Barmore 35415 Lagoon Ln / Lot 47 Millsboro De 19966

35434 Pine Dr Millsboro De 19966

Kathryn Poloni 35403 Sussex Lane Millsboro De 19966

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#### Case #13066 - James Nichols

1 message

Jennifer Wolf, owner of Jen Wolf Photography <thewolfpack4.jw@gmail.com> To: Teri Nichols <terihnichols@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM

To whom it may concern,

Our property borders the Nichols who live at 35414 Lagoon Lane, Millsboro, DE.

Per the public hearing notice my husband and I received, I am writing to inform the county, that we have no issues with the Nichols front porch. It's a beautiful addition to their house and property and adds character and value. I don't see an issue with its location as well.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Jennifer at 717-686-3799.

Brad and Jennifer Wolf 35411 Sussex Lane Lot #35 Millsboro, DE 19966

# **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 Case #\_13081 Hearing Date <u>6-16-2</u>025 2025 052 16

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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	APR 2 1 2025
Variance ✓ Special Use Exception ☐ Administrative Variance ☐ Appeal ☐	Existing Condition SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 6435 Pleasant Drive Laurel DE 19956	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	
Relief from the 15' Side setback so that we can place a de requesting relief of 10' So that we can build to 6' from pr	
Tax Map #: 432-6.00-223.00	Property Zoning: A2-1
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: JBS Construction Applicant Address: 8961 Greenwood Road	
City Greenwood State DE Zip:	9950
Applicant Phone #: (302) 228-5122 Applicant e-r	nail: jbsconstruction@me.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Bob Bayles	
Owner Address: 6435 Pleasant Drive	
City Laurel State DE Zip: 1	
Owner Phone #: (734) 998-4506	bobbayles4506@gmail.com
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name:	
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The lot is a very non rectangular shape which makes it difficult to maintain the 15' setback and add a detached garage. The well is also placed in a way that negates being able to push the garage back and left.

#### 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.

With the position of the well and the uniqueness of the property lines there is no other logical place to position the detached garage.

#### 3. Not created by the applicant:

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

Purchased the property last year with the intention to place the detached garage at the end of the existing blacktop. Had no idea that there would be a problem with the setback based on the driveway being in the same area.

#### 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.

Based on the fact that the house to the right actually faces the opposite street and has a very large backyard. This will not look out place at all.

#### 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.

9' Variance (Allowing 6' setback from lot line)

Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

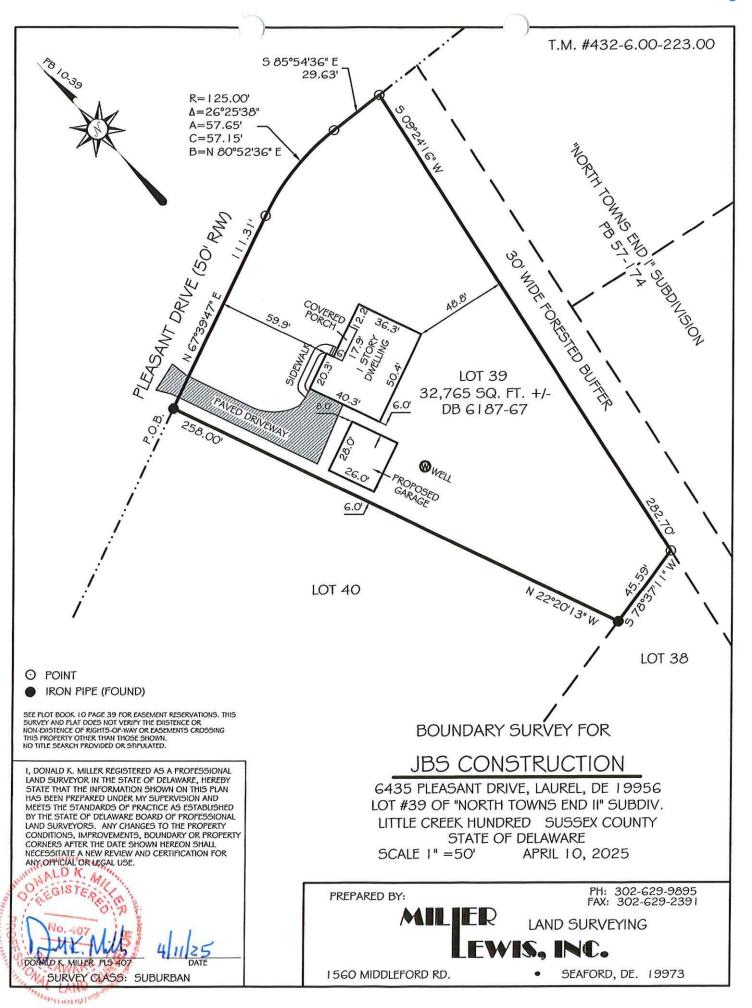
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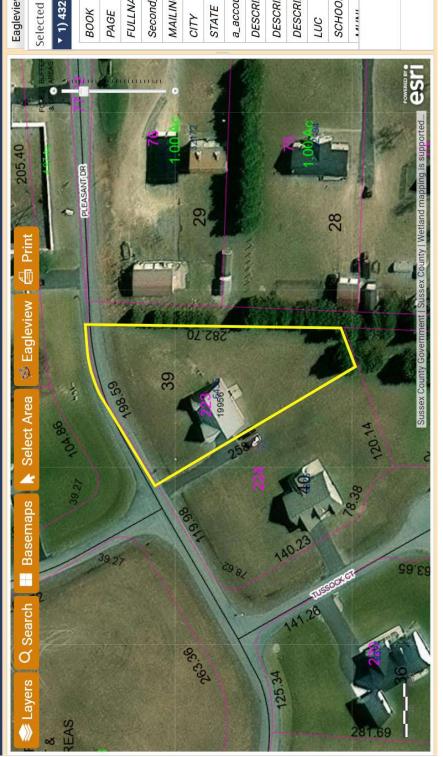
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Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)









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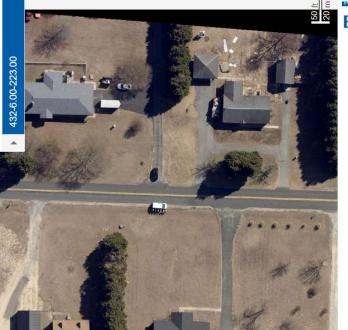


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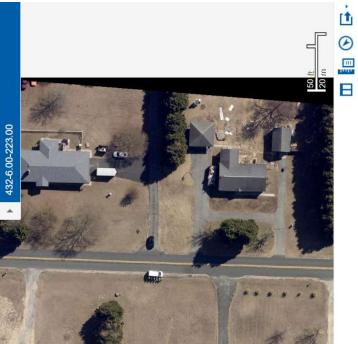
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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware Case # 13 082 Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_

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From:

Shelia Owens < gingerbreadgirl9397@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:25 AM

To:

**Amy Hollis** 

Subject:

To whom it may concern ladies and gentlemen of the board- I'm asking...

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To whom it may concern ladies and gentlemen of the board-I'm asking for a variance due to a couple of reasons- for one I'm seeking increased value to add to my property also in being an only child I'm also preparing a place for my aging parents to find support and help in their later years with a front porch it makes for easier access to the front door of our property should they need to come to live with us in the future as also in my plans I have an additional bathroom being added in renovation with a walk-in shower just another helpful aid in being supportive to my elderly parents. Thank you, for your time, Shelia and Lewis Thorpe

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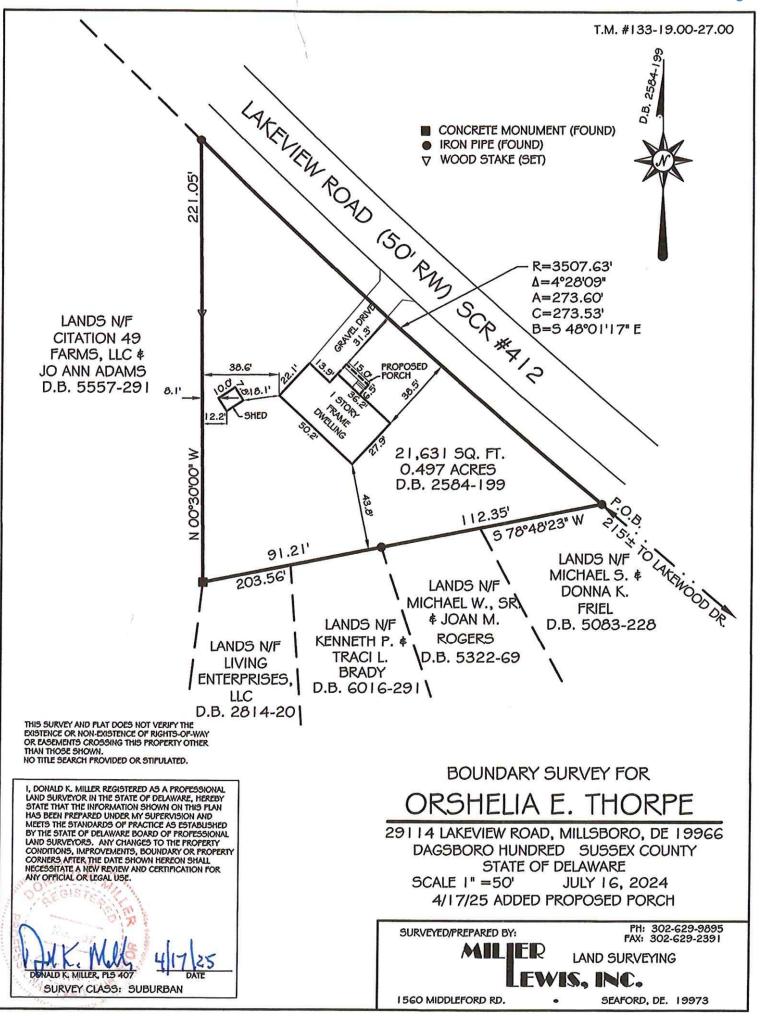
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### Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax Case # 13083 Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_

202505332

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:	
12070 Chipmans Pond Rd. Lo Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: Variance of 50' from 50' set back	
Tax Map #: _232-13,00-3,28	Property Zoning: AR-1
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: RICHORD FLONS & Supplicant Address: 12048 Chipmans Flore City LOUVEL State DE Zip: 1 Applicant Phone #: 202-841-4082 Applicant e-matter Council Information	Pond Rd. 19954
Owner Name: 50MC. Owner Address: State Zip:	
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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.

see attached

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.

