

AGENDA VILLAGE OF GLENCOE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

675 Village Court May 1, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Scott Novack, Chair Sara Elsasser Dena Fox Jake Holzman Alex Kaplan Michael Kuppersmith Debbie Ruderman

- 2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 4, 2023 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIATION TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED CORNER SIDE SETBACK FOR A DETACHED GARAGE AT AN UNDER-CONSTRUCTION SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 634 GREENLEAF AVENUE.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Glencoe was called to order by Chairman Scott Novack at 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2023, held in the Council Chambers at Glencoe Village Hall.

Attendee Name	Title	Status			
Zoning Board of Appeals					
Scott Novack	ZBA Chairman	Present			
Sara Elsasser	Member	Present			
Alex Kaplan	Member	Present			
Debbie Ruderman	Member	Present			
Michael Kuppersmith	Member	Present			
Jake Holzman	Member	Present			
Dena Fox	Member	Present			
	Village Staff				
Taylor Baxter	Development Services Manager	Present			
Richard McGowan	Planner	Present			

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2023, ZBA MEETING

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Novack, Elsasser, Kaplan, Kuppersmith, Holzman, Fox
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Ruderman

3. CONSIDERATION OF A VARIATION REQUEST AT 333 SURFSIDE PLACE

Richard McGowan gave a brief overview of the request, explaining that the applicants are seeking a variation from the zoning code to allow in-ground pools to be less than fifty percent of the lot depth at a new single-family residence at 333 Surfside Place.

The requested variation is from the following standard in the Zoning Code:

1. Section 5-101(*E*) – To allow an accessory structure to be less than fifty percent of lot depth from the street, reducing the required front setback from 154.66 feet to 144.25 feet.

Mr. McGowan noted that this code requirement was likely established to prevent accessory structures (such as pools) to be located in front of homes, however, it is very difficult with the Steep Slope zones on lakefront properties and lots on ravines or bluffs as the buildable land in the rear half of the lot is significantly limited. Chairman Novack asked if the pool was too close to Surfside Place and Mr. McGowan noted that the setback requirement that the applicants are seeking a variation for is measured from the street and only applies to accessory structures, whereas a typical front setback is measured from a lot line. Chairman Novack asked if any public comments have been received by the Village – there were none. Board Member Dena Fox noted that the home next door to 333 Surfside Place is vacant as it's for sale. Board Member Michael Kuppersmith asked for details on the feedback received from neighbors. Brenna Decker, an Architect with Konstant Architecture was then sworn in and noted that they went door to door and those neighbors that they were able to get ahold of they received positive responses. Ms. Decker noted that the neighbors that they did not hear from received follow-up letters from the applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Novack thanked the applicant and asked the audience if there are any public comments. No additional comments or questions were made at this time. A motion was made and seconded to approve the requested variance as submitted.

FINDINGS

- 1. The requested variation is within the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 2. Based on the totality of the relevant and persuasive testimony heard and presented, the Zoning Board determines that:
 - a. The requested variation is in harmony with general purpose and intent of the Glencoe Zoning Code.
 - b. There are practical difficulties and there is a hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of Section 5-101 (E) of the Glencoe Zoning Code as applied to the lot in question.
 - c. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.
 - d. The requested variation will not alter the essential character of the locality.

- e. The requested variation will not set a precedent unfavorable to the neighborhood or to the Village as a whole.
- f. The spirit of the Zoning Code will be observed, public safety and welfare will be secured, and substantial justice will be done if the requested variation is granted.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request to allow accessory structures to be located within less than fifty percent of the lot depth at 333 Surfside Place be granted in substantial conformity with the drawings or plans submitted by the owner, and made part of the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decision of the Development Services Manager is hereby reversed insofar as he denied the issuance of a building permit on the aforesaid property for the aforesaid construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this variation shall expire and be of no further force or effect at the end of twelve (12) months unless during said twelve-month period a building permit is issued, and construction begun and diligently pursued to completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread upon the records of the Board and shall become a public record.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Novack, Elsasser, Kaplan, Kuppersmith, Ruderman, Holzman, Fox
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

4. CONSIDERATION OF A VARIATION REQUEST AT 975 EASTWOOD ROAD

Taylor Baxter gave an overview of the case, stating that the applicants are seeking three variations to allow for an addition to an existing single-family residence at 975 Eastwood Road:

- 1. Section 3-111(C) To reduce the required corner side setback from 25 feet to 21 feet, a variation of 14%.
- 2. Section 3-111(C) To reduce the required interior side setback from 10 feet to 8 feet, a variation of 20%.
- 3. Section 3-111(E) To increase the allowable gross floor area from 3,887 square feet to 4,120 square feet, a variation of 5.99%.

Mr. Baxter added that the existing detached garage on the lot is currently nonconforming and is proposed to be removed, and because the rear lot line of 975 Eastwood abuts a side lot line of 420 Sunset Lane, the minimum required corner side yard setback requirement is 25 feet. Mr. Baxter clarified that the applicants are proposing to remove the detached garage, add an attached garage, and add a sunroom due to health and accessibility concerns from a family member.

Mr. Baxter then shared existing and proposed site plans and elevations of the proposed additions, and areas that require variations. Mr. Baxter noted that the Village received written support from the neighbor to the east at 420 Sunset Lane (near the rear lot line). Mr. Baxter clarified that the property currently has a 400 square-foot FAR (gross floor area) exclusion for the detached garage, and because they are now proposing an attached garage, they are no longer eligible for a 400 square-foot FAR exclusion and is a contributing factor as to why they are seeking a gross floor area variation. Chairman Novack asked if the attached garage is moving further away from the rear lot line (east) from where the current detached garage is and Mr. Baxter confirmed that's correct. Chairman Novack noted that this seems pretty straightforward and asked if 965 Eastwood had provided any comment on the request. The homeowner, Drew Barnett was then sworn in. Mr. Barnett said that 965 Eastwood voiced support for the project and would likely be willing to provide written support if necessary. Paul Senka with Sanka Architects was then sworn in. Mr. Senka explained that they did not want to encroach any further than the existing home, and that here's currently a window towards the exterior corner of the building, which lead to the positioning of the screened in porch, and it will also lead to additional living space. Chairman Novack noted that the ZBA tries to be reasonable where they can and especially when neighbors are in support of a requested variation, and the fact that one setback on the east side is actually growing, coupled with technicalities in the FAR exclusions, it makes sense.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Novack thanked the applicants and asked the audience if there are any public comments. No additional comments or questions were made at this time. A motion was made and seconded to approve the requested variance as submitted.

FINDINGS

- 1. The requested variation is within the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 2. Based on the totality of the relevant and persuasive testimony heard and presented, the Zoning Board determines that:
 - a. The requested variation is in harmony with general purpose and intent of the Glencoe Zoning Code.
 - b. There are practical difficulties and there is a hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of Sections 3-111(C) and 3-111(E) of the Glencoe Zoning Code as applied to the lot in question.

- c. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.
- d. The requested variation will not alter the essential character of the locality.
- e. The requested variation will not set a precedent unfavorable to the neighborhood or to the Village as a whole.
- f. The spirit of the Zoning Code will be observed, public safety and welfare will be secured, and substantial justice will be done if the requested variation is granted.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request to reduce the required corner side yard setback, reduce the required interior side setback, and increase the allowable gross floor area at 975 Eastwood Road be granted in substantial conformity with the drawings or plans submitted by the owner, and made part of the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decision of the Development Services Manager is hereby reversed insofar as he denied the issuance of a building permit on the aforesaid property for the aforesaid construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this variation shall expire and be of no further force or effect at the end of twelve (12) months unless during said twelve-month period a building permit is issued, and construction begun and diligently pursued to completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread upon the records of the Board and shall become a public record.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Novack, Elsasser, Kaplan, Kuppersmith, Ruderman, Holzman, Fox
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. CONSIDERATION OF A VARIATION REQUEST AT 350 WASHINGTON AVENUE

Mr. Baxter gave a brief overview of the request, explaining that the applicants are seeking four variations to allow for an addition to an existing single-family residence located in the RC Zoning District.

