

AGENDA
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 9, 2019
City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall
823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas

1. Call Meeting To Order
2. Attendance
3. Conflict Of Interest
4. Approval Of Minutes: November 7, 2018

Documents:

[110718 ZBA MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. Request To Address Commission On Agenda Items And Non-Agenda Items (Three Minutes Maximum Per Speaker)
6. New Business And Associated Public Hearings

- A. 19Z-001 (4302 Seawall Boulevard) Request For A Variance From The Galveston Land Development Regulations, Article 10.300 Height And Density Development Zone Regarding Wall Plane Articulation And Transition Area 1a Setback, In A Commercial, Height And Density Development Zone, Zone-3 (C-HDDZ-3). Property Is Legally Described As The East 2.8591 Acres Of Lot 2 (2-2), Fort Crockett Juan-HIJO/Bowen Replat (2017), In The City And County Of Galveston. Applicant: Matt Roesler, MCS Architects Property Owner: SRI Seawall Resorts LLC.

Documents:

[19Z-001 STF PKT.PDF](#)

- B. 19Z-002 (2428 Bernardo De Galvez/Avenue P) Request For A Variance From The Galveston Land Development Regulations, Article 3, Addendum For Urban Neighborhood, Minimum Lot Standards Regarding Lot Area. Property Is Legally Described As Lots 5 Through 7 And The South 19 Feet Of Lot 4, In Southwest Block 67, Galveston Outlets, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas. Applicant And Property Owner: Galveston 1.0 LLC., Clay Conrad

Documents:

[19Z-002 STF PKT.PDF](#)

7. Discussion Items

- Vision Galveston (Staff)

8. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on January 4, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Prepared by:



Karen White, Planning Technician

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510).

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL MAY BE ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING.



City of Galveston

MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON REGULAR MEETING – November 7, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: James Bangle, Louis Fuchs (ALT), Andrew Galletti, Robert Girndt, Lyssa Graham Reynolds, Jeff Patterson (ALT), CM David Collins

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Tim Tietjens, Development Services Director; Adriel Montalvan, Senior Project Manager; Karen White, Planning Technician; Donna Fairweather, Assistant City Attorney

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 5, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COMMISSION ON AGENDA ITEMS WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS (THREE MINUTE MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)

None.

NEW BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

18Z-016 (14102 West Beach) Request for a variance from Article 3 of the Galveston Land Development Regulations Residential, Single-Family (R-1) Addendum, regarding minimum lot area requirements in a Residential, Single-Family (R-1) zoning district. Property is legally described as the East 62 Feet of Lot 92 (92-2), Block 3, Palm Beach Subdivision, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Christopher Brice

Property Owners: Christopher and Lauren Brice

Staff presented the Staff Report and noted that of twenty-two (22) notices of public hearing sent, five (5) had been returned in favor and five (5) had been returned in opposition.

Chairperson Lyssa Graham Reynolds opened the public hearing on case 18Z-016. Applicant Christopher Brice presented to the Commission. For additional presentations to the Commission, please refer to the attached sign-in sheet. The public hearing was closed and the Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission.

James Bangle made a motion to approve case 18Z-016. Chairperson Lyssa Graham Reynolds seconded, and the following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bangle, Galletti, Graham Reynolds, Girndt, Fuchs, Patterson
Opposed:	None
Abstain:	None

Non-voting participant: CM Collins

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - HELD IN ROOM 204

Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter, Related To The Following:

1. Noble Capital Servicing, LLC (Kim Trigo) v. Zoning Board of Adjustment

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40 PM



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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Planning Department

City of Galveston

January 9, 2019

**19Z-001****STAFF REPORT****ADDRESS:**

4302 Seawall Boulevard

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Property is legally described as the East 2.8591 Acres of Lot 2 (2-2), Fort Crockett Juan-Hijo/Bowen Replat (2017), in the City and County of Galveston.

APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:

Matt Roesler, MCS Architects

PROPERTY OWNER:

SRI Seawall Resorts, LLC.

