BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS August 5, 2025

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AGENDA

The Isle of Palms Board of Zoning Appeals will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on August 5, 2025, at **4:00pm** in Council Chambers, 1207 Palm Boulevard

- A. Call to order and roll call
- B. Acknowledgement that the meeting has been advertised in compliance with State law
- C. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: June 3, 2025
- D. Swearing of any person giving testimony
- E. Special Exceptions: 12 Surf Lane

21 27th Avenue 25 41st Avenue

- F. Variance: 1 Myrtle Avenue
- G. Miscellaneous business
- H. Adjournment



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 4:00pm, Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Glenn Thornburg, Ellen Gower, Susie Wheeler, Bob Miller, and Zoning

Administrator Simms

Absent: Ted McKnight

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 meeting, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Swearing in of applicants

Mr. Thornburg swore in the applicants.

4. Special Exceptions

A. 7 Commons Court

Zoning Administrator Simms said, "The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a charcuterie catering business at their home. They have indicated that the home will be used for office work only, that there will be no business-related traffic coming to the residence, there will be no evidence of a business outside the house, and that there will be no employees working in the residence other than family members that live in the home."

The applicant said food preparation is done at a kitchen in Mt. Pleasant. There will be no foot traffic or deliveries made from the home. There will have no signage on the home or car to indicate the presence of a business.

MOTION: Ms. Wheeler made a motion to approve, and Ms. Gower seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 24 22nd Avenue

Zoning Administrator Simms said, "The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a shuttle service business at their home. They have indicated that the home will be used for office work only, that there will be no business-related traffic coming to the residence, there will be no evidence of a business outside the house, and that there will be no

employees working in the residence other than family members that live in the home. The applicant has indicated two carts will be stored and maintained in the rear of the property."

The applicants explained they will be using two LSVs to transport people around the island. The vehicles will be stored in canvas covers at the rear of the property. The only signage is detachable and will be on the top of the vehicles when in use.

Mr. Simms noted that the City does not allow for storage of home business-related items on the property unless it is under the roof of the main house. The applicant indicated that the home is on a slab and the garage does not fit the LSVs. He did state that the neighbors are aware and supportive of the business.

MOTION: Ms. Gower made a motion to defer the application until the next meeting so that the applicants can secure an approved location to store the vehicles when not in use. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Gower seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk **Appeal Number:** 25-12

Applicant: Barb Janssen

Address: 12 Surf Lane

Request:

The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of an online wellness business in the home. The applicant has indicated that the home will be used for office work only and there would be no business-related traffic coming to the house or exterior evidence of a business. The business is classified in Table B1 as 7389- office work for business services not elsewhere classified.

Board of Zoning Appeals Information Sheet City of Isle Palms

Date Filed: 1/15/2025	Appeal Number_	25-12
Instructions: This form must be completed for a hearing on appeal from application for a variance, or application for a special exce or typewritten. If the applicant is not the owner of the pro	eption. Entries must	t be printed
Property Address 12 Surf Ln.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Lot Block TMS		
Area of Lot Zoning Classification	Residentia	
Applicant(s) Name Bayb Janssen		
Address 12 Surf Ln IOP 5C	29451	
Telephone 616-283-5856		
Interest (i.e. Owner, Owner's attorney, Architect, etc)	Owner	
Owner(s) (if different from applicant)		
Name		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Address		
Telephone		
I (We) certify that this application and all supporting doc	uments attached are	e correct.
Bart Janssen 7/15/20	25	
Applicant signature/date		
Owner signature (if different from applicant)/ date		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Board of Zoning Appeals Special Exception Application Home Occupation City of Isle of Palms

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2. W	2. Will there be any work other than office work (i.e. use of phone, computer, fax, etc.) occurring at this residence? Yes No If yes, please explain: 3. Will there be any evidence of a business from a visual inspection of the exterior of this residence? Yes No				
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6. Wi Yes_					
7. Wil house	Il any business related activity be conducted on your property, but outside of the (i.e. in a detached shed or in the yard)? YesNo				
8. Wil residen	l any merchandise or articles be stored at any location other than inside this ce? Yes No If yes, explain:				
9. Will Yes	more than 25% of the floor of this residence be devoted to the occupation? No				
10. Wi	ll any equipment or materials that are not normal to a household be used or stored esidence in connection with the occupation? Yes Ko				
11. Wil percepti	I the occupation generate any noise, vibration, heat, glare, smoke, odor, or dust ble to your neighbors? Yes No				
12. Are	there currently any other home occupations operating at this residence?				