The requested variations are from the following standard in the Zoning Code:

1. Section 3-111(C) – To reduce the required combined side setback from 17.5 feet to 16.82 feet, a variation of 3.8%.

- 2. Section 3-111(C) To reduce the required front setback from 40.91 feet to 35.73 feet, a variation of 12.6%
- 3. Section 3-111(E) To increase the allowable gross floor area from 3,802 square feet to 4,366.84 square feet square feet, a variation of 14.9%.
- 4. Section 3-111(G) To allow a 23.35-foot setback plane encroachment with the wall of the structure below the eaves. A 26.67-foot intersection would be allowed above the eaves, while no intersection is allowed below the eaves.

Mr. Baxter then shared existing, required, and proposed setbacks from site plans and elevations. Mr. Baxter then explained how the setback plane intersection works and that there are no prescribed variation limits for setback planes, and that the applicants are not expanding the footprint of the ground floor. Chairman Novack noted that he understands the home is from around 1896, which is not necessarily a specific standard but it is nice to see that homeowners are willing to invest and maintain older homes. Chairman Novack asked if a design was contemplated that would not encroach into the setback plane and if the intent of the request was to maximize the gross floor area variation limitation of fifteen percent.

Mr. Baxter then swore in Matthew Keurac, the Architect for the addition. Mr. Keurac said that in order to accommodate the setback plane, they would have to set back the garage approximately 3.5 feet and they felt as though that would hinder the integrity of the project if they were to do that, and they couldn't go lower because the house is six risers up and the floor plates would not allow them to drop the addition to be below the setback plane. As for the square footage, Mr. Keurac referred to the floor plans to explain the accommodation of a family of five plus in-laws that frequently visit as the original design did not anticipate a family of five and two of which who would be working from home. Mr. Keurac then went into detail with the interior layout and the reasons why the space was necessary to accommodate the needs of the family. Chairman Novack asked if there currently isn't a bathroom on the ground floor and Mr. Keurac confirmed that is correct.

Mr. Baxter swore in Chris Sullivan, the homeowner of 350 Washington. Mr. Sullivan noted that he recently switched to a fully-remote job, and so a big objective of this is to accommodate their daily living needs as both he and his wife work from home, and that they were trying to keep the character of the home as much as possible. Chairman Novack asked what the neighbors have said. Mr. Sullivan said that they spoke with the neighbors to the west, the neighbors behind them, and neighbors across the street, but they have not been able to connect with the neighbor to the east. Mr. Keurac and Chairman Novack agreed that the way that the home to the east is positioned, the setback plane should not have a significant impact on it, and they acknowledged that there are not many windows on that side. Chairman Novack noted that he prefers to hear directly from the neighbor, and then asked which news outlet the public notice went through and Mr. Baxter noted "Glencoe News" in addition the staff's notice to neighbors within 200 feet of the property. Chairman Novack added that it helps there are mature arborvitae in the area.

Board Member Kuppersmith said that he generally does not like to see a large increase in FAR but given the constraints here, older home, and input from the Architect, he is inclined to support the request. Board Member Fox said that it is helpful that they are preserving and older

home and Board Member Debbie Ruderman agreed. Chairman Novack said that if this was new construction it would be a much different request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Novack thanked the applicant and asked the audience if there are any public comments.

Jody and Larry Dickstein of 354 Washington were then sworn in and voiced full support for this project – Mr. Dickstein noted that the ZBA should give greater consideration to projects that are preserving older homes. Ms. Dickstein said that the applicants are extremely kind and always ask for their permission on things they don't need to ask for permission for, and added that her and her husband used to live in the subject home located at 350 Washington so they know the interior space is limited. Chairman Novack thanked the Dicksteins.

No other public comments were made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the requested variance as submitted.

FINDINGS

- 1. The requested variation is within the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 2. Based on the totality of the relevant and persuasive testimony heard and presented, the Zoning Board determines that:
 - a. The requested variation is in harmony with general purpose and intent of the Glencoe Zoning Code.
 - b. There are practical difficulties and there is a hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of Sections 5-101 (C), 5-101 (E), and 3-111 (G) of the Glencoe Zoning Code as applied to the lot in question.
 - c. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.
 - d. The requested variation will not alter the essential character of the locality.
 - e. The requested variation will not set a precedent unfavorable to the neighborhood or to the Village as a whole.
 - f. The spirit of the Zoning Code will be observed, public safety and welfare will be secured, and substantial justice will be done if the requested variation is granted.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request to reduce the required combined setback, reduce the required front setback, increase the allowable gross floor area, and to allow a setback plane encroachment greater than the code allows at 350 Washington Avenue be granted in substantial conformity with the drawings or plans submitted by the owner, and made part of the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decision of the Development Services Manager is hereby reversed insofar as he denied the issuance of a building permit on the aforesaid property for the aforesaid construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this variation shall expire and be of no further force or effect at the end of twelve (12) months unless during said twelve-month period a building permit is issued, and construction begun and diligently pursued to completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread upon the records of the Board and shall become a public record.

RESULT: AYES:	ACCEPTED Novack, Elsasser, Kaplan, Kuppersmith, Ruderman, Holzman, Fox
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Novack asked the audience if there were any public comments on non-agenda items. No public comments on non-agenda items were made.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
AYES:	Novack, Elsasser, Kaplan, Kuppersmith, Ruderman, Holzman, Fox
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None



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Zoning Board of Appeals Memorandum - 634 Greenleaf Ave.

DATE:	April 21, 2023
то:	Zoning Board of Appeals
FROM:	Taylor Baxter, AICP, Development Services Manager
SUBJECT:	Consideration of variation to reduce the required corner side setback for a detached garage at an under-construction single-family home

Background: The applicant has requested a variation to reduce the required corner side setback for a detached garage at an under-construction single-family home from 50 feet to 40 feet. The subject property is a corner lot on which the rear property line is the side property line of the adjacent property to the west, which results in special setback requirements for detached accessory structures. Without a variation, the builder has three options for the garage location:

1. If located at least 25 feet from the rear (west) property line, the garage can utilize the typical corner side (Hazel Avenue) setback of 25 feet; or

2. If located at least 50 feet from the corner side (Hazel Avenue) property line, it can utilize the typical rear (west) setback of five feet; or

3. If at least 12 feet from the rear property line, the required corner side setback is 34.97 feet (based on the setback of the neighboring house to the west).

During permitting of the under-construction house, the applicant used Option 3, with a rear setback of 12 feet and a corner side setback of 40 feet. The applicant is now requesting a variation from Option 2, with the 50-foot corner side setback requirement reduced to 40 feet for a garage with a five-foot rear setback. This reduction would only apply to the detached garage. No variations have been requested for the house itself.

Variation Request:

The requested variation is from the following standard in the Zoning Code:

1. Section 3-111(C) – To reduce the required corner side setback for a detached structure with a rear setback of five feet from 50 feet to 40 feet, a variation of 20%.

The ZBA may grant variations to reduce the required setback by up to 20%.

	Existing	Required	Proposed	Variation %
Corner Side Setback (for accessory	N/A	50 ft	40 ft	20%
structure with 5' rear setback)				

Analysis: The Zoning Code includes the following standards for the consideration of variation requests:

1.) General Standard. No variation shall be granted pursuant to this Section unless the applicant shall establish that carrying out the strict letter of the provisions of this Code would create a particular hardship or a practical difficulty. Such a showing shall require proof that the variation being sought satisfies each of the standards set forth in this subsection.

The applicant has stated that the proposed garage location would not have a detrimental impact on neighboring properties, would be located further from Hazel Avenue than the house immediately to the west, and would not be highly visible from this neighboring property. The applicant also noted that this lot is undersized in the RA zoning district.

