VARIANCE **APPLICATION**

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Attach a survey of the property drawn to scale and showing the following information. Please provide one full-size copy of all plans, as well as one copy of all plans in an 8¹/₂" x 11" format. It is helpful to show floor plans and elevations of proposed building improvements, as well as a letter of support from adjacent property owners. If the applicant is not the current property owner, provide a notarized authorization for this application from the current property owner. See the stream variance submittal checklist for additional requirements for stream variances.

- 1. all property lines with dimensions
- 2. location of buildings and other structures, creeks and easements referenced to property lines
- 3. north arrow, scale, lot and block numbers and land lot
- 4. topographic and drainage information if pertinent

Address of property	Decatur, GA 30
Name of applicant	Phone
Address	City/state/ZIP
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Name of property owner	Phone
Address	City/state/ZIP
Current zoning of property	

Please answer all of the following questions on a separate sheet.

- 1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from?
- 2. What are the special conditions relating to the specific piece of property in question (narrowness, shallowness, shape, topography, or other extraordinary and exceptional situation)?
- 3. Explain how the application of the zoning ordinance to this specific piece of property results in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties?
- 4. Are the circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in guestion peculiar to the premises? Do they apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity?
- 5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.
- 6. Did the condition for which the variance is sought result from an action by the applicant?
- 7. Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent property, the traffic on public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values.
- 8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.
- 9. Will the granting of the variance allow a structure or use in a district restricted against such structure or use?

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements and documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant signature _____

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154 East Parkwood Road Variance Request for 24DEC-RA00060

1. What is the variance requested? What code requirement do you wish to vary from?

We are requesting a variance from the side street setback line of 25 feet. The existing house, including the carport, is legally non-conforming and is grandfathered. The plan is to enclose part of the carport and make it part of the interior space. By doing so, the grandfathered status of the building is lost, so we will need a variance to enclose this section of the carport.

2. What are the special conditions relating to the specific piece of property in question (narrowness, shallowness, shape, topography, or other extraordinary and exceptional situation)?

The existing house is legally non-conforming as part of the building near the carport is outside the side street setback line. The majority of the house is within the current setback lines; it is only the east side of the house that is currently legally non-conforming. Since it is a corner lot, we want to make sure that we do not do anything to the house that would alter the look of the right side of the house (on Parkwood Road), so the best option is to simply enclose a section of the carport that is existing so the footprint is not changed. We will keep the exterior very much as is.

3. Explain how the application of the zoning ordinance to this specific piece of property results in peculiar, extraordinary and practical difficulties?

The existing side street setback guidelines suggest we cannot enclose the part of the carport that we wish to make into a mudroom/laundry room and still be conforming. And if we adhere to the guidelines (thereby not needing a variance), we will not have the space required for the new mudroom/laundry room. There is not another logical location for a mudroom/laundry room without affecting the footprint, and we we feel like affecting the footprint through an addition would be more intrusive to the neighborhood.

4. Are the circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question peculiar to the premises? Do they apply generally to other land or buildings in the vicinity?

The side street setback guidelines are the same for all properties in the area.

5. Explain why the granting of this variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a property right and does not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.

The homeowners purchased the property with the hope that they could simply enclose a part of the carport closest to the house and turn that space into a usable mudroom/laundry room. The existing house currently has an extremely small laundry space with a mini-sized stackable washer and dryer unit that is difficult to access and does not have the capacity for their laundry needs. The homeowners are also seeking storage space for common items like shoes, coats and cleaning supplies. The homeowners believe the best option would be to enclose a part of the carport because this would not alter the footprint or affect the look of the house on the east side, as opposed to trying to add onto the house. There is also no room to add on to the house nor is there a more logical place to locate a laundry/mudroom. The homeowners are trying to make sure they get to enjoy the property as is without affecting any of the neighboring properties by choosing a low impact, non-additive plan that merely encloses an existing part of the house into interior space.

6. Did the condition for which the variance is sought result from an action by the applicant?

Nothing has been done to the property by the applicant. The house was purchased with the hope that a usable laundry room could be created by enclosing a section of the existing carport, so it is this plan that has triggered the variance request.

7. Explain how the variance will affect the supply of light and air to adjacent property, the traffic on public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values.