Describe in full the nature of your occupation, profession, or trade by listing all activities related to such occupation that will be undertaken in your home:
home office, computer, phone, printer
(no inventory on site - everything is done
on-line)
In applying for this special exception home occupation, I have answered the questions truthfully and have not omitted any information about my home occupation which, if disclosed, would result in a denial of this application in accordance to section 5-4-7 (a) (b) of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances. I further acknowledge that, if granted, the special exception home occupation and business license issued under authority of that permit may be revoked if any of the information contained in this application is found to be untruthful or if I fail to meet the requirements of section 5-4-44 and 5-4-2(18): If I have failed to provide information fully describing the home occupation to be conducted on my premises, or at any time the conduct of my home occupation may constitute a nuisance as defined in section 5-4-44 or section 6-1-11, et. Esq., of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances. Any activity which adversely diminishes the residential character of my neighborhood may be cause for revocation of my home occupation. Outdoor advertising is <u>not</u> allowed under this license.
But Justen 7/15/2025 Signature of applicant & date

Appeal Number: 25-13

Applicant: Emily Loftis

Address: 21 27th Avenue

Request:

The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a property management business in the home. The applicant has indicated that there will be no business related traffic coming to the house and no work at the home other than office work. She has indicated that there will be no exterior evidence of a business and no employees working at the house. The business is classified in Table B1 as 7389- office work for business services not elsewhere classified.

Board of Zoning Appeals Information Sheet City of Isle of Palms

Date Filed UNE 1, 2025 Appeal Number 23 ***
Instructions:
This form must be completed for a hearing on appeal from action of a zoning official, application for a variance, or application for a special exception. Entries must be printed or typewritten. If the applicant is not the owner of the property, all must sign.
Property Address 21 27TH AVENUE ISLE OF PALMS SC 2945
Lot Block TMS
Area of Lot Zoning Classification
Applicant(s) Name EMILY LOFTIS
Address 21 27TH AVENUE ISLE OF PALMS SC 29451
Telephone 864-346-5731
Interest (i.e. Owner, Owner's Attorney, Architect, etc.) PROPERTY OWNER
Owner(s) (if different from applicant)
Name
Address
Telephone
I (We) certify that this application and all supporting documents attached are correct.
GMWSOGO JUNET 2025 Applicant Signature/Date
Owner Signature (if different from applicant)/Date

Board of Zoning Appeals Information Sheet City of Isle of Palms

1.	Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a special exception for the use of the property described on the information sheet (page 1) as (give brief description of business): PROPERTY MANAGER
2.	Will there be any work other than office work (i.e. use of phone, computer, fax, etc.) occurring at this residence? Yes NoX If yes, please explain:
3.	Will there be any evidence of a business from a visual inspection of the exterior of this residence? Yes NoX If yes, please explain:
4.	Will any signs, merchandise, equipment or other articles be displayed in a manner that they are visible from the street? Yes No _X
5.	Will there be any business related traffic coming to this residence? ? Yes No If yes, please explain and give frequency
6.	Will there be any employees working in this residence other than family members? ? Yes NoX
7.	Will any business related activity be conducted on your property, but outside of the house (i.e. in a detached shed or in the yard)? Yes No $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm} X}$
8.	Will any merchandise or articles be stored at any location other than inside this residence? Yes No If yes, explain:
9.	Will more than 25% of the floor of this residence be devoted to the occupation? Yes No
10.	Will any equipment or materials that are not normal to a household be used or stored at this residence in connection with the occupation? Yes No $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$
11.	Will the occupation generate any noise, vibration, heat, glare, smoke, odor, or dust perceptible to your neighbors? YesNo $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
12.	Are there currently any other home occupations operating at this residence? Yes No

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Appeal Number: 25-15

Applicant: Jackie Malan

Address: 25 41st Avenue

Request:

The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a property management business in the home. The applicant has indicated that there will be no business related traffic coming to the house and no work at the home other than office work. She has indicated that there will be no exterior evidence of a business and no employees working at the house. The business is classified in Table B1 as 7389- office work for business services not elsewhere classified.