2.) Unique Physical Condition. The subject property is exceptional as compared to other lots subject to the same provision by reason of a unique physical condition, including presence of an existing use, structure, or sign, whether conforming or nonconforming; irregular or substandard shape or size; exceptional topographical features; or other extraordinary physical conditions peculiar to and inherent in the subject property that amount to more than a mere inconvenience to the owner and that relate to or arise out of the lot rather than the personal situation of the current owner of the lot.

The corner lot is undersized for the RA zoning district. The adjacent neighbor to the west at 244 Hazel Avenue has a large oak tree close to the shared lot line to the southwest of the proposed garage, which is approximately 32 feet from the approved garage location. The proposed garage location would be approximately five feet closer to this tree. At the same time, the applicant could relocate the garage without a variation to a location significantly closer to the tree.

The location of the neighboring house to the west of the proposed garage is also somewhat unique in that it is within the required 12-foot side setback at a distance of 9.5 feet from the side property line. This would put this house 14.5 feet from the side of the proposed garage. At its closest point, this house is 24.97 feet from the Hazel Avenue property line.

3.) Not Self-Created. The aforesaid unique physical condition is not the result of any action or inaction of the owner, or of the owner's predecessors in title and known to the owner prior to acquisition of the subject property, and existed at the time of the enactment of the provisions from which a variation is sought or was created by natural forces or was the result of governmental action, other than the adoption of this Code, for which no compensation was paid.

None of the unique characteristics of the lot are self-created. At the same time, the underconstruction house is a complete teardown and replacement.

4.) Not Merely Special Condition. The alleged hardship or difficulty is not merely the inability of the owner or occupant to enjoy some special privilege or additional right not available to owners or occupants of other lots subject to the same provision, nor merely an inability to make more money from the use of the subject property; provided, however, that where the standards herein set out

exist, the existence of an economic hardship shall not be a prerequisite to the grant of an authorized variation.

The proposed variation would not merely be to make more money from the subject property and is not merely due to economic hardship.

5.) Code and Plan Purposes. The variation would not result in a use or development of the subject property that would be not in harmony with the general and specific purposes for which this Code and the provision from which a variation is sought were enacted.

The proposed addition would be unlikely to result in a development that is significantly out of harmony with the purposes of the Code. The proposed garage is relatively small and would be set back further from the street than the house immediately to the west. At the same time, the special setback requirements for corner lots such as the subject property are intended to provide additional separation between accessory structures and the sides of adjacent houses. Without a variation, the garage could be located as already approved: 12 feet from the rear property line.

6.) Essential Character of the Area. The variation would not result in a use or development on the subject property that:

(a) Would be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the enjoyment, use, development, or value of property or improvements permitted in the vicinity; or
(b) Would materially impair an adequate supply of light and air to the properties and improvements in the vicinity; or

- (c) Would substantially increase congestion in the public streets due to traffic or parking; or
- (d) Would unduly increase the danger of flood or fire; or
- (e) Would unduly tax public utilities and facilities in the area; or
- (f) Would endanger the public health or safety.

The proposed garage location would be unlikely to have any impact on parking, traffic, fire, utilities, or public safety. At the same time, it would be located 14.5 feet from the neighboring house to the west, which is within the required side setback, rather than the 21.5 feet of separation required for a garage with the proposed corner side setback. This may be mitigated by the fact that the house to the west does not have any windows on the wall adjacent to the proposed garage, although windows could potentially be added to the existing house or a future house on the property.

Stormwater management and flooding is an ongoing issue in this area. Regardless of the location of the garage, new stormwater management infrastructure will be installed as part of the construction of the new home on the property. Any change in the approved garage location, with or without a variation, will trigger new engineering review to ensure compliance with stormwater management requirements. The Village Engineer has provided a statement regarding stormwater on this site, which is included in this agenda packet.

This variation request received printed public notice at least 15 days prior to the public hearing. Additionally, owners of properties within 200 feet of the subject property were notified.

Recommendation: Based on the materials presented and the public hearing, it is the recommendation of staff that the variation request be <u>approved or denied</u>. The Board may consider conditions of approval, including fencing and screening requirements.

Motion: The Zoning Board of Appeals may make a motion as follows:

Move to <u>approve/deny</u> the request for a variation to reduce the required corner side setback for a detached garage at 634 Greenleaf Avenue, in substantial accordance with the plans provided with this application.



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Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Application

Section A: Application Information

Check all that apply:

Request for variation(s) from the zoning code						
Appeal of an order, determination, or decision made by Village staff based on the zoning code						
Subject property address: <u>634</u> Greenleaf Avenue, Glencoe,						
Applicant name:	Applicant phone: 312-286-9012					
Applicant email:						
Owner name (if different from applicant): 634 Greenleaf, LLC						
Owner phone: <u>Same as Applicant</u> Owner er	nail: Same as Applicant					

Brief description of project:

We are constructing a new home with a detached garage. Under the building code, the general rule is that a detached garage can be located 5 feet from the rear lot line. However, there is an exception to that rule when the rear lot line is shared with a side lot line for another property. That is the situation here -- we share our rear lot line with the side lot line for the property located at 244 Hazel Avenue, so it must be setback 12 feet from

Variation request(s):

Our building plans that have been approved by the Village include a detached garage that will be located 12 feet from the rear lot line and 40 feet from our side setback line along Hazel Avenue. We are requesting a zoning variance to place the detached garage 5 feet from the rear lot line (which is the general rule for detached garages) and 40 feet from the side setback line along Hazel Avenue.



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Section B: Standards for Variations

For applications for variations, provide a brief response to the following prompts. Use this form or attach a separate letter to this application. The full text of the standards for the approval of variations can be found in Sec. 7-403(e) of the zoning code.

1. Why are the requested variations necessary? What hardship or practical difficulty would result if they are not approved? Include a description of any exceptional physical characteristics of the property (for example, unusual size, shape, topography, existing uses or structures, etc.), if applicable.

The primary hardship is that we have one of the smallest R-A zoned lots that is also a corner lot. We are trying to design our home in a way that maintains the look and aesthetic of the neighborhood while also providing the best chance to preserve the neighbor's oak tree in the backyard of 244 Hazel Avenue. The constrained size of the corner lot has presented practical difficulties in designing a home, which has caused a hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the zoning code of the Village.

However, our requested variance is designed to maintain the essential character and aesthetic of the immediate vicinity and the Village as a whole. We do not believe that the requested variation will set a precedent unfavorable to the neighborhood as the general rule is for detached garages to be situated 5 feet from the rear lot line. And by doing so here, we will be able to erect a detached garage that is much more aesthetically pleasing and consistent with the other detached garages in the Village.

The requested variation is within the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals and does not exceed those variances that the Zoning Board of Appeals has been empowered to grant. We are also not requesting any enlargement of our permitted square footage as part of this request.



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2. Describe how the proposed variations would result in a development that is not detrimental to adjacent or nearby properties or the public good.

It would not be detrimental to the adjacent property in a few respects. First, it would allow us to erect the detached garage while maintaining an additional 10 feet from the neighbor's old oak tree. This will provide a greater likelihood of survival. Next, it will not be detrimental to the neighbor's property because the detached garage would be adjacent to a brick wall that has no windows, so the neighbor would not be looking out on a garage. Third, the detached garage would be setback further than the front yard setback of the house at 244 Hazel Avenue, so there is no way that the detached garage would be in the line of sight of the owners at 244 Hazel Avenue -- from the front or rear of their home.

3. Describe any efforts the applicant has made to solicit feedback on the proposed variations from neighboring or nearby property owners or residents. What was the result of these efforts?

We did not solicit feedback from our neighbor at 244 Hazel Avenue because we previously solicited feedback when we initially submitted a zoning application prior to obtaining our building permit and while the owner at 244 Hazel Avenue had expressed to us his support for our new home, he then submitted comments to the Zoning Commission objecting to our planned zoning variance. As a result, we did not believe there was any need to approach the neighbor at this time.