ZONING:

Commercial, Height and Density Development Zone, Zone – 3 (C-HDDZ-3)

REQUEST:

Variance from the Land Development Regulations, Article 10, Section 10.307

APPLICABLE ZONING LAND USE

Commercial Lodging (Hotel)

REGULATIONS:

Article 10, Section 10.307

Article 10, Section 10.311

EXHIBITS:

A – Aerial Map

B – Elevations

C – Applicants Justification

STAFF:

Janice Norman, Planning Manager

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Public Notice and Comment:

Sent	Returned	In Favor	Opposed	No Comment
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City Department Notification Responses:

No objection from any City department

**Executive Summary:**

The applicant is requesting variances from the Galveston Land Development Regulations regarding Wall Plane Articulation and Transition Zone 1a setback.

Wall Plane Articulation:

There are several places on the north, south, east and west elevations that the applicant will exceed the required 30-foot wall length maximum from Grade to 35-feet. Additionally, the offset depth will be exceeded in one place on the east, south and west elevations. The offset depth is on the entire height of the structure. Please reference Exhibit C.

Land Development Regulations Article 10, Table 10.307, Wall Plane Articulation:

Table 10.307				
Vertical Building Section				
From	To	Building Wall Length (max.)	Offset Depth (min.)	Offset Length (min.)
Grade	3 Stories or 35 feet	30 feet	5 feet	10 feet
3 stories or 35 feet	Max. Height Limit	50 feet	5 feet	10 feet

Requested Variance:

From grade to 35-feet: Wall Plane Articulation from 30-feet to 51-feet 5-inches.

Offset depth on the entire structure: from 5-feet to 3-feet 1-inch.

Land Development Regulations Transition Zone:

The HDDZ regulations call for Transitions Zones when a development site is adjacent to residential zoning. Within these zones, heights are limited to maintain compatibility with adjacent residential uses.

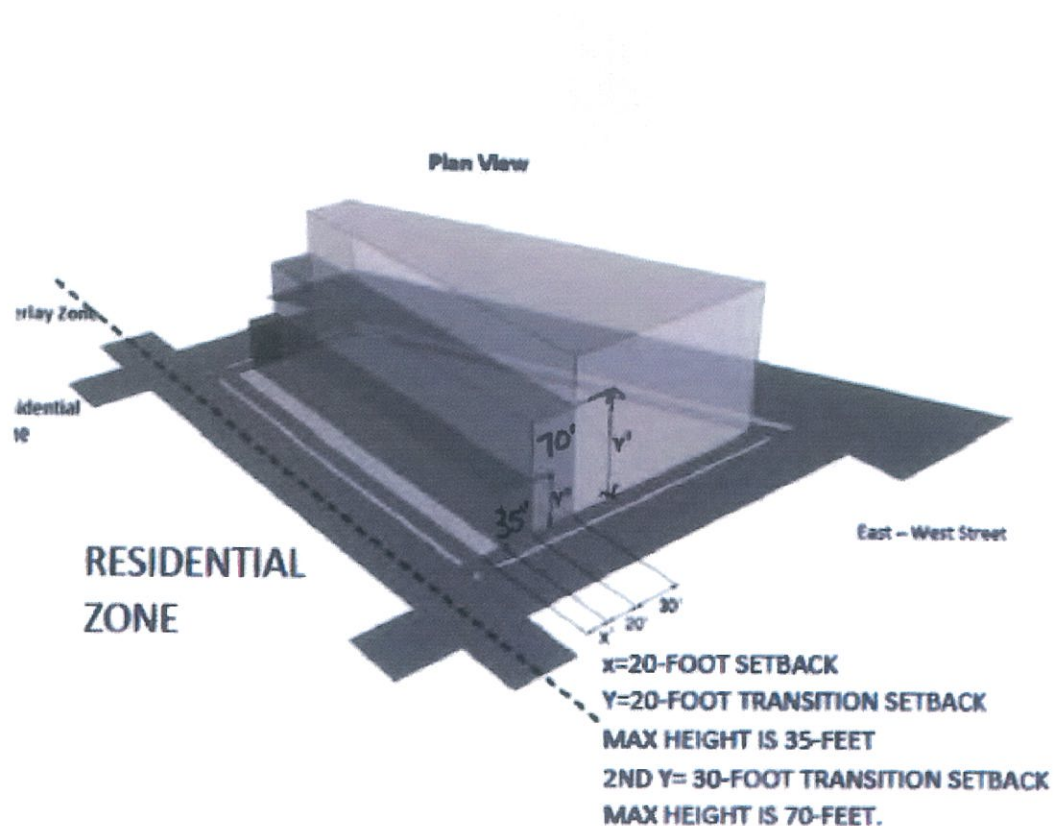
Since the hotel is adjacent to a residential zone across Avenue U, the rear of the property must meet the requirements of Transition Zone 1a:

- Within 20 feet of the required rear setback the building height is restricted to 35 feet or three stories.