Board of Zoning Appeals Information Sheet City of Isle Palms

Date Filed:	7/2/25	Appeal Number 25	(3)
application fo	r a variance, or a	or a hearing on appeal from action of a zoning official, oplication for a special exception. Entries must be prin is not the owner of the property, all must sign.	i ited
Property Add	ress 25 41st Av	enue	-
Lot	Block	TMS	_
Area of Lot _		Zoning Classification	
Applicant(s)	Name	Jackie Malan	
Address		25 41st Avenue	
		801-644-4244 Owner	
Interest (i.e.	Owner, Owner's a	olicant)	
Name			
Telephone			
I (We) certify	y that this applica	tion and all supporting documents attached are correct	t <u>.</u>
Applicant sig	gnature/date	7/3/25	_
Owner signa	ture (if different f	rom applicant)/ date	_

Board of Zoning Appeals Special Exception Application Home Occupation City of Isle of Palms

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1. Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a special exception for the use of the property described on the information sheet (page 1) as (give brief description of business): Help a neighbor list their house on Airbnb for the summer.			
2. Will there be any work other than office work (i.e. use of phone, computer, fax, etc.) occurring at this residence? Yes No If yes, please explain:			
3. Will there be any evidence of a business from a visual inspection of the exterior of this residence? Yes No no If yes, please explain:			
4. Will any signs, merchandise, equipment or other articles be displayed in a manner that they are visible from the street? Yes No no			
5. Will there be any business related traffic coming to this residence? Yes No If yes, please explain and give frequency:			
6. Will there be any employees working in this residence other than family members? Yes No			
7. Will any business related activity be conducted on your property, but outside of the house (i.e. in a detached shed or in the yard)? Yes No no			
8. Will any merchandise or articles be stored at any location other than inside this residence? Yes No If yes, explain:			
9. Will more than 25% of the floor of this residence be devoted to the occupation? Yes No			
10. Will any equipment or materials that are not normal to a household be used or stored at this residence in connection with the occupation? Yes No			
11. Will the occupation generate any noise, vibration, heat, glare, smoke, odor, or dust perceptible to your neighbors? Yes No No			
12. Are there currently any other home occupations operating at this residence? Yes Nono			

Describe in full the nature of your occupation, profession, or trade by listing all activities related to such occupation that will be undertaken in your home:
I have experience with STR's as I used to own and manage a few.
My neighbors asked if I would list their house on my AIRBNB account and 'manage' it for them
as a friend since they live out of state. I am not doing it professionally,
— but-the-city is asking-me-to-get-a-business-license-as-l-will-check-messages-and-email———
from guests which makes me 'having an office' out of my house.
In applying for this special exception home occupation, I have answered the questions truthfully and have not omitted any information about my home occupation which, if disclosed, would result in a denial of this application in accordance to section 5-4-7 (a) (b) of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances.
I further acknowledge that, if granted, the special exception home occupation and business license issued under authority of that permit may be revoked if any of the information contained in this application is found to be untruthful or if I fail to meet the requirements of section 5-4-44 and 5-4-2(18): If I have failed to provide information fully describing the home occupation to be conducted on my premises, or at any time the conduct of my home occupation may constitute a nuisance as defined in section 5-4-44 or section 6-1-11, et. Esq., of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances. Any activity which adversely diminishes the residential character of my neighborhood may be cause for revocation of my home occupation. Outdoor advertising is <u>not</u> allowed under this license.
Signature of applicant & date

Appeal Number: 25-14

Applicant: Ryan Good

Address: 1 Myrtle Avenue

Pertinent Zoning Sections:

<u>Section 5-4-2. Definitions. (18) Front yard.</u> means an open area between the front of the building and the front lot line.

<u>Section 5-4-32 SR1 Single family residential district. (6) Minimum yard</u> requirements. (a).

Front yard: 30 feet

<u>Sec. 5-4-47. - Alterations, modifications and repairs to nonconforming structures(b).</u>

Subject to all other applicable provisions of this chapter and other City ordinances, an existing structure, including stairs, which does not comply with the zoning district setback requirements of this chapter may be altered or renovated so long as no part of the structure extends beyond the original footprint of the encroachment.

<u>Section 5-4-12 (f). Additional regulations</u>. Sills, belt course, window air conditioning units, chimneys and cornices may project into a required yard by not more than two feet (2'). Steps may project into a required front yard or rear yard by not more than five feet (5').

<u>Section 5-4-12 (h). Additional regulations.</u> Where a lot abuts on two (2) streets (either a corner lot or a double frontage lot), the lot's front yard setback

requirements must be met on both street sides and the lot's side yard setback requirements must be met on all other sides of the lot.