Section C: Petition for Appeal

Provide a separate letter describing the order, determination, procedures, or failure to act being appealed. <u>Applicants</u> only applying for variations from the zoning code do not need to provide this letter.



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Section D: Acknowledgement and Signature

✓ I hereby acknowledge that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant's signature

04/03/2023

Date

Owner's signature (if different than applicant)

Date

	APPROVE	D	ETERAR PATES E		GENERAL MECHANICAL NOTES	
1.	All work shall be done in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.	<u> </u>	GENERAL CARPENTRY NOTES	1.		
2.	It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to report any errors or inconsistencies found in the drawings in writing to the Architect before proceeding with affected	1.	All carpentry work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.		and accepted engineering practices.	
	work, or be responsible for all unauthorized deviations from the plans.	2.	All exterior walls and bearing partitions shall have double top plates with 48" lap (min.).	2.	All ductwork shall be sized, designed and constructed in accord guidelines using 26 gauge galvanized steel.	
3.	All notes marked "Typical" on the drawings are to be understood as "Typical for all other similar situations found on the drawings for the job.	3.	All exterior headers to be 2-2 x 12's (minimum) unless noted otherwise.	3.		
4.	On—site verification of all dimensions, conditions and exact fit and proper completion of the work shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.	4.	All structural lumber shall be kiln—dried No. 2 or better Douglas Fir, with F—1150 (minimum) and all lumber being properly grade stamped.	4.	evenly spaced). All branch supply lines to be 6 inch round unless specified othe	
5.	DO NOT SCALE THESE DRAWINGS.	5.	Provide either solid or diagonal cross-bridging between all joists at 8'-0" maximum.	5.	with dampers to permit balancing of the system. All dryer, range, bathroom and laundry room exhaust ductwork s	
6.	Structural steel shall confirm to the ASTM Specification A-36 and the "Specification	6.	Install blocking for bath accessories, closet rods, beams, etc.	J.	suitable exterior caps with backdraft dampers.	
	for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings", latest edition, as published by the American Institute of Steel Cons. All steel	7.	Do NOT cut or notch joists, rafters, trusses or bearing studs.	6.	Combustion air intakes when required depending on furnace loca in accordance with KFPA 54.	
	connections are to be bolted, welded, or riveted in place.	8.	Firestop horizontally and vertically at soffits and plumbing and heating openings.	7.	All floor diffusers shall be 4 inches by 10 inches, all wall diffuse	
7.	Verify all gas, electric, telephone, TV, security, intercom and requirements with Owner.	9.	Provide 2x blocking between studs at rim line of all tubs and showers.		be 6 inches by 10 inches.	
	GENERAL SITE WORK NOTES	10.	All corner posts shall be not less than 3 studs.	8.	All supply or return air ductwork passing through attics or in ur be insulated with 3/4" thick fiberglass minimum.	
1.	Excavate, backfill, compact, and grade the site to the elevations shown on the drawings and as needed to meet the requirements of the construction shown	11.	Wood sill plates on top of foundation shall be placed on Portland Cement grout. USE OF WOOD SHIMS IS PROHIBITED	9.	All supply, return and exhaust duct openings shall be screened to prevent the entrance of foreign matter into the system.	
	in the Contract Documents.	12.	Plywood sub flooring to be glued and nailed as specified by the American Plywood Assoc.	10.	Duct all exhaust fans, dryer, range and oven exhausts to the o	
2.	Use topsoil scraped from the area of new building construction and from sources outside the project limits as required.	13.	Align joists and rafters over bearing studs whenever possible.	11. 12.		
3.	Excavate and backfill in a manner and sequence that will provide proper drainage at all times. For each classification listed below, place acceptable soil materials	14.	Provide barricades around all stairs openings and other large opening in the deck until otherwise protected.	GEI	VERAL HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING NOTES:	
	in layers to required subgrade elevations: A. In excavations: use satisfactory excavated or borrow material.	15.	Cut all required HVAC openings and chimney openings as directed.		ating system shall be designed to maintain 70 F inside temperature -0" above the floor when the outside air temperature is —10 F with	
	B. Under asphalt pavements: use subbase materials C. Under building slabs: use granular fill.	16.	Cleanup all scrap and debris daily.	air	air conditioning to cool to 70 F inside when outside air temperature i	
4.	Control soil compaction during construction to provide the minimum percentage of	17.	Provide generator if power is not available.		PLUMBING NOTES	
	density specified for each area as determined according to ASTM D-1557.	18.	Provide additional 2x rim joist blocking under all bearing cripples at openings exceeding 5 feet.	1.	All plumbing work shall be in strict conformance with all applicab	
	GENERAL CONCRETE NOTES	19	Provide 2-2x solid blocking above steel beams at all bearing cripples hitting wood	2.	Plastic (PVC) piping for waste and vent shall conform to the l for residential use. 3. Underground sewer (interior and exterior	
1.	All concrete work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.	15.	deck above.		note: (SCH-35 IS UNACCEPTABLE)	
2.	All footings to rest on undisturbed soil or compacted fill at 95% ASTM compaction.	20.	Furnish and install miscellaneous metal flashing at the tops of door, windows, overhead doors, trim, etc. where required.	4.	All under grounded piping shall be Type K copper with flared fitt	
3.	All footings to be designed for 3000 psf soil bearing capacity.	21.		5.	All suspended water piping shall be Type L copper with 95/5 sol for all copper pipe joints.	
4.	All reinforcing bars are to be ASTM Grade 40.		steel beams and columns.	6.	Provide 24" air chamber height for risers & showers.	
5.	All welded wire mesh to conform to ASTM 815-61T.	22.	Provide use of a crane to set steel when loads are in excess of what can be managed safely by hand.	7.	Provide 12" air chamber at each hot and cold line at every fixtu	
6.	All concrete to mixed and placed in accordance with ACI Standards.	23.	When installing roof sheathing, allow 1/8" spacing at ends of panels and 1/4" at	8.	Provide Y connection from dishwasher to disposal.	
7.	Protect all concrete from adverse weather.		sides of panels. Use of H-clips is preferred.	9.	Provide clean outs at every change in drain direction greater the	
8.	All basement and crawl space window area wells to be covered with metal grates and have drains to footing drain tile below (if any).	24.	Carpenter contractor to furnish all necessary fasteners.	10.	All supply lines exposed to view in living, bath or dressing areas	
9.	Break off all wall ties and fill with mastic before proofing.		GENERAL INSULATION NOTES	11.	All plumbing fixtures shall be provided with a water-saving device flow rate not in excess of the maximum rates published by the of Transportation in Rules and Procedures for Lake Michigan Allo	
10.	All exposed concrete to have min. 5% to max. 7% air entrapment.	1.	All insulation work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.	12.	Provide shutoff valves at each hot and cold water line at every	
11.	Footing drain tile (if any) to be placed so as to provide positive drainage to sump pit.	2.	All exterior stud walls and house/garage common walls shall be insulated with cellulose	12.		
12.	Provide interior footing drain tile when deemed necessary by local conditions.		or fiberglass bat insulation as alternate-see Typical Construction Notes for thickness.	13.	5 5	
13.	Concrete to be ready—mixed, 3000 psi (min.), 28 day strength (6 bag mix) to be poured continuously whenever possible.	3.	All rim and box joists between top of foundation and roof line shall be insulated with same material used for exterior walls unless the plans specify a greater amount.	14. 15.		
14.	No concrete is to poured into standing water or when temperature is below 40 F.	4.	Concrete walls in crawl space shall be insulated with semi-rigid insulation glued to foundation wall from to of grade to crawl space floor-see Typical Construction		GENERAL ELECTRICAL NOTES	