Outside of the Transition Zone, the building may be constructed at the maximum allowed height of 70 feet or five stories.

The applicant is requesting to reduce the width of the Transition Zone from 20 feet to five feet in order to construct to the maximum height of 70 feet or five stories.

The graphic below illustrates the Transition Zone requirements.



Requested Variance: Transition Zone 1a to reduce the width from 20-feet to 5-feet allowing the height to 70-feet in the remaining 15-feet of Transition Zone 1a.

SEC. 13.401.B VARIANCES FROM DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Approval Standards. The Board of Adjustment may grant a variance under this Section only if the variance is not prohibited by Section 12.401.C, and if the Zoning Board of Adjustment makes a determination in writing that all of the following are demonstrated:

1. The request for the variance is rooted in special conditions of the applicant's property that do not generally exist on other properties in the same zoning district.
2. Due to said special conditions, the enforcement of the strict terms of these regulations would impose an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.
3. The variance is not contrary to the public interest, in that:
 - a. It does not allow applicants to impair the application of these regulations for:
 - i. Self-imposed hardships;
 - ii. Hardships based solely on financial considerations, convenience, or inconvenience; or
 - iii. Conditions that are alleged to be "special" but that are actually common to many properties within the same zoning district.
 - b. The variance will not have a detrimental impact upon:
 - i. The current or future use of adjacent properties for purposes for which they are zoned;
 - ii. Public infrastructure or services; and
 - iii. Public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community.
4. The degree of variance allowed from these regulations is the least that is necessary to grant relief from the identified unnecessary hardship.
5. The variance shall not be used to circumvent other procedures and standards of these regulations that could be used for the same or comparable effect (e.g., if alternative development patterns, alternative development standards, or other flexible measures in these regulations are available that would avoid or mitigate hardship without using a variance, then they must be used).
6. By granting the variance, the spirit of these regulations is observed and substantial justice is done.

Zoning and Land Use Table

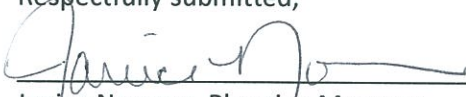
Location		Zoning	Land Use
Subject Site		Commercial, Height Density Development Zone, Zone – 3 (C-HDDZ-3)	Commercial
North		Residential, Single Family (R-1)	Residential
South		Water (R-1)	Gulf of Mexico
East		Commercial, Height Density Development Zone, Zone – 3 (C-HDDZ-3)	Commercial
West		Commercial, Height Density Development Zone, Zone – 3 (C-HDDZ-3)	Commercial

Applicant's Justification:

Please see attached Exhibit C.

Please see Agenda for Appeal from Decision of Board Process.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice Norman, Planning Manager