Section 5-4-5 (b) *Variances*. Pursuant to S.C. Code 1976, § 6-29-800, upon written application filed with the Zoning Administrator, the Board may authorize in specific cases a variance from the terms of the ordinances contained in this chapter when strict application of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. Filing fees set by resolution of City Council from time to time must be paid by the applicant at the time of filing of an application for a variance. Such application shall contain information addressing each of the statutory requirements for variances stated in S.C. Code 1976, § 6-29-800, as amended, all of which must be met. A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board makes and explains in writing the following findings:

- (1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (2) Such conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (3) Because with these conditions, the application of the ordinance or resolution of the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property;
- (4) The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to an adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

The Board may not grant a variance which has the effect of allowing the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district, to physically extend a nonconforming use, or to change the zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably if a variance were granted shall not be considered as a ground for a variance. A claim of unnecessary hardship cannot be based on conditions created by the applicant. A claim of unnecessary hardship cannot be based on financial hardship of the applicant.

In granting a variance, the Board may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area, or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Request:

The applicant is requesting two variances to allow the construction of a new entry porch and set of stairs into the front yard setback. The front stairs are required by the code to be at least 25 feet from the front property line and they are proposed to be 1.73 feet from the line. The front porch is required by the code to be at least

30 feet from the front property line and they are proposed to be 10?? feet from the line.

The existing structure is legal nonconforming, because it predates the zoning code and portions of the structure encroach into the required setbacks. Therefore, in addition to the setback variance request, the applicant is also requesting a variance from the nonconforming structure statutes that prohibit the expansion of a noncompliant structure outside of the original footprint of the encroachment.

Board of Zoning Appeals Variance Application City of Isle of Palms

Applicant Information	
Applicant Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Property Information	
Property Owner or Representative:	:
Subject Property Address:	
Zoning District:	

Variance Approval Criteria

A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board finds that all five of the approval criteria are met. Please explain how your variance request meets all five criteria below.

Please note that the Board may not grant a variance which has the effect of allowing the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district, to physically extend a nonconforming use, or to change the zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably if a variance were granted shall not be considered as a ground for a variance. A claim of unnecessary hardship cannot be based on conditions created by the applicant. A claim of unnecessary hardship cannot be based on financial hardship of the applicant.

1.	Are there extraordinary and exceptional conditions that pertain to this piece of property?
2.	Do these conditions generally apply to other property in the vicinity or are they unique to the subject property?

3. Because of these extraordinary and exceptional conditions, would the application of this Ordinance effectively prohibit the utilization of the property?

4. Because of these extraordinary and exceptional conditions, would the application of this Ordinance unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property?
5. Will the authorization of a variance be a substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good? Will the character of the zoning district be harmed if this variance is granted?
Applicant Signature:
Date:

Codes referenced in Answer #3:

International Fire Code (IFC) 2018, Section 1031.2 requires:

"Exits shall be arranged in a way that provides a direct and unobstructed path of egress travel to a public way." Currently, the home lacks a front exit that leads directly to the street, potentially creating delays in occupant egress or emergency responder access. With all doors at the rear of the house, the structure presents potential obstructions or delays in case of emergency. The addition of a front door and porch would reduce egress distance, improve emergency access, and provide better fire department entry from the street—consistent with both fire safety and first responder access goals under the IFC.

SCRC Section 311.1

Dwellings shall be provided with a means of egress in accordance with this section. The means of egress shall provide a continuous and unobstructed path of vertical and horizontal egress travel from all portions of the dwelling to the required egress door without requiring travel through a garage. The required egress door shall open directly into a public way or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

SCRC Section 3.11.2

Not less than one egress door shall be provided for each dwelling unit. The egress door shall be side-hinged, and shall provide a clear width of not less than 32 inches (813 mm) where measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees (1.57 rad). The clear height of the door opening shall be not less than 78 inches (1981 mm) in height measured from the top of the threshold to the bottom of the stop. Other doors shall not be required to comply with these minimum dimensions. Egress doors shall be readily openable from inside the dwelling without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

SCRC Section 311.3

There shall be a landing or floor on each side of each exterior door. The width of each landing shall be not less than the door served. Landings shall have a dimension of not less than 36 inches (914 mm) measured in the direction of travel. The slope at exterior landings shall not exceed 1/4 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2 percent).

SCRC Section 311.3.1

There shall be a landing or floor on each side of each exterior door. The width of each landing shall be not less than the door served. Landings shall have a dimension of not less than 36 inches (914 mm) measured in the direction of travel. The slope at exterior landings shall not exceed 1/4 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2 percent). This section requires that each exterior door be served by a landing or platform. Since the proposed door will serve as the primary egress and is elevated above grade, a code-compliant landing is necessary.