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3. Not created by the applicant:

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

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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.

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5. Minimum variance:

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12070 Chipmans Pond Rd. Laurel, DE 19956

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#### **#1 Uniqueness of Property:**

The uniqueness of my property lies in its history as the former Lowe's Lakeview Campground, which has resulted in multiple wells and septic systems scattered throughout the land. These hidden features pose a potential hazard, as a horse could suffer serious injury or even death if it were to fall into an unmarked or unstable area. The location chosen for the horse run-in, however, is free of any wells or septic systems, making it the safest and most practical spot for the structure. This careful placement prioritizes the horses' safety while making responsible use of the property's layout.

#### #2 Cannot otherwise be developed:

Due to the physical circumstances of my property, including the narrow width of the property and the presence of multiple wells and septic systems from its former use as a campground, it is not possible to develop the land in strict conformity with the setback provisions stated in the Sussex County Code. The runin is however more than 100 feet from any dwelling in the area. The proposed variance is necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property, as the selected location for the horse run-in is the safest and most practical spot, free from the risks posed by hidden wells or septic systems. This placement ensures the protection of the horse while making responsible and appropriate use of the land.

#### #3 Not created by the applicant:

The exceptional difficulty presented by the multiple wells and septic systems on my property was not created by me, but rather is a result of its previous use as a campground. These pre-existing conditions limit the areas where structures can be safely and practically placed. The need for a variance arises solely from these inherited physical circumstances, making it necessary to ensure the safe and reasonable use of the property.

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

The well-built horse run-in does not alter the essential character of the neighborhood; in fact, it enhances the area's agricultural nature. The structure borders the property of Changing Fates Equine Rescue and is adjacent to other farmlands, making it a natural and fitting addition to the landscape. It does not impair the appropriate use of neighboring properties, nor does it pose any risk, threat, or detriment to public welfare. Instead, it supports the area's rural charm and promotes the responsible care of animals.

#### #5 Minimum Variance:

If authorized, the variance will represent the minimum necessary relief and the least modification possible of the regulation in question. The placement of the horse run-in does not impede the use or enjoyment of neighboring properties and ensures the paddock meets the minimum recommended size for a horse, which is 1,000 square feet of turn-out space. Should the run-in need to be moved or modified, it would take away from that necessary space. This careful placement balances the need for adequate equine care with respect for property boundaries and neighboring land use.

Check List for Applications
The following shall be submitted with the application

<b>√</b> •	Completed Application	
·	<ul> <li>Provide a survey of the property (Variance)</li> <li>Survey shall show the location of building(s), building setbacks, stairs, deck, etc.</li> <li>Survey shall show distances from property lines to buildings, stairs, deck, etc.</li> <li>Survey shall be signed and sealed by a Licensed Surveyor.</li> </ul>	
•	Provide a Site Plan or survey of the property (Special Use Exception)	
•	Provide relevant Application Fee (please refer to fees effective July 1, 2022)	
<b>V</b> •	Provide written response to criteria for Variance or Special Use Exception (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.)	
•	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.	
*Please be advised that the decision of the Board of Adjustment is only final when the written decision is filed with the Board's secretary. To determine whether the written decision has been filed, you may call the Planning & Zoning Department at 302-855-7878. The written decision is generally completed within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days following the Board's vote on the application or appeal. Please include the case number when calling about the decision.		
*Please be advised that any action taken in reliance of the Board's decision prior to the filing of the written decision and the expiration of any applicable appeal period is taken at the Property Owner's Risk.		
The undersigned acknowledges that that he or she has read the application completely and that if the appellant / applicant is unable to convince the Board that the standards for granting relief have been met, the appeal / application will be denied.		
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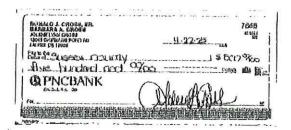
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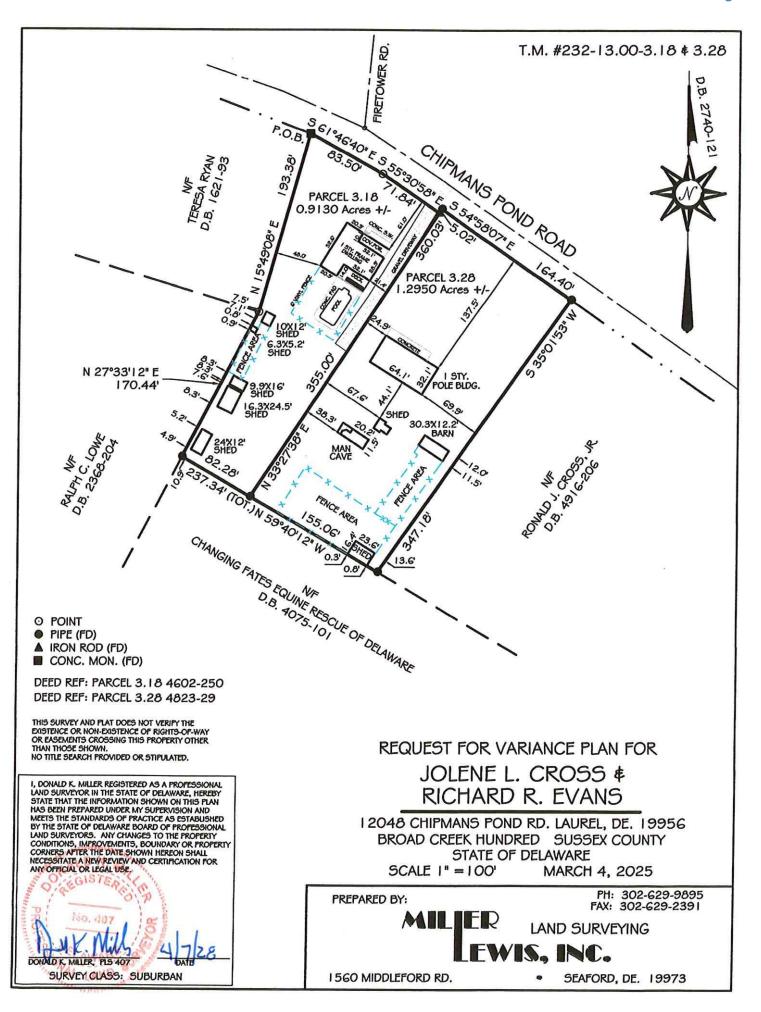
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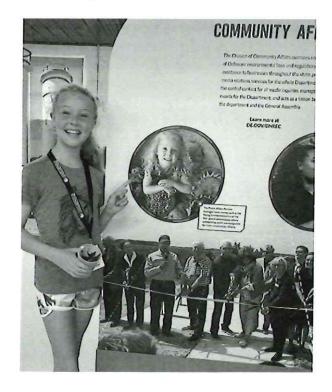


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Name: KC	iren Speake@Chr	anging fates Equine
Address: 3	283 Old Cabin Rd	RESCUE
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Phone Number:	302-339-5065 or	302-344-2002
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Name: hongion J. Closs Jr.	
Address: 12076 Chipmons Pond Rd.	
Laurel DE 19956	
Phone Number: 302-745-0529	
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Address: 12059 (	Chipmans R	and Rd.
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Phone Number: 302-3	381-7834	302-228.9098
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Name: Ralph Lowe	
Address: 12008 Chipmans Po	and Rd.
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Phone Number: 302-875-1991	
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Signature	Date

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Address: 12045 Chipman's Pand Ad

Phone Number: 302-3411-7123

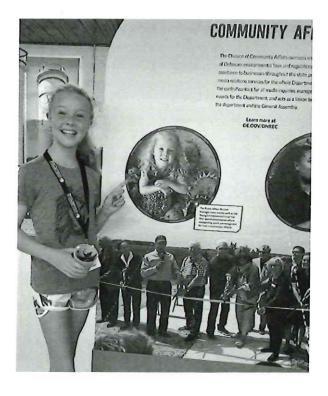
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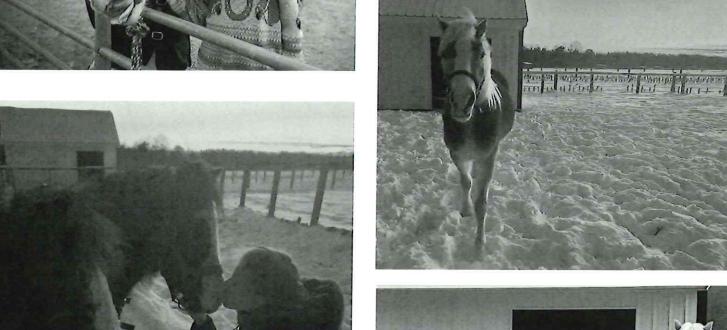


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# Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)

	Variance
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Administrative Variance

Appeal

**Existing Condition** 

Proposed

Code Reference (office use only)

Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:

23856 Dove Rd. Seaford, De. 19973

Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:

To use the facility as a family day care.