- 14. No concrete is to poured into standing water or when temperature is below 40 F. 15. Interior flatwork to receive smooth steel trowel finish. Exterior flatwork to receive
- 16. Tops of all concrete walls and slabs shall not very more then 1/8 plus or minus from the grades and levels shown on the drawings
- 17. A vertical plastic barrier connecting footing and foundation shall be provided to keep out water
- GENERAL MASONRY NOTES 1. All masonry work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.
- 2. The Subcontractor and/or contractor shall protect his work and the work of others from damage
- during the course of construction All mortar joints shall be finished with a smooth tooled concave or beveled surface
- 4. All chimneys shall be topped with a brick and/or concrete cap as shown on the plans Provide a minimum of 1 "slope from flue tile to edge of chimney to assure water CAP TO BE HELD TIGHT TO FLUE TILE(S) ALL AROUND TO PREVENT ENTRANCE OF WATER INTO THE MASONRY FROM ABOVE. All flue tiles shall project a minimum 2" above the top of the chimney cap. Chimney shall receive cover/mesh to prevent animal access.
- All brick at edges and ends of hearths, rowlocks and sills shall be solid when such prick is available. When not available, cut brick faces may be substituted
- Sub-constractor shall acid-wash and thoroughly rinse with clear water all interior and exterior brick and stone work, leaving them clean and free of latent cement, mortar and dirt.
- Subcontractor shall furnish and install all steel angles required over openings as sized in the Lintel Schedule shown on the plans. All lintels shall have a shop-applied coat of rust inhibiting paint.
- 8. Provide weep holes at 33" spacing maximum base course unless required otherwise
- by ordinance.
- 9. Provide 1/2" galvanized metal wall ties at 16" O.C. horizontally and 16" O.C. vertically unless required otherwise by ordinance.
- 10. Provide continuous 12 mil polyethylene base flashing or 15% felt behind brick to 2'-0" above top of foundation. Trim off all exposed flashing upon completion. 12. All mortar to be mixed as per manufacturer's recommendations and per ASTM
- standards. No mortars standing for more than one (1) hour shall be used. Sand and water shall be clean.
- 13. Subcontractor shall heat all materials as required by prevailing weather conditions, and shall protect all completed work from adverse weather.
- 14. Grout all beam pockets in basement and crawl spaces.
- 15. Grout around all metal flues where they enter masonry.
- 16. Grout around all exterior light fixtures, outlets, hose bibbs and wall vents. 17. Subcontractor shall furnish, fabricate and install all formwork necessary for the proper
- completion of his work as shown on the drawing.
- 18. Subcontractor shall be prohibited from driving equipment or storing materials over the existing or future well, septic or utility installations.
- 19. Provide 3/4" plywood gauge blocking behind all interior masonry to accept the addition of drywall in the future
 - GENERAL DRYWALL NOTES
- 1. All drywall work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances. All drywall shall be of the type and thickness specified on the plans or in the
- Typical Construction Notes
- 3. All ceiling drywall placed under unheated and insulated spaces shall be foil-bscked 4. Fire code drywall, in amounts sufficient to produce the required fire rating, must be
- installed to meet local codes.
- 5. "Water Resistant" drywall shall be installed at all tub and shower alcoves. 6. All drywall joints on walls and ceilings shall be finished as follows:
- Done coat of "Smooth Wall" bedding cement Tape badded in joint cement
- Two coats of topping cement Smooth sanded finish
- e. All nail heads shall receive one coat of bedding cement and two coats of topping cement.
- All drywall shall be glue-nailed or glue-screwed in accordance with Manufacturer's mmendations and Underwriter Laboratory requirement
- Metal corner bead shall be installed at all outside corners of ceilings, walls, drywall opening, bi-fold door openings (inside of closets only), and soffits. Such metal beads shall receive one coat of bedding cement and two coats of topping cement.
- 9. Drywall and corner bead in all dry walled doorways and at all bi-fold door openings shell be fitted and finished tight to sub-floor.
- 10. Upon completion of drywall applications, the Subcontractor shall scrap out and remove from the site all drywall waste.
- 11. Upon completion of taping operation, the Subcontractor shall scrap and sweep all floors leaving same broom clean.

- Concrete walls in crawl space shall be insulated with semi-rigid insulation glued to foundation wall from to of grade to crawl space floor-see Typical Construction Notes for thickness.
- Loose cellulose insulation shall be tightly packed around all exterior door and window frames and in all exterior wall spaces to small to receive batts.
- 6. See Typical Construction Notes for type and location of vapor barrier.
- 1. See Typical Construcion Notes for type and thickness of insulation. Blown—in insulation, when used, must be installed in strict accordance with manufacturer's recomendations and Federal standarts as to pounds per square foo
- and density required 3. Provide installer's certificate setting forth the type and R-value of the insulation
- material being installed Whenever two or more layers of batt insulation are specified, lay batts at right
- angles to the layer immediately below.
- 5. Furnish 4 inch thick styrofoam insulation for all attic access panels in insulated ceilings. Styrofoam shall be cut to the same size as the access panel and be bonded to it with an adhesive approved for such materials.,

GENERAL SEALANTS AND CAULKING NOTES

- Throughout the work, seal and calk joints where shown on the drawings, and elsewhere as required, to provide a positive barrier against passage of moisture and passage of air.
- Provide two-component, rubber-based compound,stating on its label compliance with Fed Spec TT-S-00227c, in color or colors approved by architect.
- Provide primers, backup materials bond-preventative materials, and other materials
- required for a complete and proper installation. Throughly and completely mask joints where the appearance of sealant on adjacent
- surfaces would be objectionable Install materials in strict accordance with the recommendations of their manufacturers, tooling the joints to a neat smooth profile.
- GENERAL ROOFING AND SHEET METAL NOTES
- 1. All roofing work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.
- 2. All shingles shall be of the type and weight specified on the building elevations, and laid in accordance with Manufacturer's recommendations, using four (4) galvanized hot-dipped nails per shingle.
- 3. All starter courses of shingles shall be doubled.

GENERAL DRAINTILE NOTES

to sump location or daylight drain

with not less than 6 inches of stone.

- 4. All ridges and hips shall be shingled with the roofing material so specified in item 1 above.
- 5. All valleys shall be shingled with the roofing material so specified in item 1 above.
- 6. All shingles on roof slopes of 4 in 12 or steeper pitch shall be underlaid with 15lb. asphalt impregnated felt. Such felt shall be lapped 2 inches at head joints and 6 inches
- at end joints and doubles in all shingles valleys.
- 7. On roof pitches less than 4 in 12, 30 lb. asphalt impregnated felt shall be installed in accordance with the specifications in item 5 above.
- 8. All shingles at gable ends and eave overhangs shall project over fascia board by 3/8 of an inch. Such projections shall be straight and uniform.
- 9. Metal "Baby Shingles" shall be installed at the intersection of vertical surfaces and
- the ends of shingle courses 10. Roofing subcontractor shall clean up all scrap and debris caused by his work at the
- end of each working day.
- 11. Provide flashing and sheet metal not specifically described in other sections of the se specifications but required to prevent penetration of water through the exterior shell of the building, complying with pertinent recommendations contained in current edition of SMAACNA'S "Architectural Sheet Metal Manual".
- 12. Where sheet metal is required, and no material or gage is indicated on the drawings, provide the highest gage and quality commensurate with the referenced standard.

1. All drain tile work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances.

pipe (FHA approved) laid on a bed of not less than 2 inches of stone and covered

2. Drain tile shall be installed in all areas where shown on the plans with appositive slope

3. Drain tile shall be extra heavy, 4 inch diameter, flexible corrugated perforated plastic

5. Sump pump shall be 2 inch Hydromatic #SD20 or approved equal with PVC plastic

discharge firmly supported with two brackets fastened to foundation wall.

Window well drains shall be installed at all crawl space and basement window

areawells extending from appoint 2 inches above the level of the gravel fill in the area well down to connection to the footing draintile.

6. Discharge pipe shall be pitched to the outside and discharge to storm sewer with a min. 1" air gap. Discharge pipe opening shall be caulked.