Exhibit A

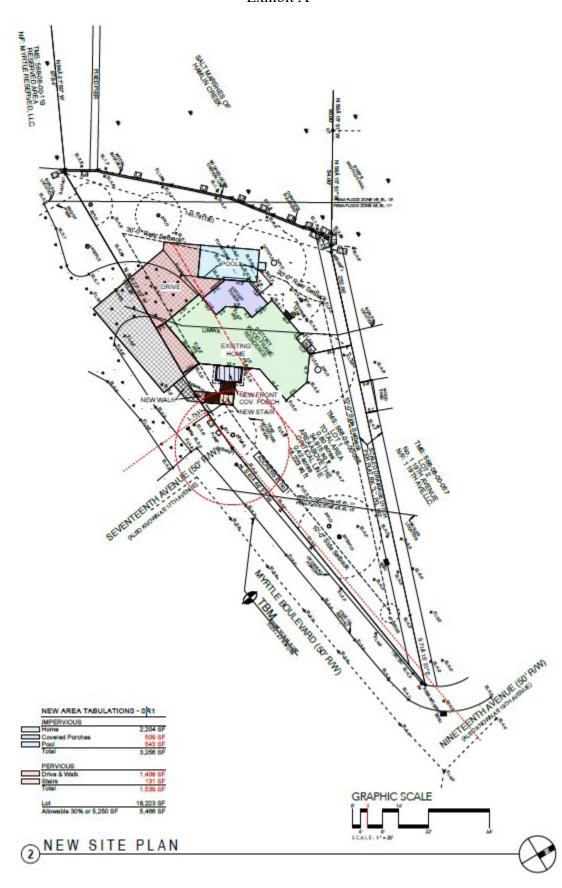


Exhibit B

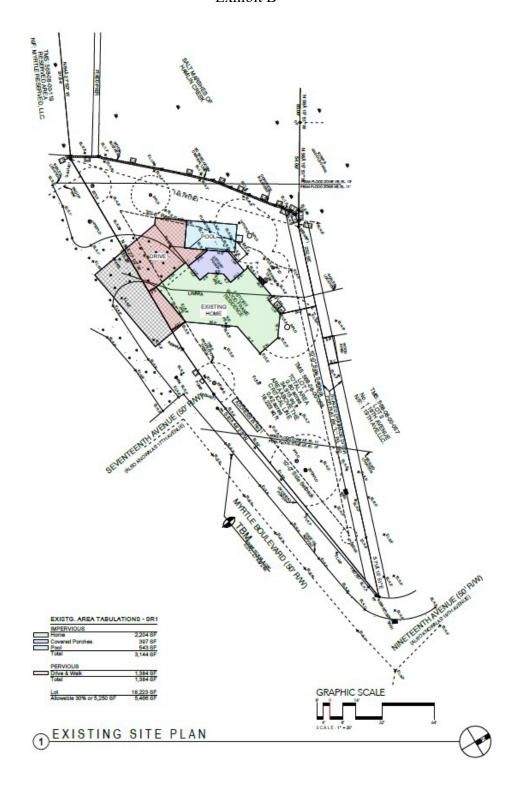


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