Tax Map #: 231-12.00-422.00

**Property Zoning:** 

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant Name: Valerie E. Horsey Applicant Address: 23854 Dove Rd.

city Seaford

State Dr.

zip: 19973

Applicant Phone #: 362 519-7717 (cell)

**Owner Information** 

Applicant e-mail: veh 319@gmail.com

Owner Name: Valence Horsey Owner Address: 23856 Dove Rd.

city Seaford

State De

Zip: 19973

Purchase Date:

Owner Phone #: 302 (129-4347 (home)

Owner e-mail: Vel73190 gmail, com

Agent/Attorney Information

Agent/Attorney Name: Agent/Attorney Address:

City

State

Zip:

Agent/Attorney Phone #:

Agent/Attorney e-mail:

Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney

Calerie E. Howsey

Date: 4/24/25





Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

**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. Haunga home daycare will not adversely affect my
property. Having a home day care will not adversely affect my neighbors because I have 2.5 acres of land. I have
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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)

5yrs,

Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

In order for the Board of Adjustment to grant a special use exception or variance, the Board must find that the applicant has proven the following:

# STANDARDS FOR GRANTING OF VARIANCES

# 1. Uniqueness.

- a. Unique physical circumstances or conditions (such as irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional typographical or other physical conditions, peculiar to the property).
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- 1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.
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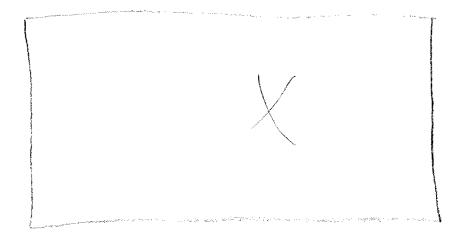
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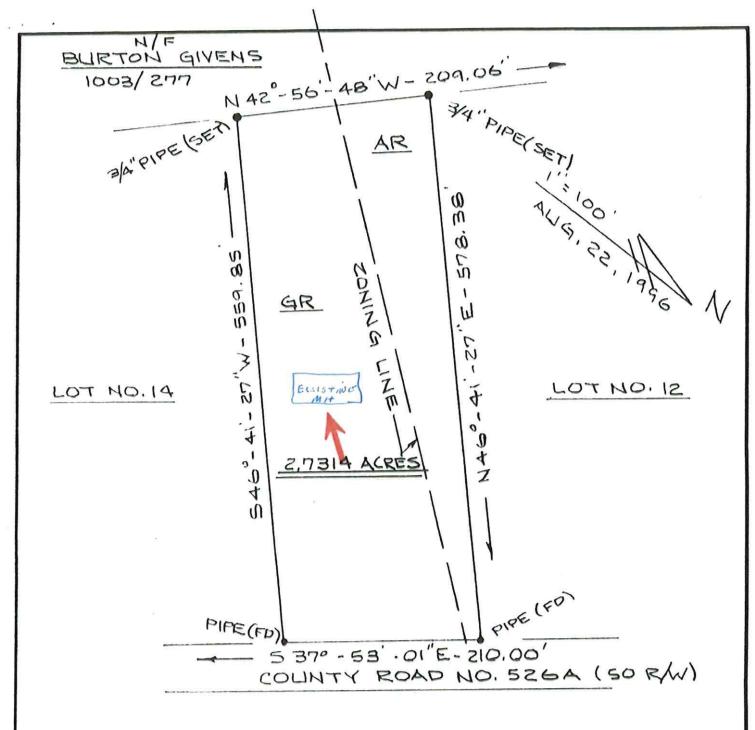
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Draw or attach a drawing indicating what will be located on this lot and give, as accurate as possible, measurements of lot, setbacks and sizes of all structures.



Approved for Advertising.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
CASE NO.
The below listed persons are a current listing of landowners lying within two hundred (200) feet of all boundaries of the property which is the subject of the above referenced application. The listing has been based on review of the Sussex County Tax Maps and address information obtained through the Sussex County Data Processing Department. This listing is being prepared so that the listed landowners can be mailed a courtesy notification of any public hearing schedule.  2-31-12  1. Norris Niblett  7. Wilson & Lowdance Catts Trustee  144.1 40 Bay Vistard.  144.1 40 Bay Vistard.  144.1 40 Bay Vistard.  144.1 40 Bay Vistard.
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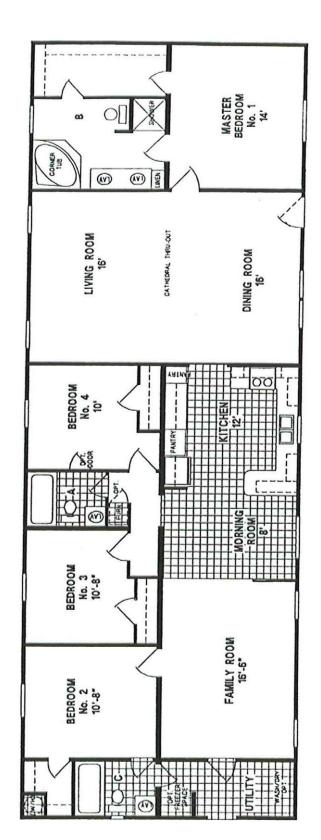
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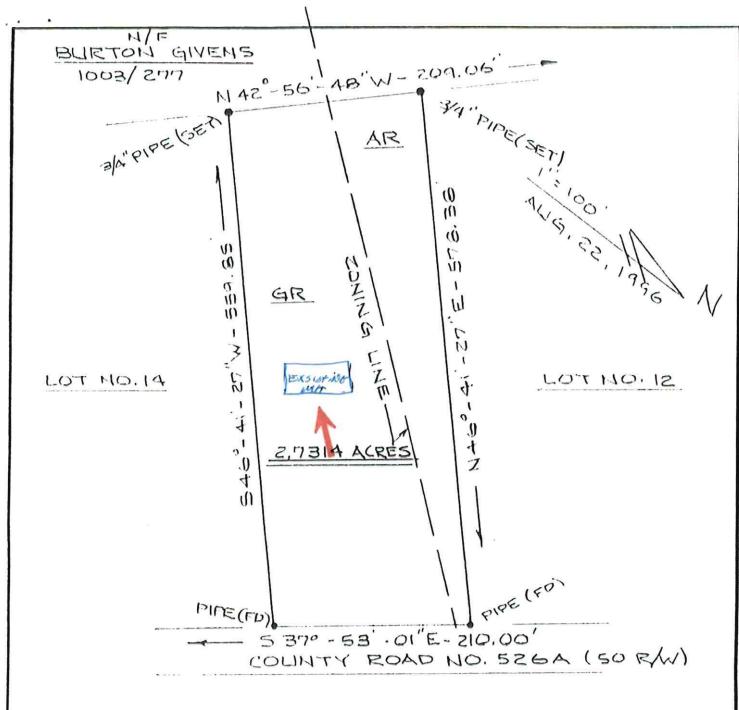
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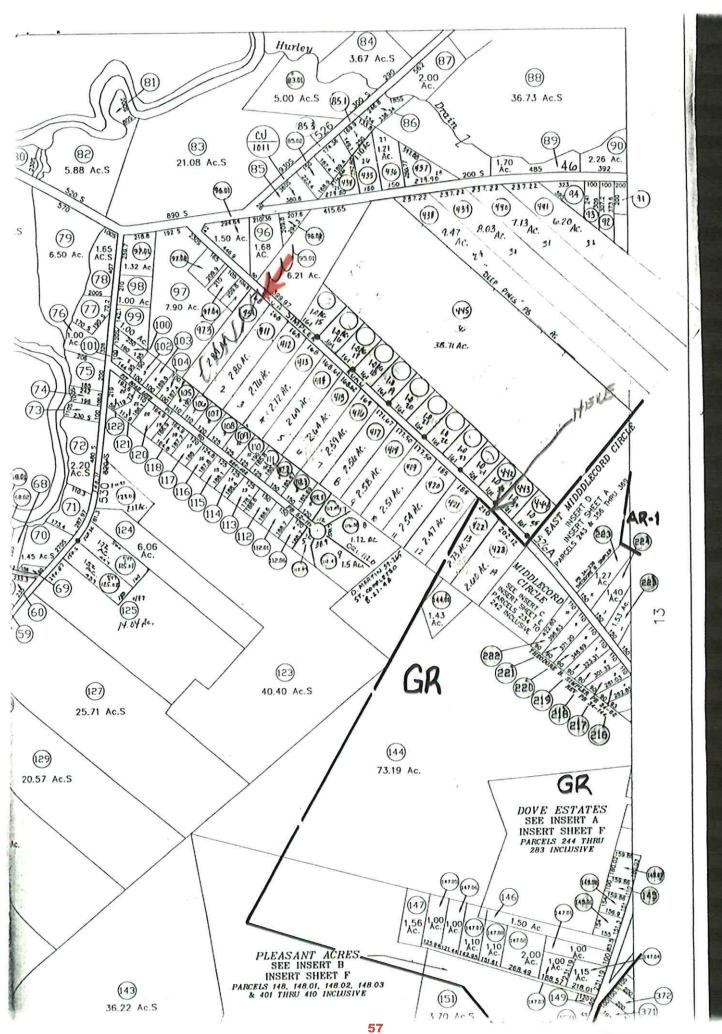
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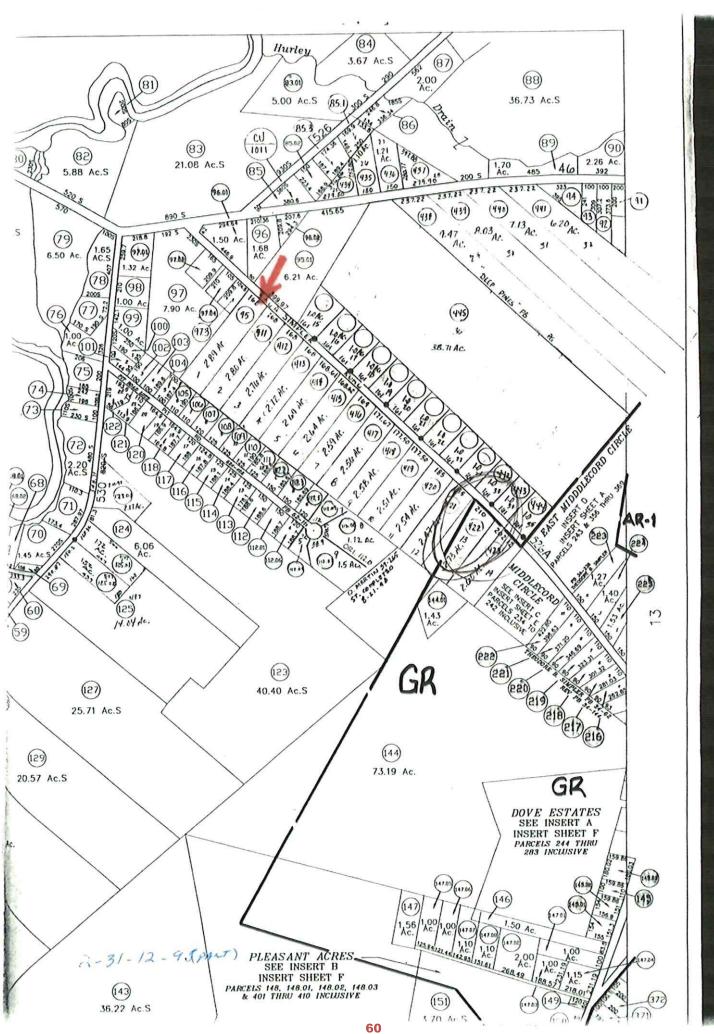
# LEGAL NOTICE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 115, of the Code of Sussex County, a hearing will be held on a request for a special use exception as provided by: Chapter 115, Article VI, Subsection 115-40, Item C of said ordinance of VALERIE E. TAYLOR AND EMMA J. KANE who are seeking a special use exception to enlarge a family day care to be located southwest of Road 526A, 2,676 feet southeast of Road 46.