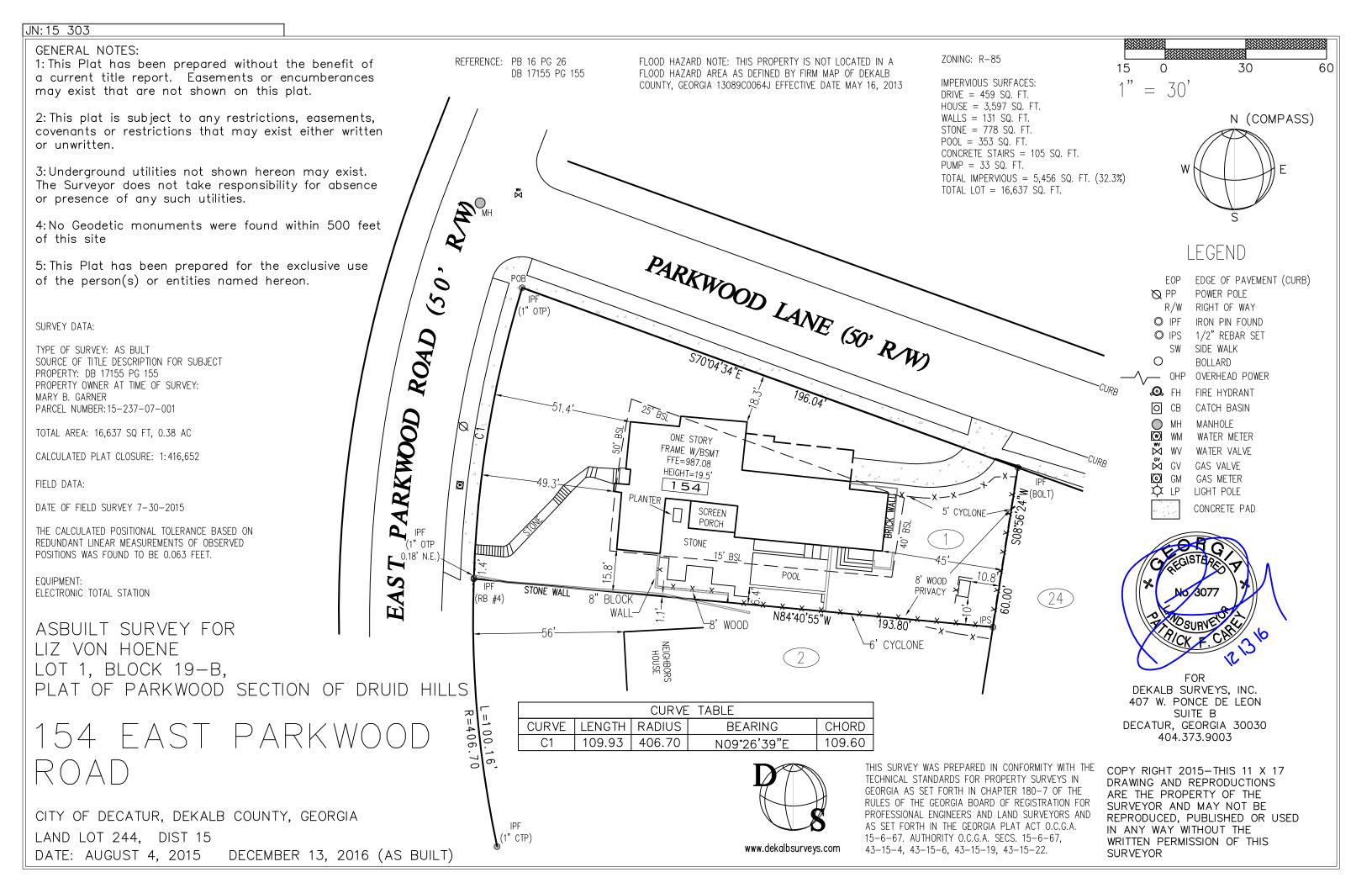
The proposed renovation will not affect the supply of light and air to adjacent properties, the traffic on public streets, the danger of fire, the public safety and established property values. The proposed renovation will not change the footprint of the house, and it is our belief that once the renovation is completed, the change will barely be discernable from the current structure.