1/2/19
Date


Catherine Gorman, AICP
Assistant Director/HPO

1-2-19
Date

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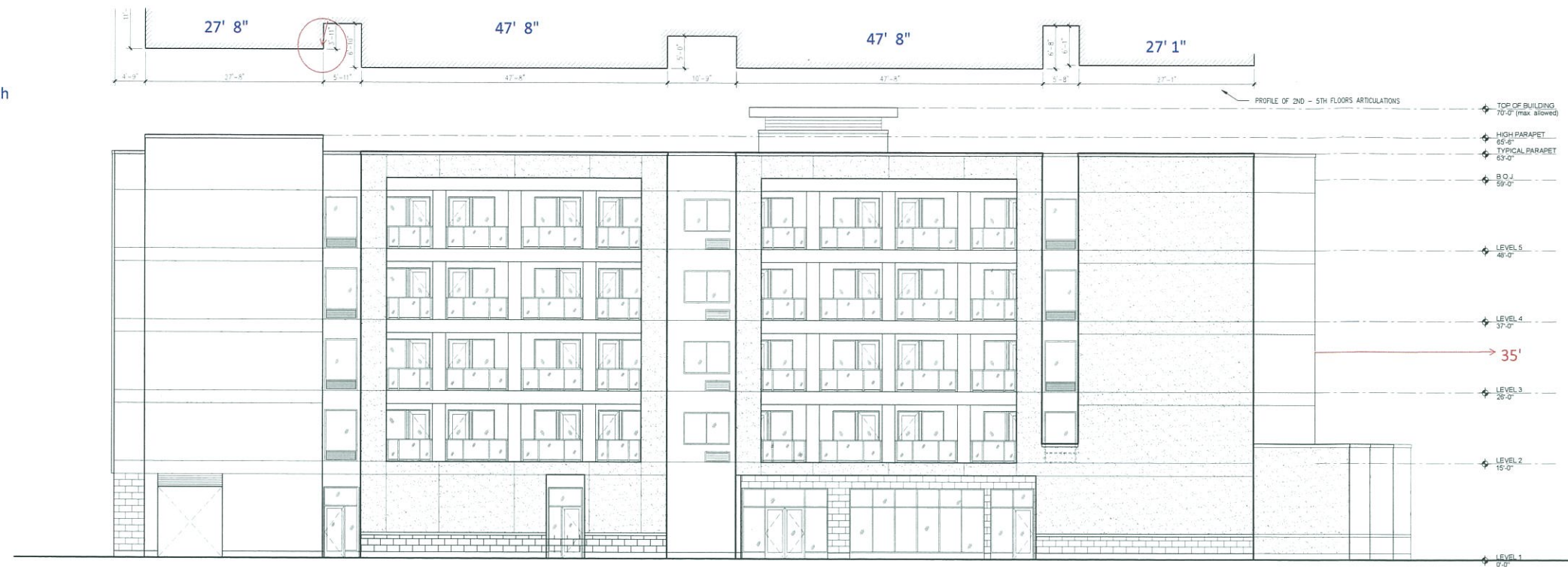
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12/05/18 PLANNING REVIEW - #2
12/12/18 ZBA REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

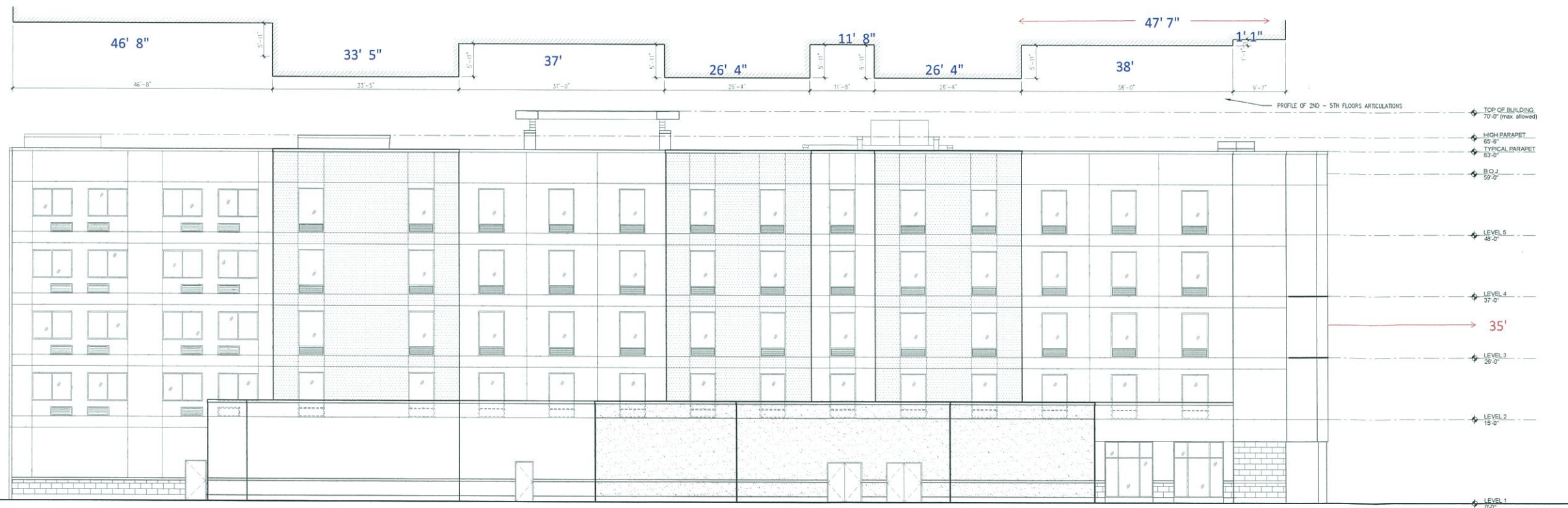
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Circles are offset depth