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All interested parties should attend and present their views.

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PPLICATION OF

VALERIE E. TAYLOR & EMMA J. KANE

CASE NO.

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SPECIAL USE EXCEPTION TO ENLARGE FAMILY DAY CARE

COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING DATE JANUARY 25, 1999.

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December 23, 1998

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on January 25, 1999, the Sussex County Board of Adjustment took the following action:

- Case No. 6786 Ronald & Tina Cooper north of Road 341, west of West Lagoon Road, Lots 98, 99, and 100, Dogwood Acres.

  A variance from the front yard setback requirement. APPROVED
- Case No. 6787 James M. Larrimore, Sr. east of Road 228, 2,600 feet west of Route 30.

  A special use exception to retain a manufactured home on a medical hardship basis.

  APPROVED
- Case No. 6788 Darryl & Edith Lecates south of Road 431, 475 feet west of U.S. Route 113.

  A variance from the side yard setback requirement.

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- Case No. 6789 Valerie E. Taylor & Emma J. Kane southwest of Road 526A, 2,676 feet southeast of Road 46.

  A special use exception to enlarge a family day care.

  APPROVED
- Case No. 6790 Jacquelyn E. Porter & Marilyn P. Woolfolk south of Road 312, 2,124 feet east of Road 312A, Lot 11.
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- Case No. 6776 Roberta C. Brennan west of Road 449, 2,642 feet north of Road 450.

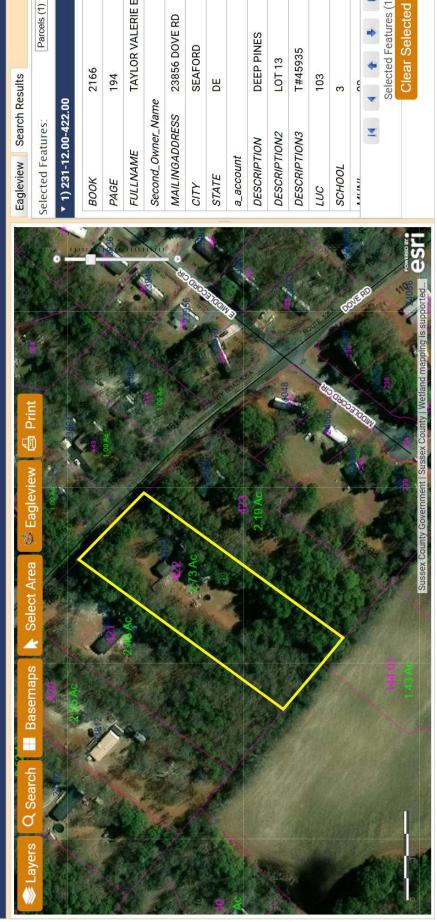
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- Case No. 6779 Sylvia V. Candelora south of Route 54, west of
  Hidden Acre Drive, Lot 27, Hidden Acres
  Subdivision.
  A variance from the side yard setback requirement.
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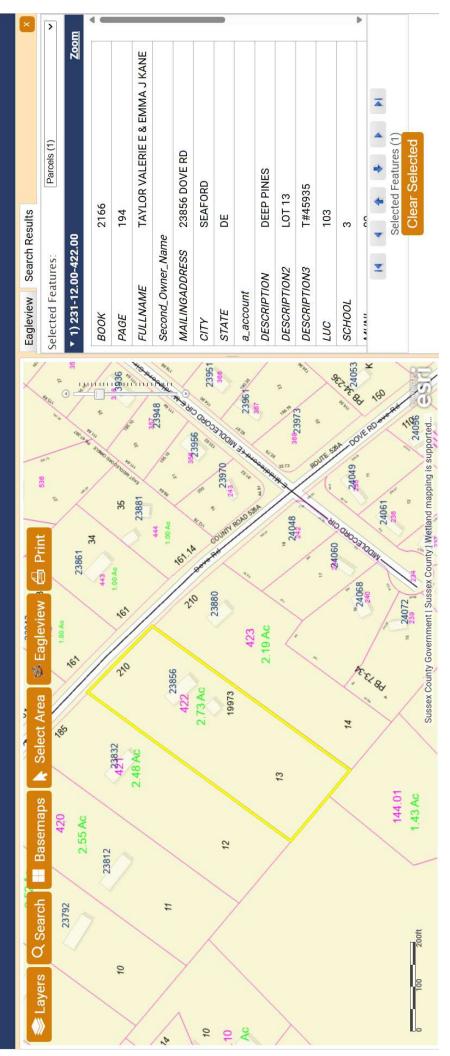
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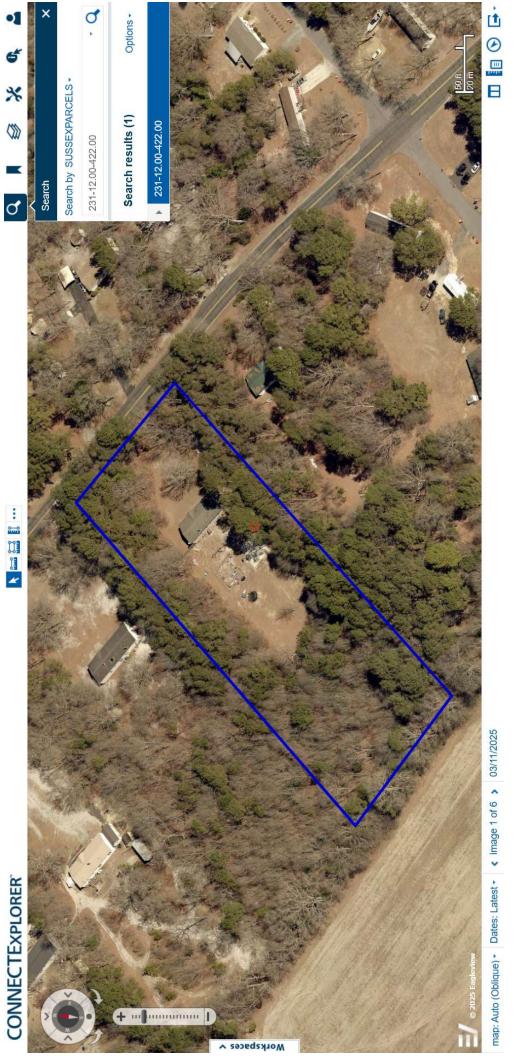
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Case No. 6789 – 1999

A hearing was held after due notice on January 25,1999. The Board members present were: Mr. McCabe, Mr. Callaway, Mills, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Wheatley.

# Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for a special use exception to enlarge a family day care.

# Finding of Facts

The Board found that the Applicants were seeking a special use exception to enlarge a family daycare, southwest of Road 526A, 2,676 feet southeast of Road 46. After a hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. The Applicants wish to expand their existing daycare from six full-time and three part-

time children, to twelve full-time and two part-time children, as a result of the need for daycare in the area.

- 2. The Applicants will arrange for the placement of a new building on the property, while continuing to reside in the manufactured home.
  - 3. The playground area will remain the same.
  - 4. No persons appeared in opposition.

The Board granted the requested special use exception, finding that it would not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring properties.

# Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the application was granted from 6+3 children to 12+2 children. The Board members voting in favor were: Mr. McCabe, Mr. Callaway, Mr. Mills, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Wheatley; voting against—none.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

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If the use is not established within one (1) year from the date below the application will become void.