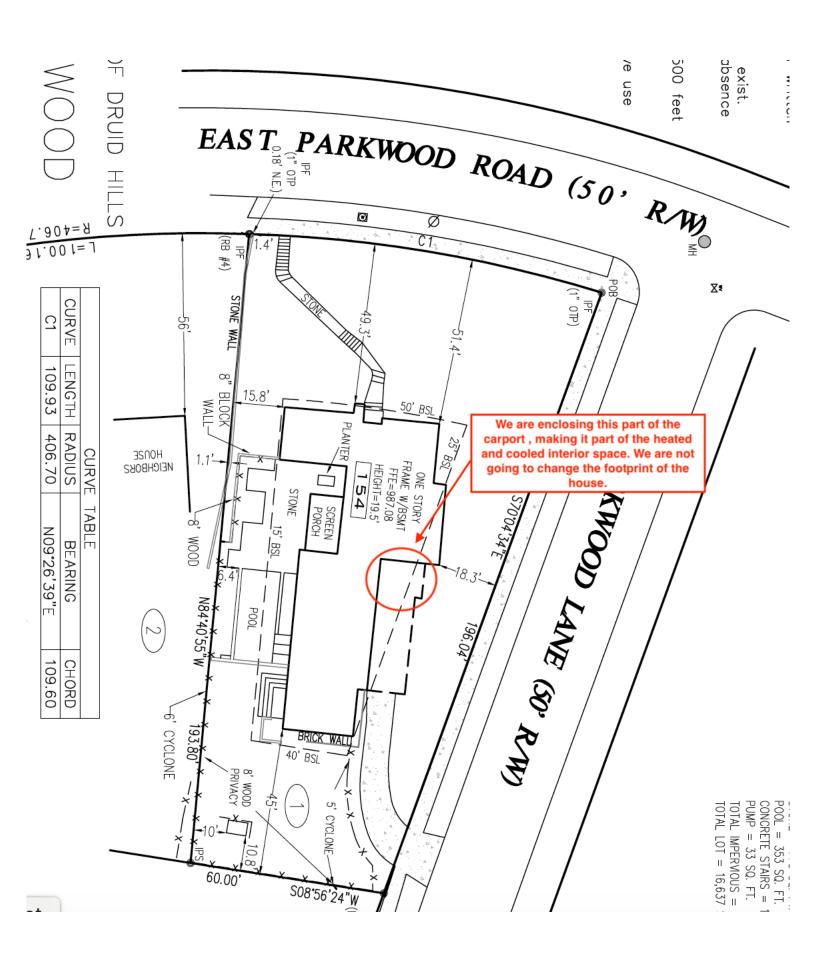
8. Explain how the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Decatur land use plan.

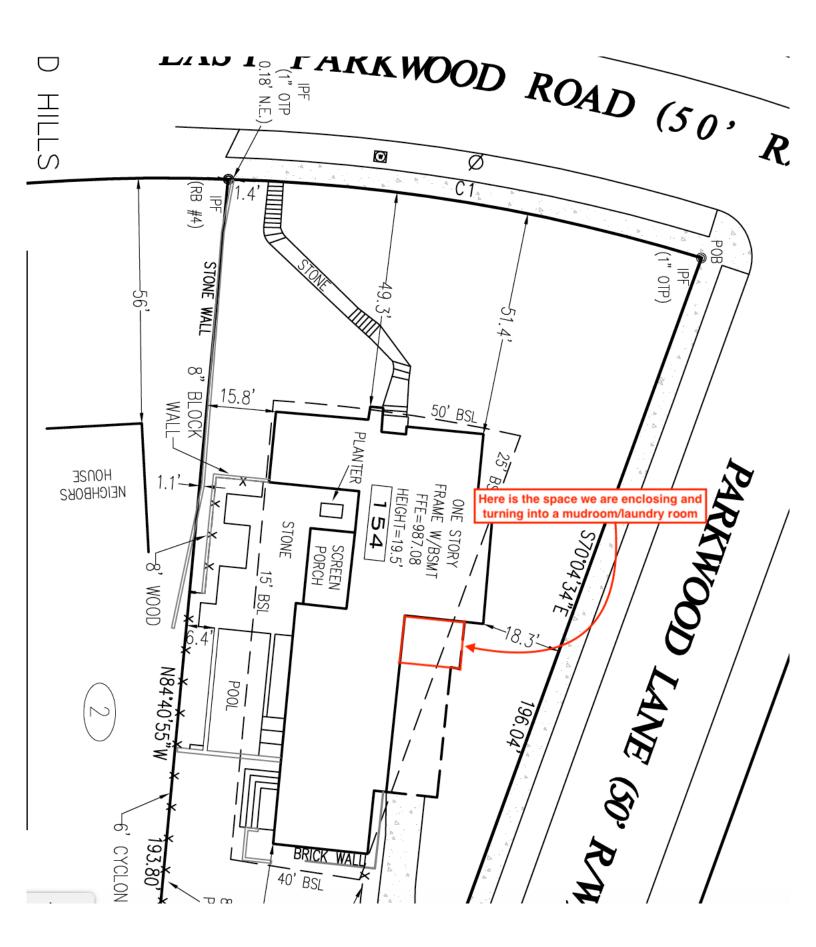
We think it will be in harmony because the footprint of the house is not going to change. We are just going to enclose a part of the existing carport and make it part of the interior space.