Blue numbers are wall length

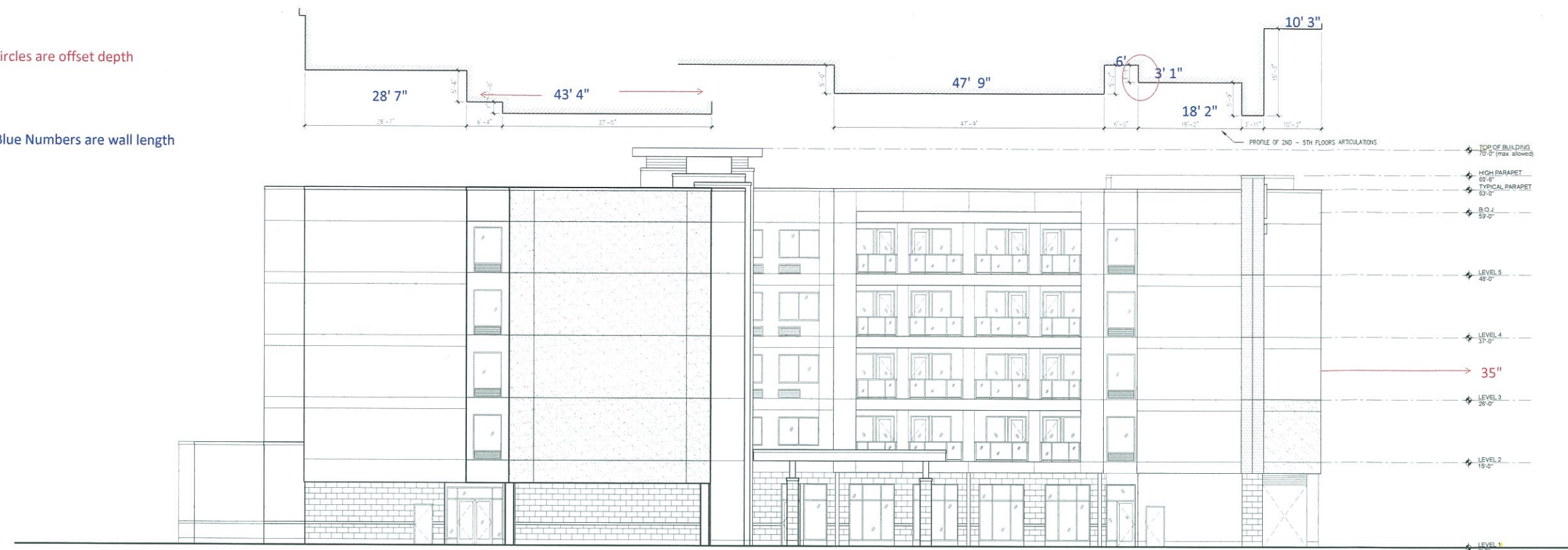


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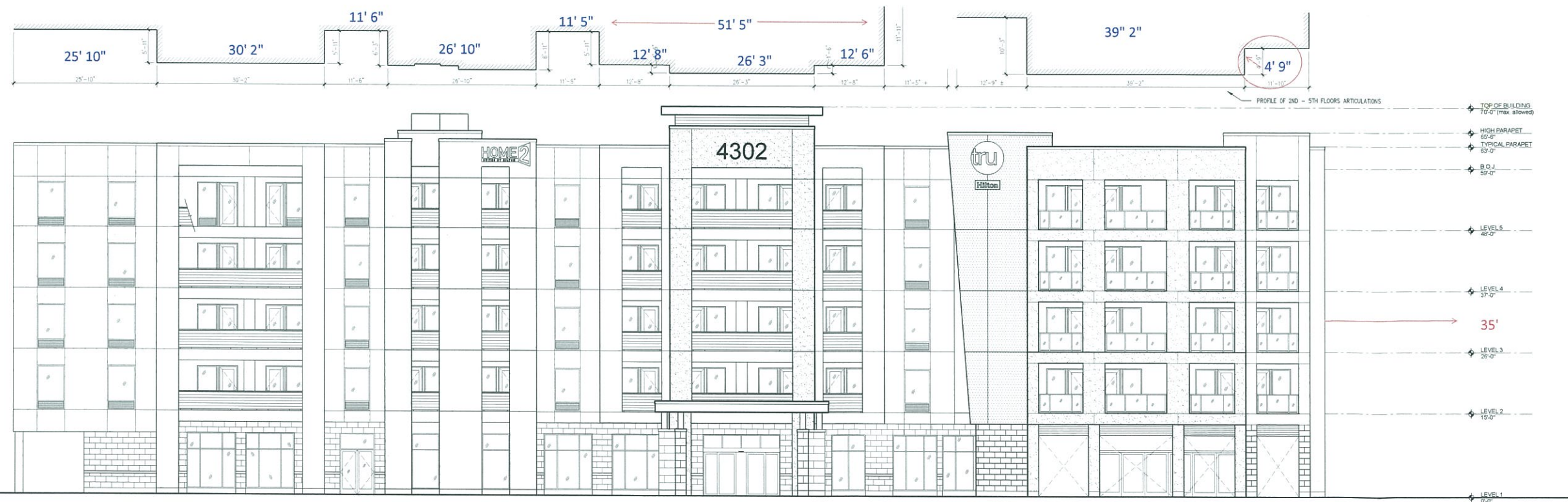


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WEST ELEVATION 2
1/8" = 1'-0"



SOUTH ELEVATION 1
1/8" = 1'-0"

PROJECT NUMBER:
1811

SHEET NUMBER:
A7-1



19Z-002

STAFF REPORT

ADDRESS:

2428 Bernardo De Galvez/Avenue P

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Property is legally described as Lots 5 through 7 and the South 19-feet of Lot 4, Southwest Block 67, Galveston Outlots, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:

Galveston Condos 1.0 LLC., Clay Conrad

PROPERTY OWNER:

Galveston Condos 1.0 LLC., Clay Conrad

ZONING:

Urban Neighborhood (UN)

REQUEST:

Variance from the Land Development Regulations, Article 3 Addendum for Urban Neighborhood (UN) Lot Area from 2,500 to 2,300.

APPLICABLE ZONING LAND USE

Townhouse

REGULATIONS:

Article 3 Addendum for Urban Neighborhood (UN)

EXHIBITS:

- A – Aerial Map
- B – Survey
- C – Article 3, Addendum for UN
- D – Applicants Justification

STAFF:

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Public Notice and Comment:

Sent	Returned	In Favor	Opposed	No Comment
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City Department Notification Responses:

No objection from any City department



Executive Summary:

The applicant is requesting a variance from the Galveston Land Development Regulations, Article 3 Addendum for the Urban Neighborhood (UN) regarding minimum lot area. The applicant is converting the existing apartments into townhouses and in order to divide the property into individual lots for each townhouse the applicant can only get 2,300 square foot per lot. The regulations require 2,500 square foot per lot.

Land Development Regulations Article 3 Addendum for Urban Neighborhood (UN):

Minimum Lot Standards

Area: 2,500 square feet

Requested Variance: Lot Area from 2,500 to 2,300 square feet.