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## 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 Case # 13085 Hearing Date Mon June No 6:00 pm

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	Existing Condition
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:  26822 Lewes GEDGETOWN F	My HARBESON DE 19951
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Tax Map #: 235・30.00-58.62	Property Zoning: C-1
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**Criteria for a Special Use Exception:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

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•	Provide a Site Plan or survey of the property (Special Use Exception)				
•	Provide relevant Application Fee (please refer to fees effective July 1, 2022)				
•	• Provide written response to criteria for Variance or Special Use Exception (may be on a separate document if not enough room on the form)				
•	Copy of Receipt (staff)				
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*Please be advised that the decision of the Board of Adjustment is only final when the written decision is filed with the Board's secretary. To determine whether the written decision has been filed, you may call the Planning & Zoning Department at 302-855-7878. The written decision is generally completed within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days following the Board's vote on the application or appeal. Please include the case number when calling about the decision.					
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The undersigned acknowledges that that he or she has read the application completely and that if the appellant / applicant is unable to convince the Board that the standards for granting relief have been met, the appeal / application will be denied.  Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney					
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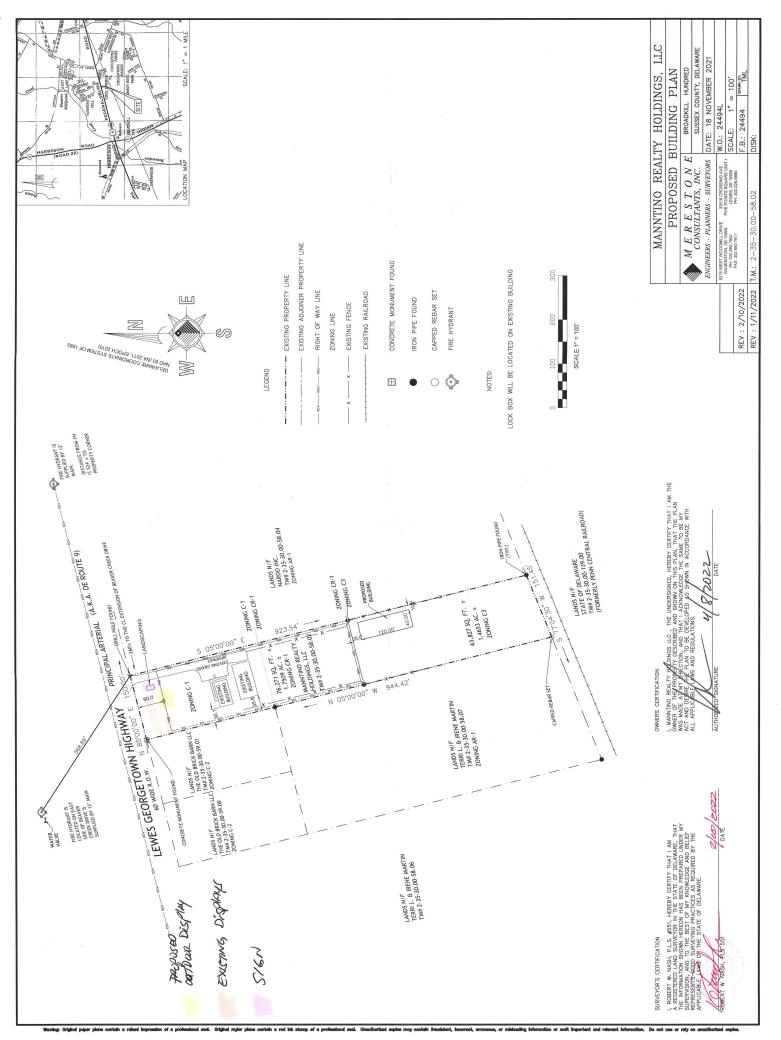


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# **Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware**

Case # 13086 Hearing Date 6.16.25

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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: 32069 River Road Millsboro DE 19966	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	
Variance – to allow installation of a 50-inch open-style fe	nce located 6 feet from the road
Tax Map #: 234-34.11-10.00	Property Zoning:
Applicant Information  Applicant Name: Colby Norwood  Applicant Address: 32069 River Road	
City Millsboro State DE Zip: 1	19966
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Owner Information  Owner Name: Ida Wheatley	
Owner Address: 30030 Wheatley Lane	
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#### Attachment B: Criteria for a Variance

### 1. Uniqueness of Property

Our property is uniquely situated only approximately 20 feet from the edge of a busy public road, due to the placement of the home on the lot. This shallow front setback is an exceptional physical condition that significantly limits our ability to place a fence in accordance with the 40-foot setback, 3.5-foot height restrictions. To comply with the code, a conforming fence would need to be placed nearly behind our home — eliminating our ability to safely use the front and side yard areas. These practical limitations are due solely to the lot configuration and home placement, which are not typical of other properties.

### 2. Cannot Otherwise Be Developed

Due to the home's placement only 20 feet from the road, there is no way to install a code-compliant fence that provides adequate safety for our children. A fence complying with the county required 40-foot setback, 3.5-foot height limit would have to be placed in our backyard and would serve no functional safety purpose. To enable safe and reasonable use of our yard space, particularly near a busy road, we must install the fence at approximately 6 feet from the road and at a height of 50 inches. Without this variance, we are unable to make practical or safe use of our own property.

### 3. Not Created by the Applicant

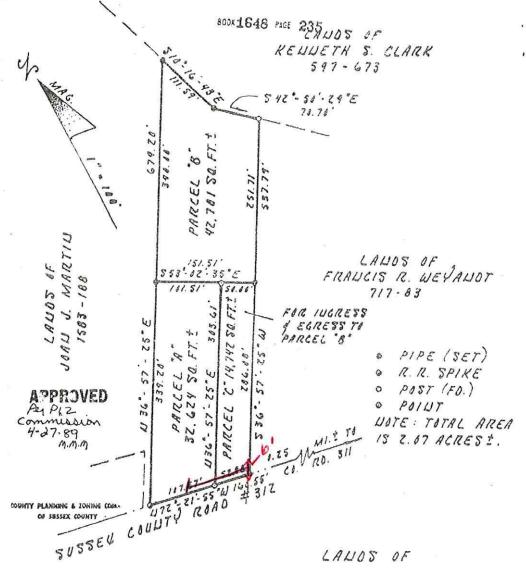
The exceptional practical difficulty we face was not created by us. The existing home was built with a setback of only about 20 feet from the road, and the safety concerns we now face are due to increased traffic volume, especially during summer months and due to new construction along Rt. 25 and Oak Orchard Rd. The shallow setback and need for child safety require a fence placement that does not conform to the code — but these circumstances are a result of the lot layout and road conditions, not our actions.

### 4. Will Not Alter the Essential Character of the Neighborhood

The proposed fence will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The design is a non-privacy, open-style picture frame fence using steel cattle panels set in wood framing. The only visual obstruction will be a top and bottom wood rail. While the fence will be 50 inches tall and 6 feet from the road, it will have very low visual impact and blend in with the area. Other properties nearby already have taller and/or more solid fences located closer to the road. This fence will be in keeping with the appearance of the neighborhood (including our nextdoor neighbors) and will not impair the use or enjoyment of surrounding properties.

### 5. Minimum Variance

We are requesting only the minimum necessary variance to ensure the safety of our children. The proposed fence will be placed 6 feet from the road and will be 50 inches tall due to the structural requirements of the steel cattle panel fencing material. This style is open and visually minimal, and the additional height is required to provide an effective and secure barrier. The variance represents the least modification necessary to address the practical safety concerns of our family while respecting the spirit of the zoning code.



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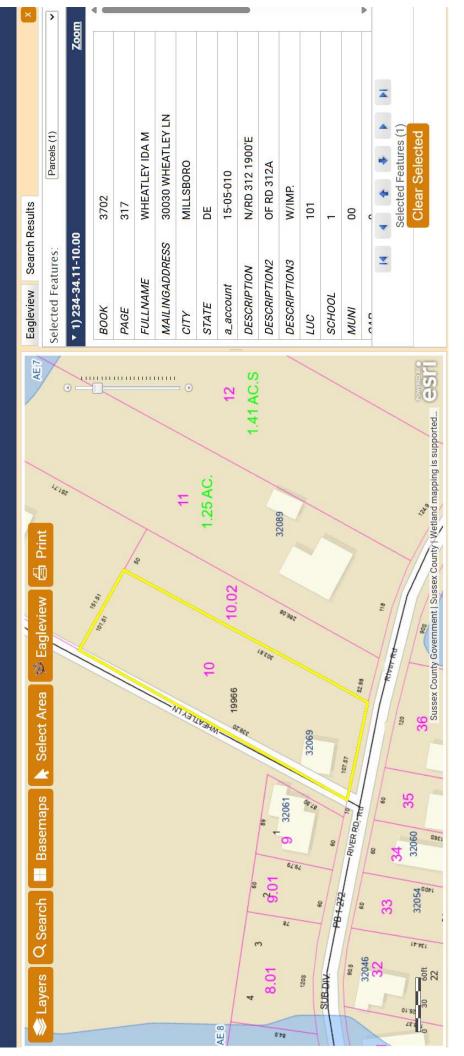
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Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

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 in question is substantial in size and can support the requested variance and proposed buildings. It affords adequate drainage as well as adequate room for septic and well for both domiciles. Additionally, the size of the lot will easily accommodate county required setbacks.

### 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.

The current home is 1080 sq ft using the exterior dimensions to calculate sq footage. There is no practical way to reduce the size of the exterior dimensions to comply with the 1000 sq ft requirement for an ADU.

#### 3. Not created by the applicant:

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

The County Ordinance uses the terms "Living Space" and "Maximum Floor Area" to describe the allowable square footage. Through several searches online as well as the engineering company that performed the site inspection and survey to determine "Living Area" it is common industry standard to use interior wall dimensions. The interior dimensions of the home are 980 sq feet.

### 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.

I have spoken with my neighbors, and they are in favor of our intentions. The proposed structure as well as the existing structure fit in well with the surrounding homes and will enhance the value and appeal of surrounding properties.

#### 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 variance requested is the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue. Requesting 80 sq ft variance from current ADU sq footage requirements.