Sump pits shall be of plastic and shall be equipped with metal covers.

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e at every fixture.

or crawl space

mounted furnace

1. All electrical work shall be in strict conformance with all applicable codes and ordinances. 2. All interior outlets shall be of the 3 prong grounded type.

3. Outlets in kitchen to be installed at 46 inches above the floor unless it notes

4. Outlets in bathrooms to be installed at 42 inches above the floor. 5. All other outlets to be installed at 12 inches above the floor.

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ROOF PLAN

10. Timers shall be provided for bathroom fans

6. Wall switches to be installed at 46 inches above the floor.

7. All powered circuits shall be legibly labeled at the circuit breaker panel. 8. All outlets and or switch boxes shall be located so as to eliminate the occurrence

9. All outlets in bathrooms to be equipped with ground fault devices.

11. Dimmer switches shall be provided for bedroom, dinning room, kitchen, family room

12. Contractor shall carry casualty insurance of fire, rain, etc. ALL CONTRACTORS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND

LOCAL BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES WITHOUT RECOURSE TO GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN AND PAY FOR ALL PERMITS FEES, LICENSES ETC. AS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE THAT

ALL SUBCONTRACTORS LIKEWISE PAY FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT PERMITS FEES ALL CONTRACTORS SHALL CARRY THEIR OWN WORKMEN COMPENSA- TION AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND SHALL PROTECT THE OWNER, ARCHITECT AND