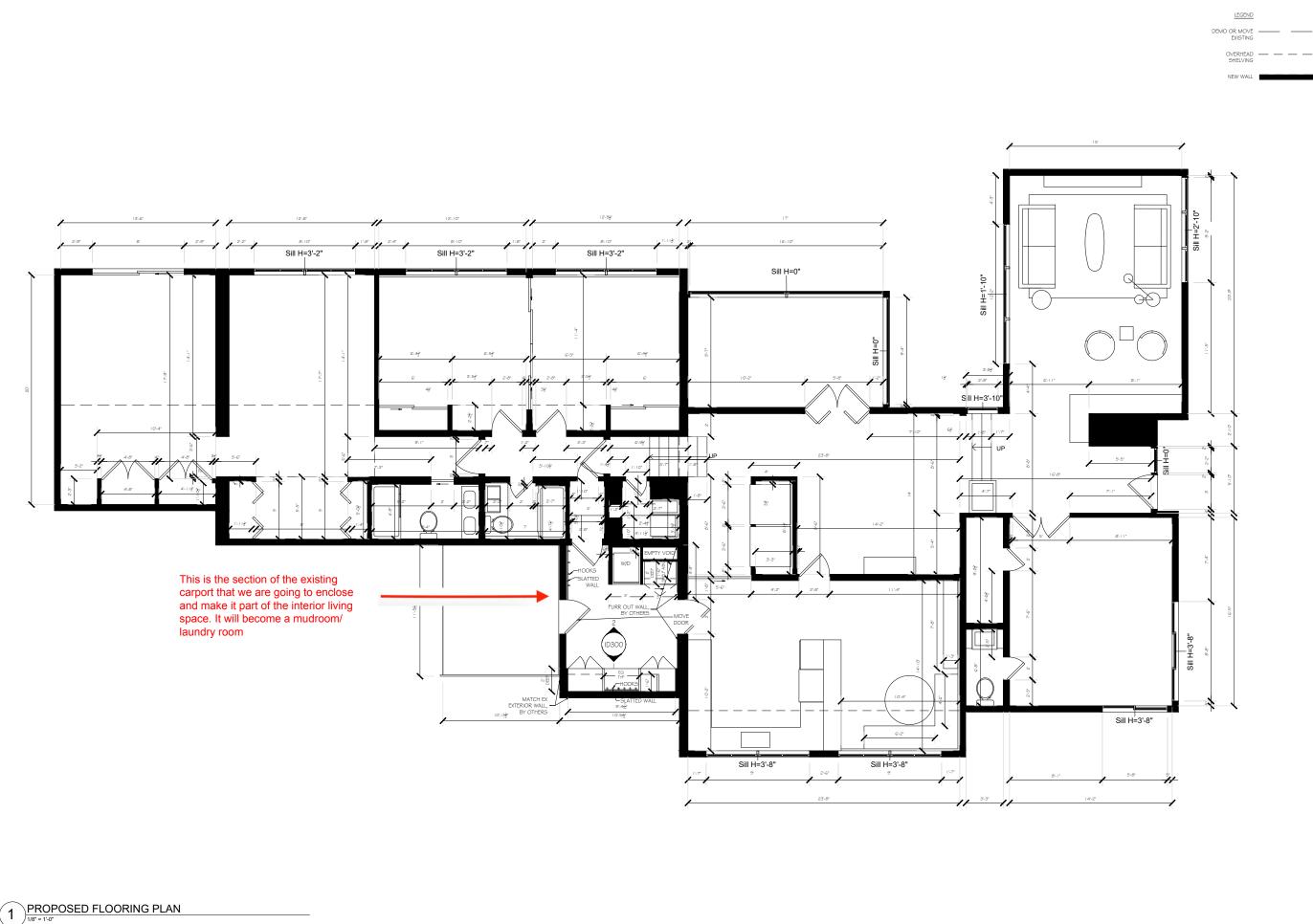
9. Will the granting of the variance allow a structure or use in a district restricted against such structure or use?

No.









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