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*Please be advised that the decision of the Board of Adjustment is only final when the written decision is filed with the Board's secretary. To determine whether the written decision has been filed, you may call the Planning & Zoning Department at 302-855-7878. The written decision is generally completed within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days following the Board's vote on the application or appeal. Please include the case number when calling about the decision.					
*Please be advised that any action taken in reliance of the Board's decision prior to the filing of the written decision and the expiration of any applicable appeal period is taken at the Property Owner's Risk.					
The undersigned acknowledges that that he or she has read the application completely and that if the appellant / applicant is unable to convince the Board that the standards for granting relief have been met, the appeal / application will be denied.					
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney					
M	1/2 Date: 5/15/25				
For office us					
Staff accepti	ng application: Application & Case #:				
	property:				
Date of Hear	Subdivision: Lot#: Block#: Date of Hearing: Decision of Board:				

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### Accessory Dwelling Unit Approval Application

### Sussex County, Delaware

Case # ADV - 25-19
202506409
Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_
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Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)  Accessory Dwelling Unit - Detached	Existing Structure:  Proposed Structure:  Code Reference (office use only)			
Accessory Dwelling Unit - Attached				
Site Address: 22673 Hurdle Ditch Rd, Harbeson, DE 19951				
Description of Request:  Delegate existing dwelling as ADU and construct additionensure proximity to provide care and supervision for mot require assistance with activities of daily living.				
Тах Мар #: 2-34-10.00-0070.12	Property Zoning: AR-1			
Applicant Information Applicant Name: Karl Thomas	s			
Applicant Address: 22673 Hurdle Ditch Rd				
City: Harbeson State DE Zip: 19951				
Applicant Phone #: (302) 382-6133 Applicant e-r	mail: karlthomas1@comcast.net			
Owner Information Owner Name: Karl and Stacy Thomas				
Owner Address: 22673 Hurdle Ditch Rd				
City: <u>Harbeson</u> State <u>DE</u> Zip: <u>1</u>				
Owner Phone #: (302) 382-6133 Owner e-mai	karlthomas1@comcast.net			
Agent/Attorney Details Agent/Attorney Name: Agent/Attorney Address:				
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Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney				
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### **Criteria for Accessory Dwelling Units**

The following shall be answered for Code Compliance

1	. Total lot area of property:
	119,783 sq feet
2	Total area of existing dwelling (in square feet):
	980 sq feet
3	. Total area of proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (in square feet): 6000 sq feet
5	Is the property located within a subdivision? Yes No If so, have you obtained approval from the Homeowners Associaton? Yes No
4	Please confirm the ADU is <b>NOT</b> a RV, Camper, Motor Home, etc.  Please note: No property is permitted to be occupied with a RV, Camper, Motor Home, etc., unless located within a RV Park.
	Criteria for a Special Use Exception (where applicable): (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)
	Applicant's must demonstrate that the property meets <b>ALL</b> of the criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.
	1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property:
	The mother-in-law dwelling, which is to become the ADU on this property was built first due to time and financial constraints. My mother has dementia and was declining, so her house was built first in order to make her more comfortable before her dementia progressed too much. We are now ready to build what is the primary residence on the lot for us so that we can continue to care for her and my sister, who has early

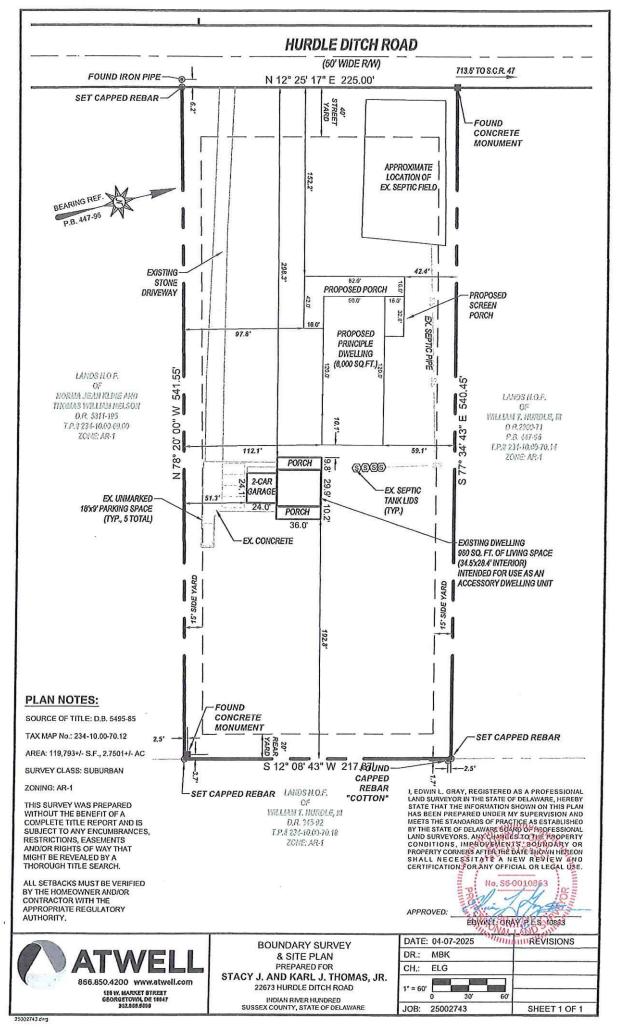
Sussex County, DE - Application for Accessory Dwelling Unit Approval

### **Check List for Applications**

The following shall be submitted with the application

•	<b>Completed Application</b>				
•	Provide a Site Plan or survey of	the property along with a	layout/building plans of the ADU		
•	Provide Fee \$500.00				
· .	Provide written response to cri a separate document if not eno		ion (where applicable, may be on		
•	Copy of Receipt (staff)				
•	Optional - Additional information to be considered (ex. photos of site, photos of similar structures, letters from neighbors, etc.)				
V .	Please be aware that an Accessory Dwelling Unit is defined as, "a self-contained dwelling unit that is secondary to the principal dwelling unit on a property and includes independent living facilities, such as a separate entrance and kitchen. The dwelling unit may be attached to, or detached from the primary dwelling on the property and it may also include existing interior space such as a finished basement that is converted into a separate dwelling unit. Accessory dwelling units do not include duplexes, tourist homes, servant quarters, recreational vehicles or guest homes."				
• .	of Adjustment if the dimension met. Staff will place a sign on the	al requirements of Section re site stating the date and	r a public hearing before the Board 115A(15(c), (d) and (e)) are not time of the Public Hearing for the icant must be present if a public		
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### PERMIT IA 280418



Tax Parcel Number:

2-34-10.00-0070.12

Site Evaluation Number:

Pursuant to provisions of Title 7, Delaware Code, Chapter 60, permission is hereby granted to:

Thomas, Karl & Stacy

22673 Hurdle Ditch Road, Harbeson, DE 19951 US

to use an existing system.

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Connection must be completed on or before 05/01/2027, one year from permit issuance date.

All current regulations governing wastewater system installation shall be followed.

All attached permit conditions shall be complied with.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining all additionally required permits and approvals.

**DNREC Approved** 

5/1/2025

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** 

Date

MANDATORY
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
REQUIREMENT

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## PERMIT 280418



Tax Parcel Number:

2-34-10.00-0070.12

Site Evaluation Number:

#### Conditions both Owner

- § 5 Connections and/or additions to the system other than what are proposed on the approved plot plan (s) are prohibited without prior approval from the Ground Water Discharges Section (GWDS).
- § 6 Roof downspouts, foundation drains, storm sewers, combined sewers or appurtenances thereto, or any sewer or device carrying or discharging either storm, surface, ground or cooling water, oil or water softener discharge shall not be connected to the system.
- § 20 The average daily discharge of this system is restricted to 600 gallons per day. Changes to permitted system flow must be pre-approved by the GWDS and may require a new permit(s) to be issued.
- § 75 The advanced treatment unit shall be pumped at a minimum of once every three(3) years or more frequently as prescribed by the manufacturer's guidelines.
- § 81 The permittee must submit all updated contracts and inspection reports from the previous year by February 1st of each year to the GWDS. The GWDS will mail out reminders of this requirement.
- § 29 The existing or proposed dwelling/structure must be connected to the septic tank with Schedule 40 PVC pipe set with a uniform continuous grade no less than 1/8 in./ft.. Minimum distance from the septic tank and other system components to a dwelling or structure is ten(10) feet.
- § 79 The permittee must maintain a service contract with a certified service provider for the life of the system. A copy of the service contract must be submitted to the GWDS upon installation completion. A certificate of completion will not be granted until the service contract is submitted and approved by the GWDS.
- § 83 The GWDS reserves the right to collect and analyze wastewater samples from this system to ensure proper treatment levels and monitor system performance.
- § 94 The proposed/existing septic tank(s) must be upgraded with risers(2) for each compartment finished to above grade and a GWDS-approved outlet filter. The above-grade access covers shall be watertight and secure from vandalism. The outlet filter should be removed, inspected, cleaned and replaced per manufacturer's recommendations.

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### PERMIT 280418



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- § 17 The property owner shall connect to the county or municipal sewer system if and when such services become available and shall be in accordance with County and/or Municipal rules and regulations. At time of connection the existing septic disposal system shall be abandoned per DNREC Regulations and permit voided unless the GWDS approves continued operation.
- § 18 This system shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent abnormal odors or surfacing, pooling and/or discharging of wastewater onto any surface waters.
- § 19 The sites of the initial and replacement absorption facilities shall not be covered by asphalt or concrete or subject to vehicular traffic or any activity or similar loadings that would adversely affect the soils. These sites shall be maintained so that they are free from encroachments by ancillary buildings and additions to main structures.
- § 21 The septic tank must be pumped by a licensed Class F Liquid Waste Hauler at a minimum of once every three (3) years. Septic tanks constructed of non-masonry materials should be pumped only when the seasonal water table is low to minimize possible flotation risk and must be immediately refilled by the owner.
- § 85 Within 90 days after the transfer of the real property which utilizes an innovative/alternative system, the owner shall notify the Department. Transfer of the maintenance agreement must also be completed within this 90 day period.
- § 93 The site evaluation supporting this permit will expire five(5) years after site evaluation approval date. System replacement after this date will require a new site evaluation and subsequent GWDS approval.
- § 73 The advanced treatment unit shall be operated and maintained per the manufacturer's guidelines.