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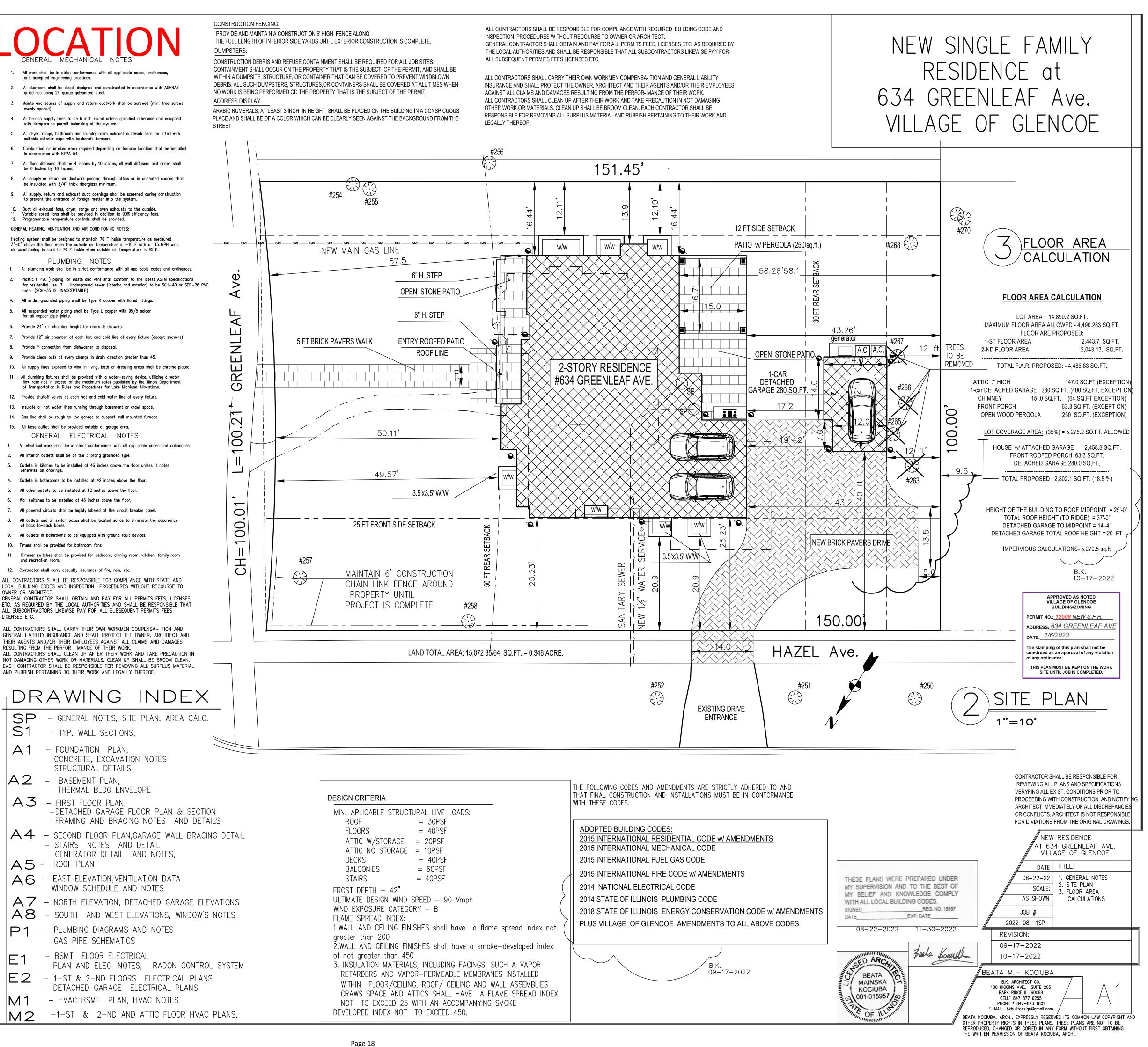
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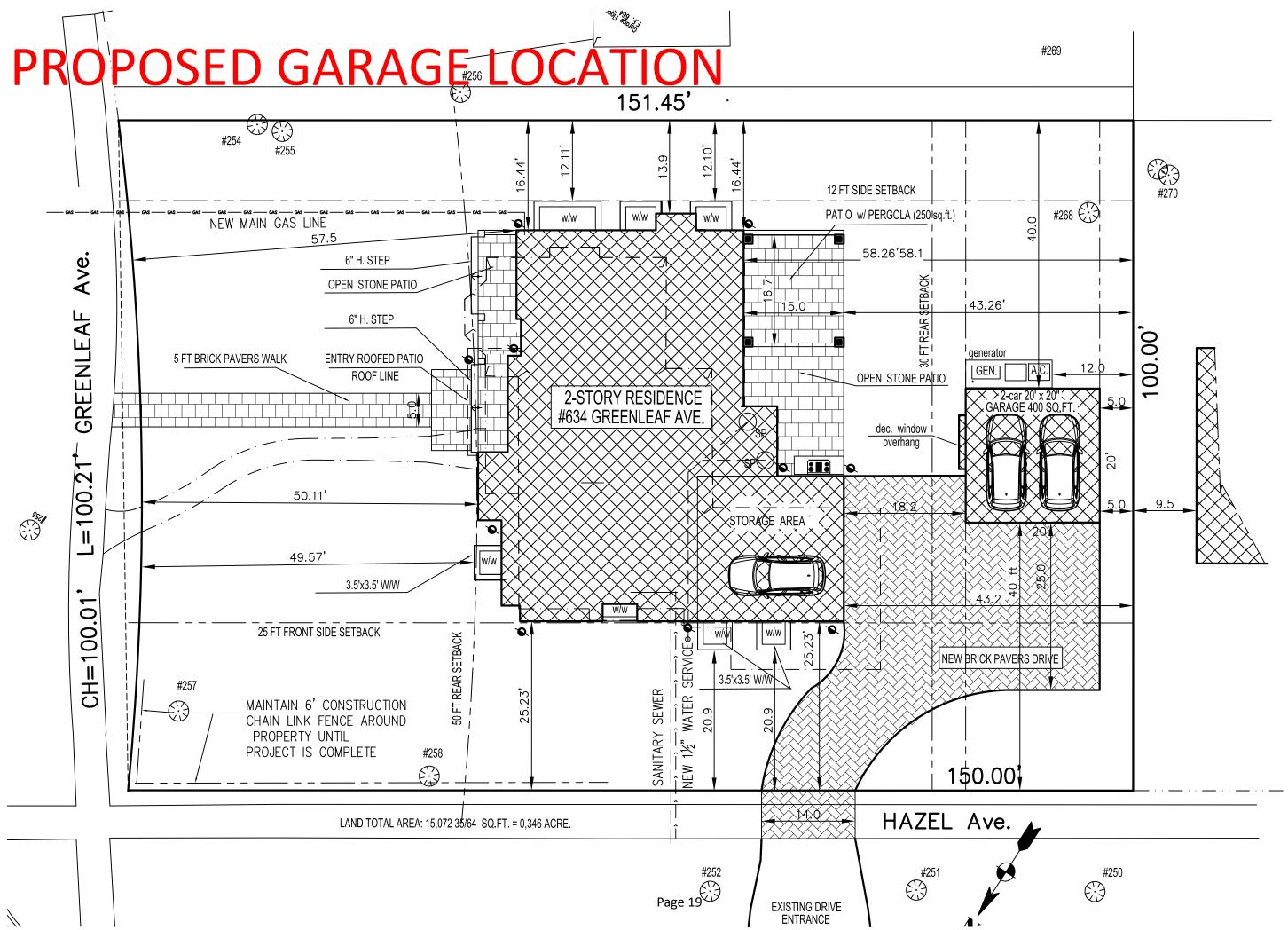
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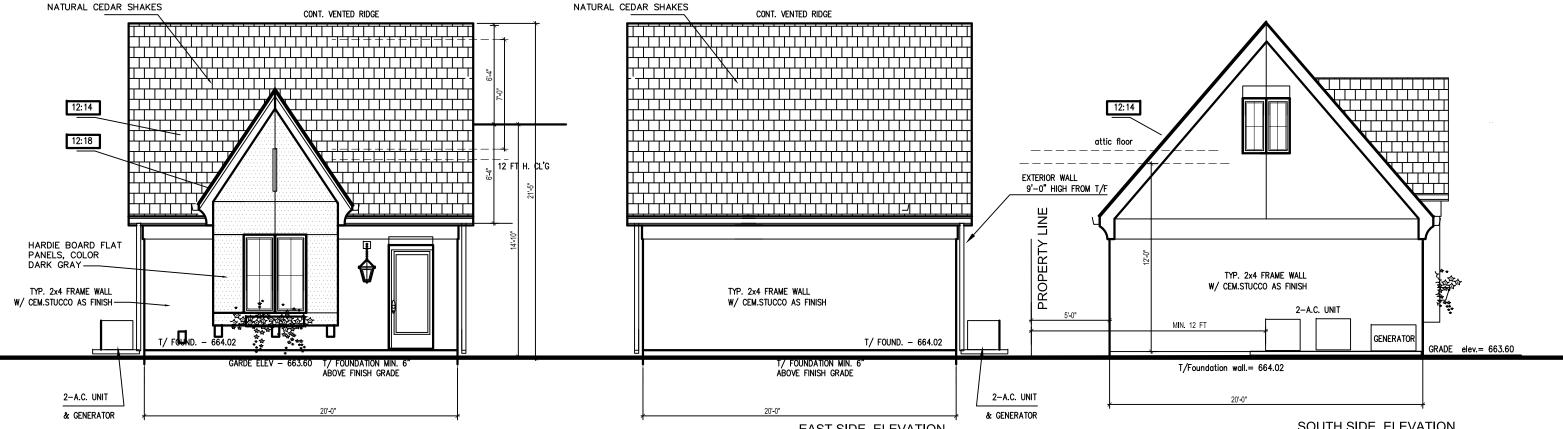
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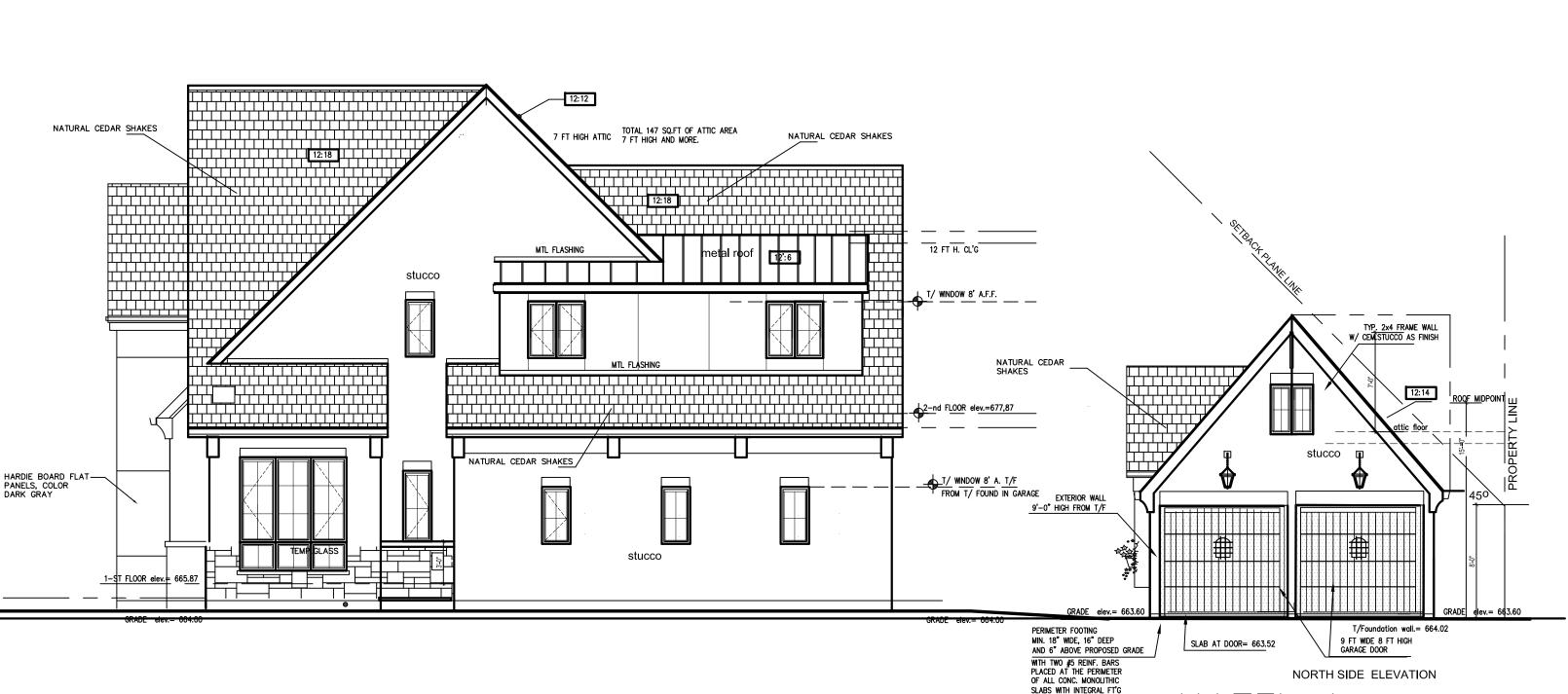