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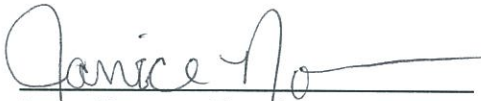
Location		Zoning	Land Use
Subject Site		Urban Neighborhood (UN)	Townhomes
North		Residential, Single Family (R-3-H)	Residential
South		Commercial (C)	Commercial
East		Residential, Single Family (R-3-H)	Residential
West		Urban Neighborhood (UN)	Residential

Applicant's Justification:

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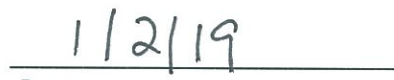
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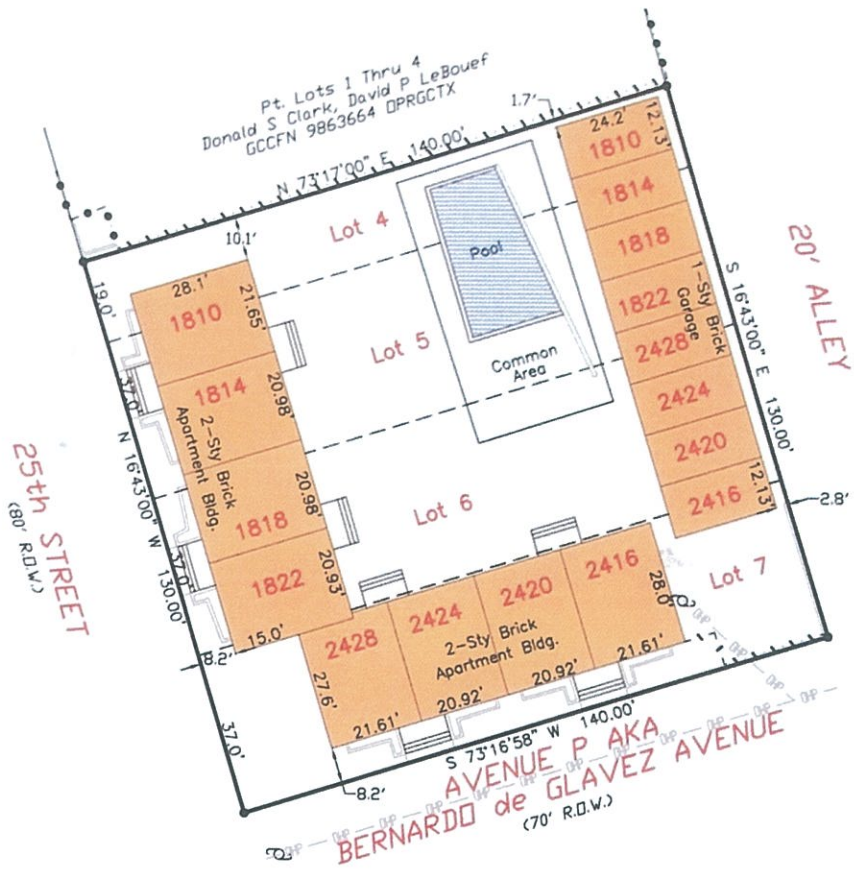


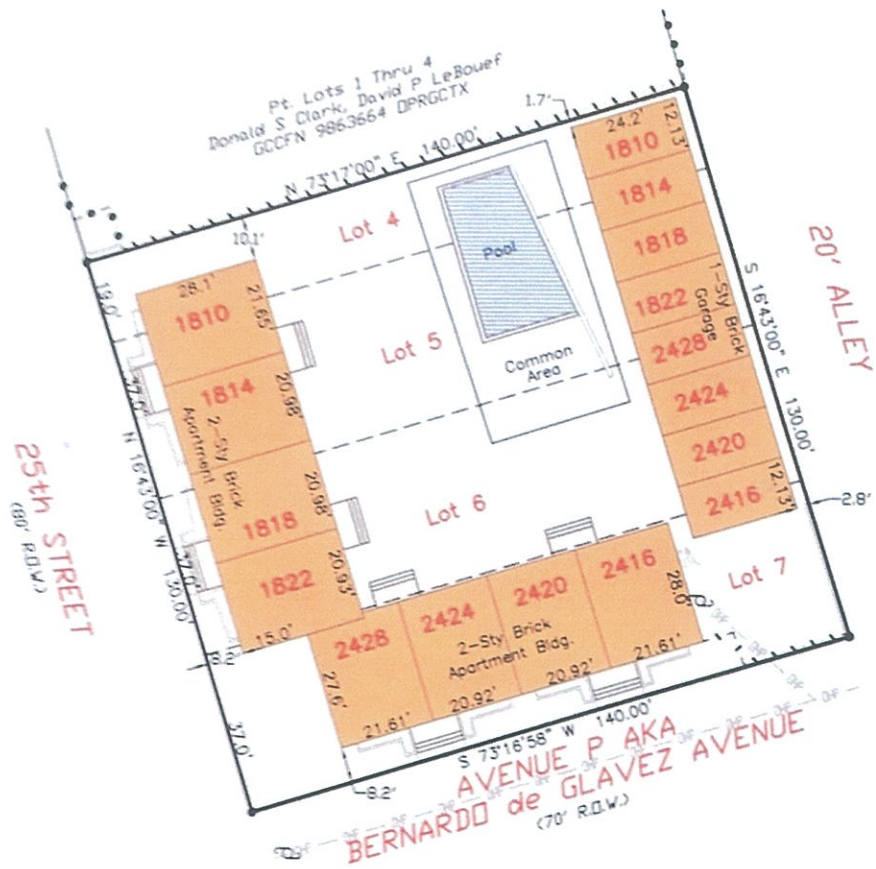
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Planning and Development Division
City of Galveston





URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (UN)

Notes:

1. A site plan is required prior to the issuance of a building permit.
2. No side or rear yard required when adjacent to a canal or body of water or to an alley or rights-of-way.
3. New buildings shall utilize building elements and details to achieve a pedestrian-oriented public realm.
4. Compatibility is not meant to be achieved through uniformity, but through the use of variations in building elements to achieve individual building identity.
5. Building facades shall include appropriate architectural details and ornament to create variety and interest.
6. All primary entrances shall be oriented to the public sidewalk for ease of pedestrian access. Secondary and service entrances may be located from internal parking areas or alleys.
7. Encroachments: Canopies, signs, awnings, balconies and similar overhangs may encroach over any required setback, build-to-line or the sidewalk as long as the vertical clearance is a minimum of 8 feet. In no case shall an encroachment be located over any side or rear property line.
8. Average Front Yard Setback: Where 30 percent of buildings on one side of a street, on a single block, are built with 10 feet or less front yard setback, the average setback of the structures shall be the required setback.
9. Zoning setbacks may be inconsistent with Building Code. Refer to Building Division to determine final building and fire code setbacks.
10. Any outdoor storage areas accessory to the main use shall be enclosed by a solid masonry or concrete wall, or a wood fence, and shall not be less than 6 feet nor more than 8 feet in height.



Minimum Lot Standards

Area:	2,500 square feet
Width:	0 feet
Depth:	0 feet

Setbacks

Front:	0 feet
Side:	0 feet
Rear:	0 feet

Building Height

Maximum:	50 feet, measured from base flood elevation
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Parking

Residential:	None required; Maximum 1.5 spaces per unit
Non-Residential:	Minimum 1 space per 1,500 square feet of floor area
Lodging:	1 space per unit

Landscaping

Refer to Article 9, Landscaping of the City Land Development Regulations

14th Street Corridor

The table on Page 3-15 will govern land uses within the 14th Street UN corridor.

Parking Structure/Lot Incidental to Main Use = Permitted Use; Home Based Occupation/Business = Permitted Use

Application for Zoning Board of Adjustments on 2428 Bernardo De Galvez

Exhibit "A"

To whom it may concern.

We are requesting a variance for 2428 Bernardo De Galvez. The mandated square footage for a townhome community in Galveston is 2,500 square feet per individual parcel. The lot total lot size for all 8 units is 18,445 square feet. Allotting 2,300 square feet lots; a mere 200 square feet short of the mandated 2500. The units have shared firewalls and roof. Typical for a townhouse.

The lot size can only be divided up 8 ways because the property only has 8 homes.

We feel a Townhome community is more cohesive with the neighborhood, which currently doesn't contain condominiums. We feel a divided interest of a condominium would create an investor atmosphere rather than a place where a Galvestonian could make their home. The surrounding properties are single family in nature. Granting this variance would help maintain that neighborhood culture. The property's characteristics favor that of a townhome more than that of condominiums, with front porches, individual entrances to each home, yards, pool and detached individual garages. The front of the homes has planters and green space. There is very little shared interest in property. Further, the lots fall a mere 200 square feet below the 2,500 square foot lot requirement.

We hope you agree that granting townhomes to this site is a better fit for this neighborhood and the characteristics of these properties.

Sincerely,

Clay Conrad