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### Permit Number:

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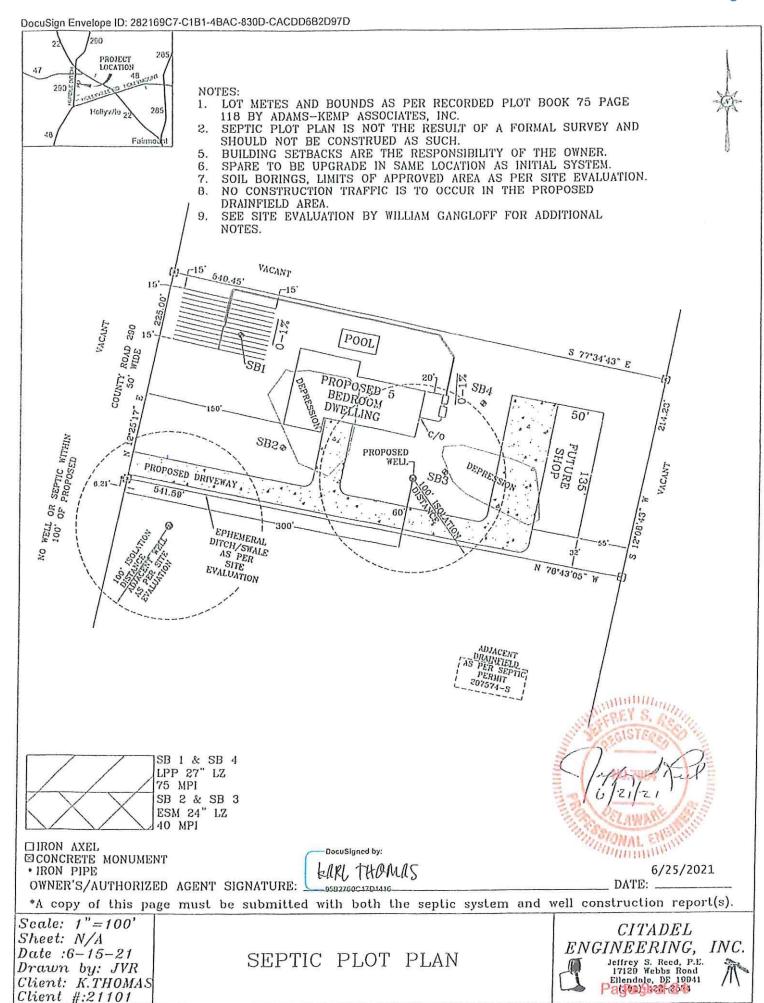
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OWNER'S NAME: Karl & Stacy Thomas PHONE:				
ADDRESS: 22673 Hurdle Ditch Road Harbeson DE 19951				
PROJECT LOCATION: 22673 Hurdle Ditch Road Harbeson I	DE 19951			
TAX/MAP #:				
APPLICATION PREPARER: Gregory Welch	DNREC LICENSE #: 234-10.00-70.12			
PREPARER'S ADDRESS: 603 S Spinnaker Lane Milton DE	19968			
PHONE:				
I hereby affirm that the information provided on this document is accurate and complete.				
Preparer's Signature: Gragory Welch Date:  By signing this permit application, the preparer further certifies the	3/17/25			
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(Please check all boxes that apply)	EKIA-			
System Type: (CF = Cap & Fill / FD = Full Depth)	Type of Construction:			
☐ Gravity (FD) ☐ Permanent Holding Tank	Replacement			
☐ Gravity (CF) ☐ Elevated Sand Mound	☐ New Construction			
Pressure Dose (FD) Wisconsin At-Grade	Component Replacement			
☐ Pressure Dose (CF) ☐ Subsurface Micro Irrigation	Component:			
☐ Low Pressure Pipe (FD) ☐ Peat Bio- Filter	Repair to Existing System			
Low Pressure Pipe (CF) Other	Reason:			
Temporary Holding Tank				
	Authorization to Use Existing System			
□Bed or XTrench	Permit #: 245103			
Gravelless Chamber Stone/Gravel Tire Chips	Present Condition: Good			
Sand-lined Yes No	Structure to be connected:			
Sand-lined Lites Mills	adding 3 bedrooms			
Existing System Malfunctioning  Yes  No NA				
	# of Bedrooms: 5			
Pre-Treatment Units	Avg. Percolation Rate: 75			
☐ Septic Tank	Gallons Per Day Flow: 600			
Other EcoPod E60-N	Minimum Sq. Ft. Rcq'd: 5250			
	Sq. Ft. Proposed: 6000			
Central Water Available				

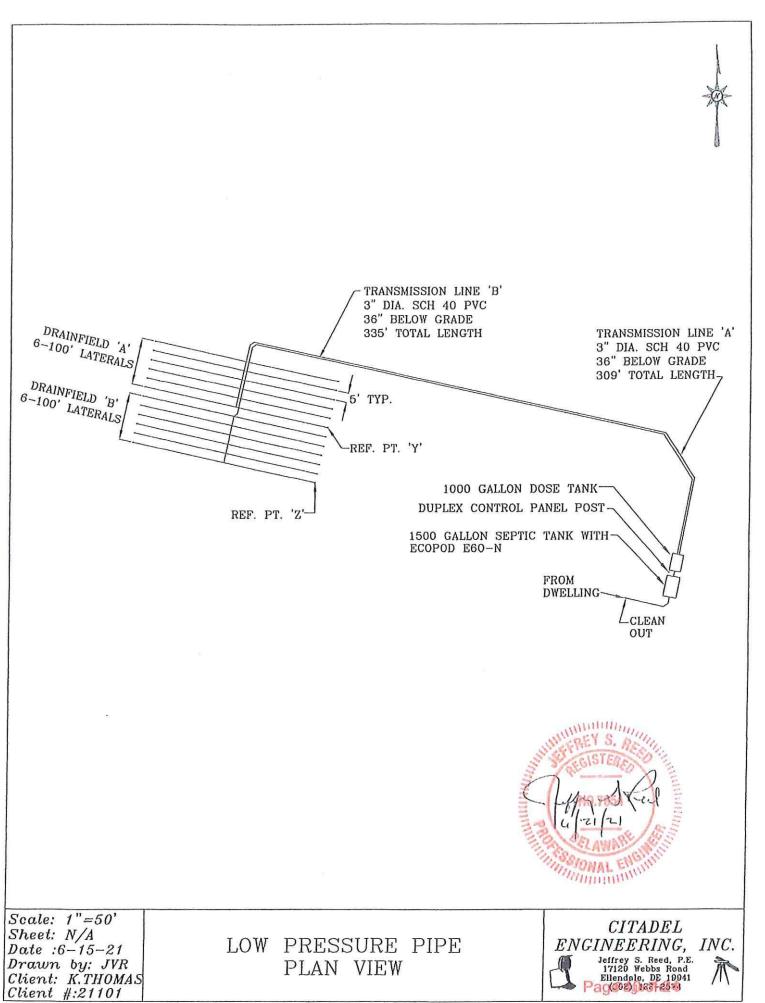
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• A copy of this page must be submitted with both septic system and well construction report(s)

OWNER'S/AUTHORIZED AGENT SIGNATURE.





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### 22673 HURDLE DITCH RD

### **Property Information**

Property Location:

22673 HURDLE DITCH RD

Unit:

City:

**HARBESON** 

State:

DE

Zip:

19951

Class:

R-Residential

Use Code (LUC):

101-Single Family Dwelling

Town

00-None

Tax District:

234 - INDIAN RIVER

School District:

6 - CAPE HENLOPEN

Fire District: Deeded Acres: 83-Millsboro

2.7300

Frontage:

0

Depth:

.000

Irr Lot:

Plot Book Page:

75 83/PB

100% Land Value:

\$171,900

100% Improvement Value

\$332,000

100% Total Value

\$503,900

#### Legal

Legal Description

E/RT 290

#### Owners

Owner

Co-owner

Address

City

State

THOMAS KARL J JR

STACY J THOMAS

22673 HURDLE DITCH RD

**HARBESON** 

DE

Zip

19951

Property Search

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Unit:

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Class:

R-Residential

Use Code (LUC):

101-Single Family Dwelling

Town

00-None

Tax District:

234 - INDIAN RIVER

School District:

6 - CAPE HENLOPEN

Fire District:

83-Millsboro

Deeded Acres:

2.7300

Frontage:

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Irr Lot: Plot Book Page:

75 83/PB

100% Land Value:

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Legal Description

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Owner

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Address

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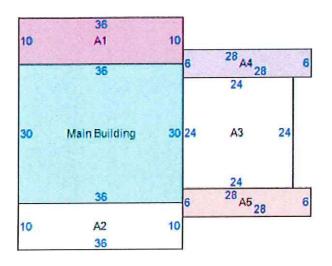
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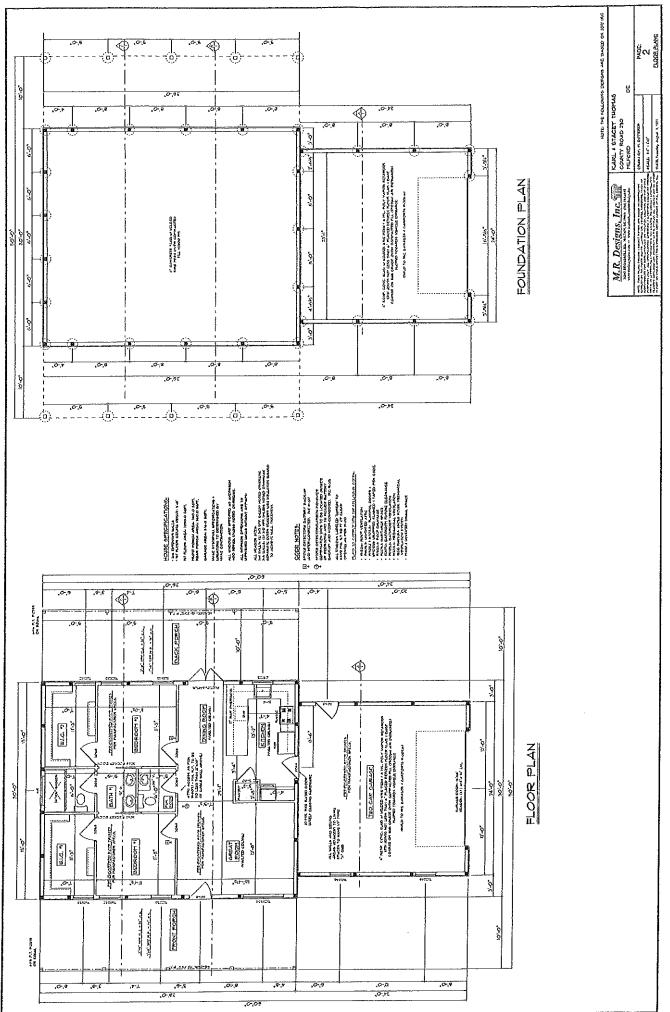
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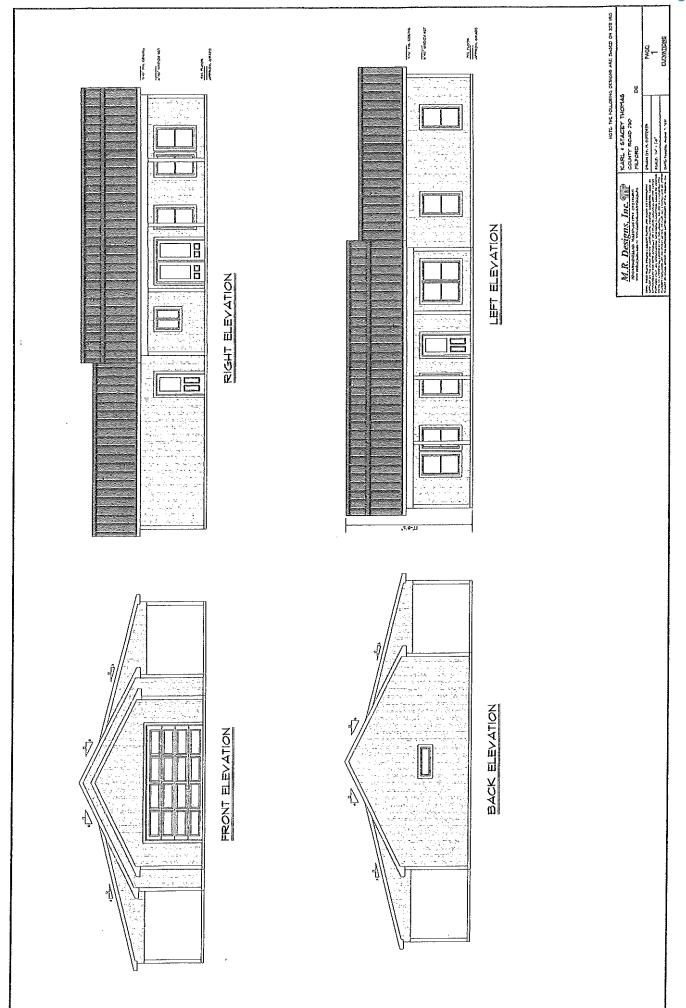
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## Options

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ADDN	0	Main Building	1,090
ADDN	1	A1 - 11:OPEN FRAME PORCH	360
ADDN	2	A2 - 11:OPEN FRAME PORCH	360
ADDN	3	A3-13:FRAME GARAGE	576
ADDN	4	A4 - 33:MASONRY PATIO	168
ADDN	5	A5 - 33:MASONRY PATIO	168





### **Amy Hollis**

From:

Amy Hollis

Sent:

Monday, May 12, 2025 2:57 PM

To:

karlthomas1@comcast.net

Subject:

**ADU Application** 

Good Afternoon,

We are reviewing your ADU Application and have a few questions/concerns:

The dwelling being converted to ADU based on footprint is 1080 sq.ft., this is also confirmed by Assessment records and the permit applied for in 2022.

Can you submit something showing the layout of the structure?

We do not use internal floor area but rather the footprint of the structure.

The dwelling being converted to ADU has 2 bedrooms. The proposed dwelling in the septic documents shows 5 bedrooms.

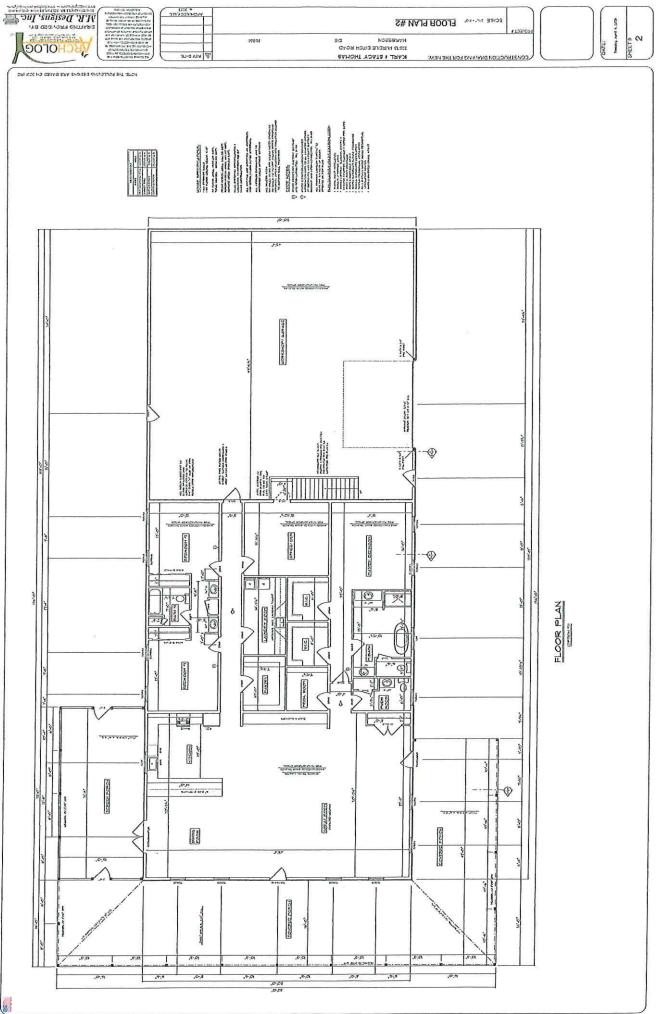
Are there 2 septic systems on sight? One for each dwelling? (this will be needed for permitting)

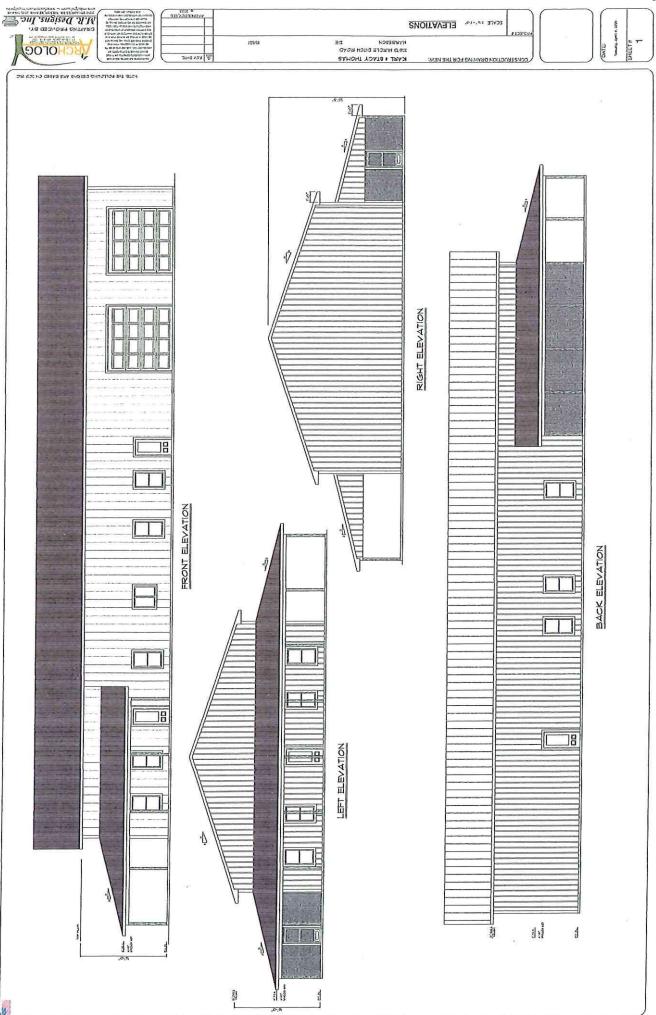
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

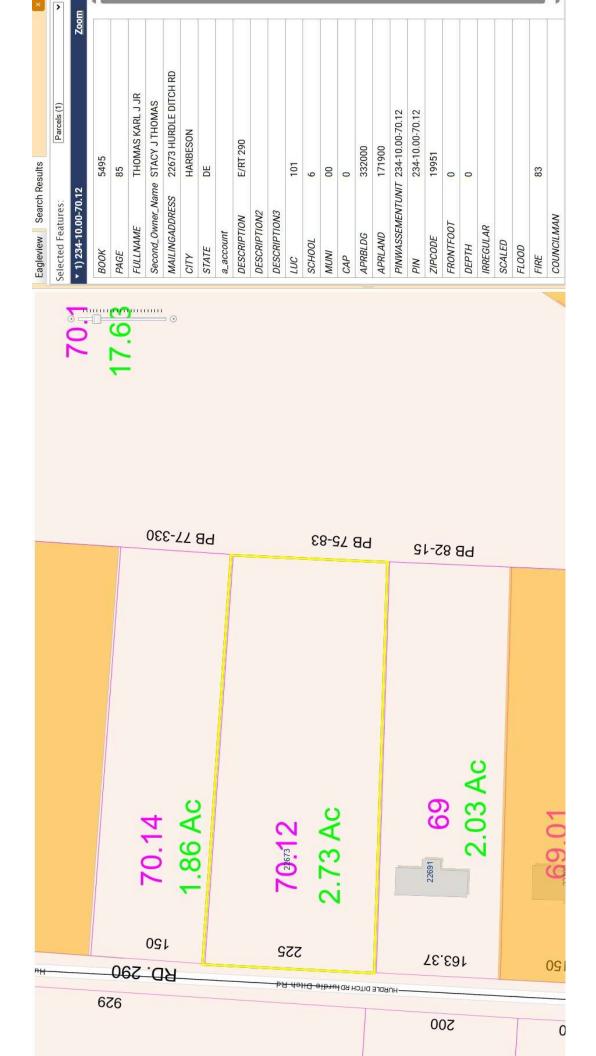
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