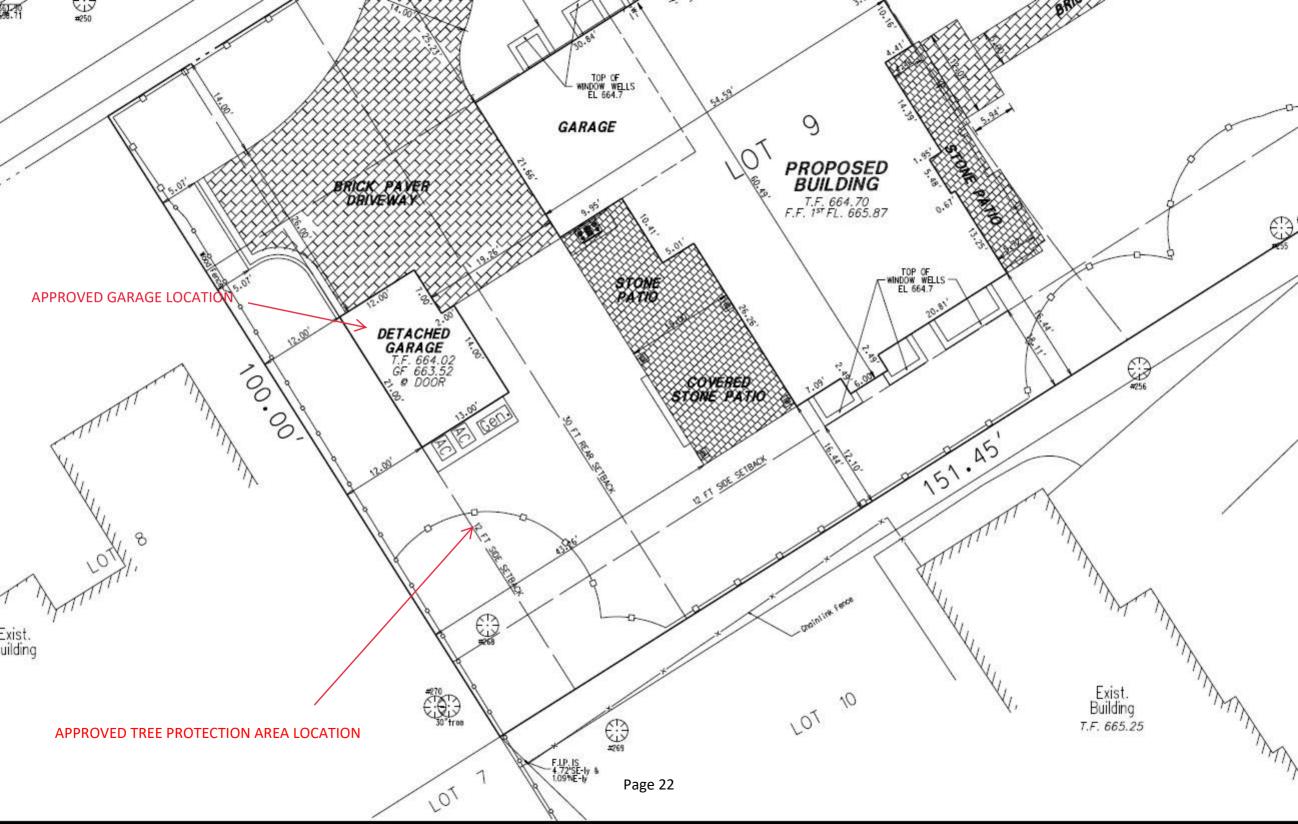
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HAZEL Ave.



Statement from Village Engineer James Tigue re: 634 Greenleaf Avenue garage variation request

April 21, 2023

The reduced front setback and increased gross floor area do not present any new stormwater related concerns. Revised engineering plans will need to be submitted for the proposed changes. As currently approved, the engineering improvements on the property include the installation of 5 storm sewer inlets, 1,100 cubic feet of stormwater detention and grading to accept drainage along property lines. The currently approved engineering plans collect drainage on the 634 Greenleaf property and also accept any drainage that crosses the property line from adjacent properties. Any revised engineering plans will be required to follow these parameters. Topographic survey indicates there are areas on adjacent properties that are at lower elevations than the 634 Greenleaf property. Due to these exiting elevations, even with the proposed improvements on the subject property adjacent properties will still experience standing water in those low areas.

Public Comments received on or before April 24, 2023

1.

Received by email on April 19, 2023

Taylor, I am writing in response to the letter I received from you regarding the variance request for 634 Greenleaf Ave. I cannot attend the zoning meeting on May 1 (I'm out of town for work) but i would ask the ZBA to read this email. I, along with other neighbors, have a real concern about the flooding issues on Hazel Ave and its sidewalks. The flooding on Hazel Ave even made the news on April 4th (see attached photo). This flooding has occured countless times since I moved in in 2013 and it has only gotten worse. The storm water after a modest rain is not only closing down the Hazel Ave/ Green Bay Rd viaduct but is also flooding neighbors yards and sidewalks for several days after a typical storm.

Also, It's clear from the <u>illinoisfloodmaps.org</u> website (see attached photo of the topographic wetness index map) that where this garage is to be located is prone to flood frequently and it has a significant impact on the neighborhood around it. Anyone can take a look at this website, walk down Hazel Ave or sidewalks after a storm, or turn on their local news to see how bad the flooding is. Therefore, whether this garage is moved one foot or twelve feet, it will have an impact on where the storm water goes. When the garage is built it can't be moved again. Therefore, the village should take a hard look at the impact on the neighbors, and in the meantime, not allow variances in the middle of a development.

https://illinoisfloodmaps.org/twi.as

Sincerely,

Sean Henrick 255 Hazel Avenue



2.

Received by email April 24, 2023

Rich and Taylor:

I am Steven Buckman. My wife Wendi and I have lived at 199 Hazel Avenue for 23 years. Our home is next door to the Methodist Church on the northeast corner of Hazel and Greenleaf. I would like to voice my objections to the variance requested by the property owner at 634 Greenleaf Avenue which is on the southwest corner of Hazel and Greenleaf.

- The variance request is for a detached garage that seeks setback requirements which are extreme. Indeed—the **rear setback** request, from 12 feet to 5 feet is **MORE THAN HALF** of what the code requires. That rear setback is on the west half of the property. The west half of 634 Greenleaf is the area in which flooding is a significant
- 2. I share my neighbors' concerns that the granting of this variance will exacerbate what is already a perilous flooding situation on Hazel. The Hazel viaduct is not only pivotal for public safety—it is also the route that many children take as they walk to Central School. Indeed, the Hazel viaduct has appeared in CBS news reports and there is everyday evidence of this issue—to the best of my knowledge the Hazel viaduct is the only street in Glencoe that has "Closed due to flooding" signs ready to go at every rainstorm. Though we are told that improvements are planned, those improvements will not be started before the contemplated variance would be completed.
- 3. Even more importantly, the 634 Greenleaf property owner's past actions have indicated that he has agreed that the situation does not warrant a variance.

a. The 634 Greenleaf property owner initially sought a variance during August-September, 2022. At that time, the house on the property had not been torn down. During this time frame, my neighbors and I voiced our flooding concerns not only to the property owner but to the Village.

b. Immediately prior to the applicable Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, the 634 Greenleaf property owner with drew his request for a variance.

c. Instead, the 634 Greenleaf property owner submitted alternative plans to the Village that were completely compliant with the Code. The Village issued a permit to demolish the existing property and to build a new structure that was consistent with the Code.

d. In other words, the 634 Greenleaf property owner by submitting the compliant plans and withdrawing the non compliant plans agreed that it was economically viable for him to build a house consistent with the compliant plan.

e. Indeed, based upon the compliant plan, the 634 owner demolished the existing house and construction has been going on at the property for the past several months.

f. There has been no natural disaster or intervening geographic event that has taken place between the time where the 634 Greenleaf property owner submitted and agreed to the compliant plan to what exists today.

g. Section 7-403(B) states the following:

"relief may be granted from particular applications of this **Code** that create practical difficulties or particular hardships for which no other remedy is available."

h. It is inconceivable that the 634 Greenleaf property owner has suffered any "practical difficulties or particular hardships for which no other remedies is available" in that:

(1) He attempted to get this variance in the fall of 2022 and knew that there were objections to this plan,

- (2) He withdrew the variance request in light of this opposition,
- (3) He submitted new plans that did not require a variance,
- (4) He agreed to the Village's approval of the plans,
- (5) He demolished the existing house and is in the midst of building a new one.

(6) By agreeing to those initial plans he should not be allowed to "try again" just because he is under construction. By starting construction he has admitted that there are no difficulties or particular hardships that the Code requires.