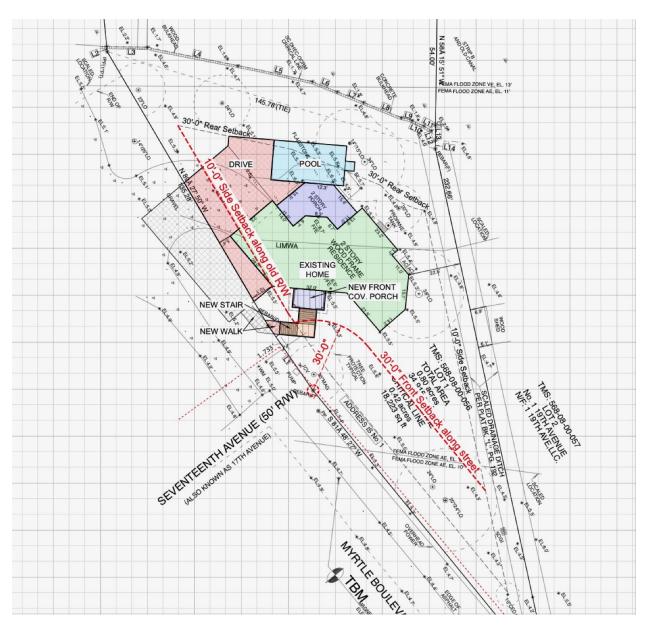
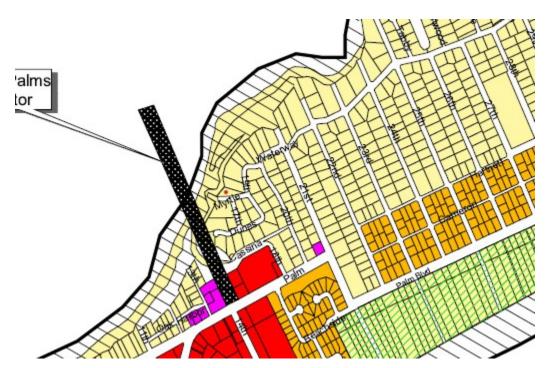
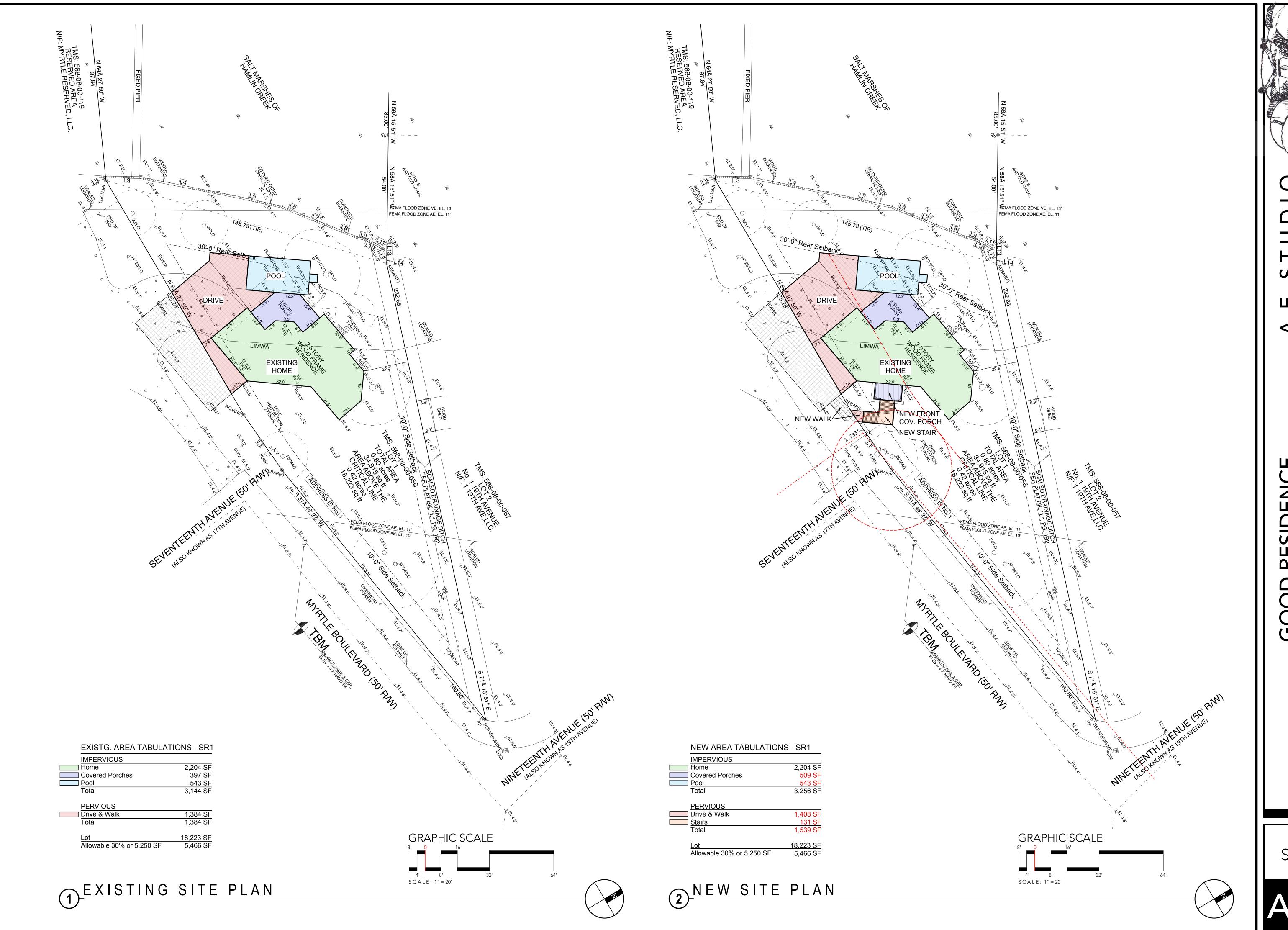
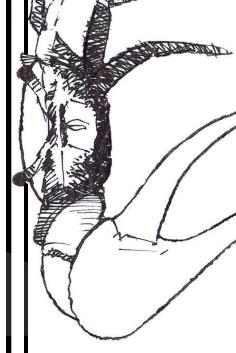


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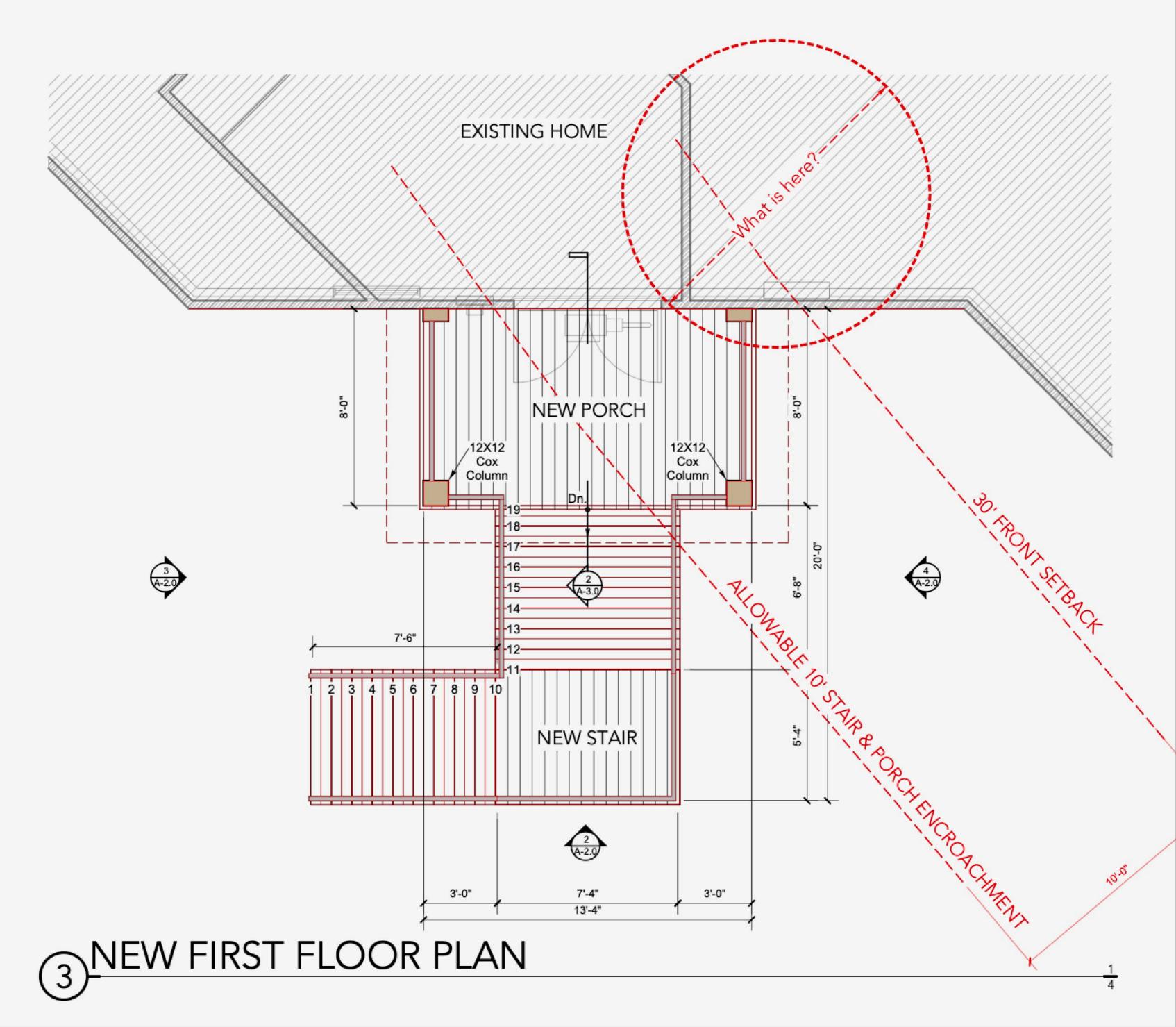
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ISLE OF PAMS, SC 2945

2/11/2025 SITE PLAN

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Board of Zoning Appeals Variance Application City of Isle of Palms

Application Number:	Date Filed:
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Property Information	
Property Owner or Representative	3°,
Subject Property Address:	
Zoning District:	

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5. Will the authorization of a variance be a substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good? Will the character of the zoning district be harmed if this variance is granted?
Applicant Signature:
Date:

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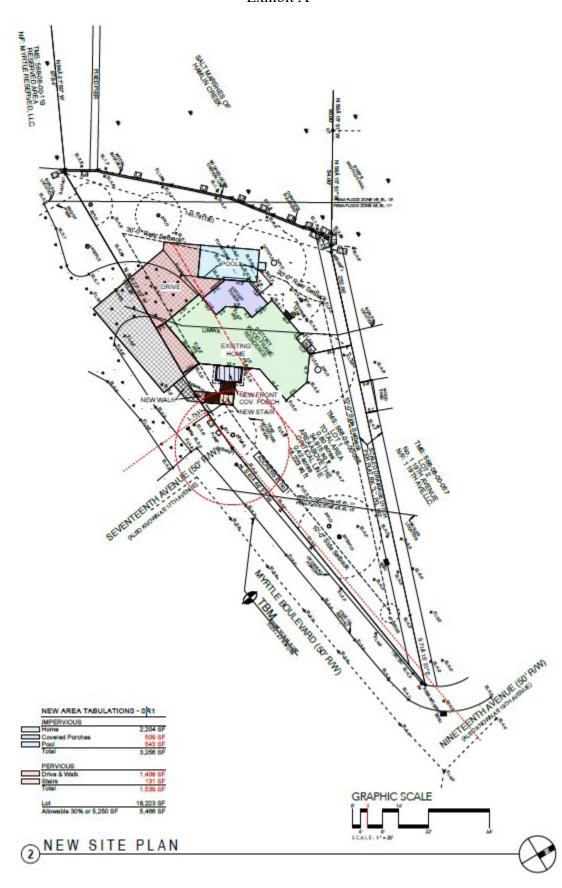


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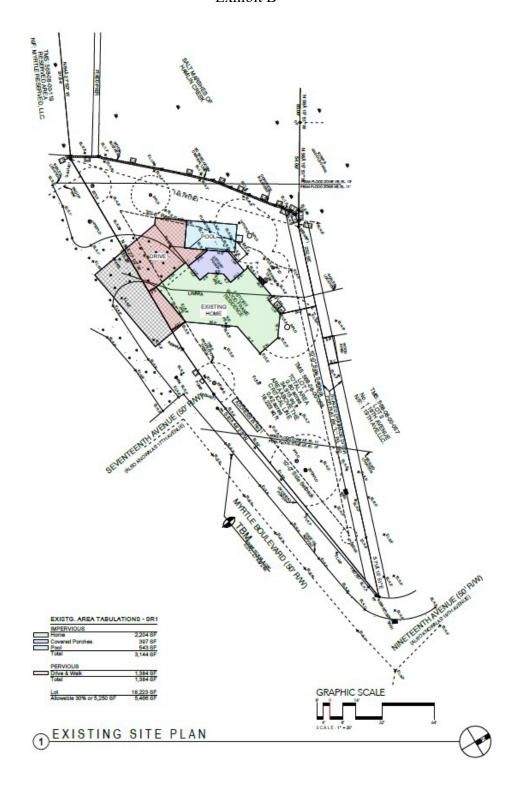


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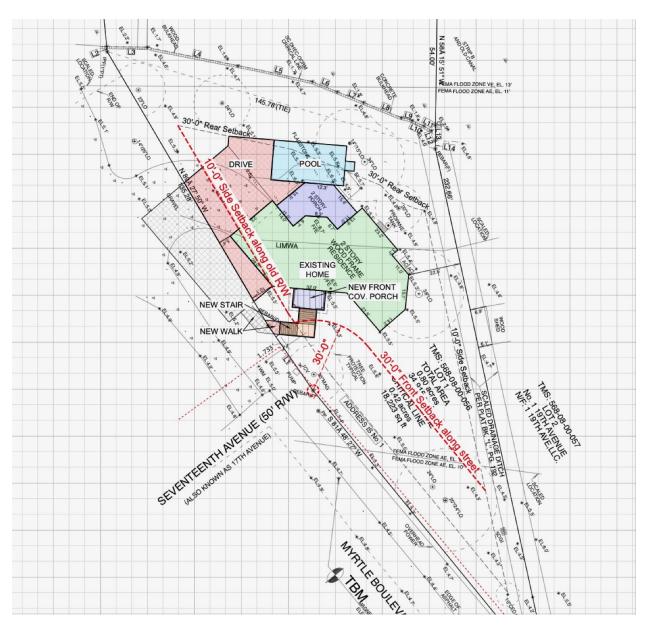


Exhibit D

