#### **AGENDA**

# ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 - 4:30 PM MCALLEN CITY HALL, 1300 HOUSTON AVENUE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

At any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

#### CALL TO ORDER -

#### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on December 3, 2025

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Yadira Gonzalez for a request of a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow a garage enclosure, located at Lot 48, Lost Encinos III Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 5631 South 27th Lane. (ZBA2025-0063)
- b) Request of Christina Sanchez for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 12 feet into the 30-foot front yard setback for a proposed carport at Lot 13 and East 9.5 feet of Lot 12, West Harvey Addition Unit No. 1 & Unit No. 2 Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1901 Camellia Avenue. (ZBA2025-0062)
- c) Request of Fernando Martinez Jr. and Yinoha C. Cruz for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 25-foot rear yard setback for a proposed covered porch, at Lot 80, Taylor Crossing Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 4808 Kiwi Avenue. (ZBA2025-0064)
- d) Request of Austin Navarrette for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to not provide the required masonry eight feet buffer in height or a six-foot opaque buffer at a 1.928 Ac tract out of Lot 8, Hidalgo Canal Company's Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 201 Dallas Avenue. (ZBA2025-0057) (TABLED: 11/19/2025) (REMAIN TABLED: 12/3/2025)
- e) Request of Monica Rodriguez for a Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10-foot rear yard setback for an existing garage at Lot 11, Thomas Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 409 Redwood Avenue. (ZBA2025-0052) (TABLED: 11/5/2025) (REMAIN TABLED: 11/19/2025, 12/3/2025))

#### 3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) 2117 West Hackberry Avenue
- **b)** 3420 Queta Avenue

#### ADJOURNMENT:

IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (681-1250) 72 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR PARTICULAR ACTION AT A FUTURE DATE.

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 4:31 p.m. in the McAllen City Hall, Commission Chambers with the following present:

Present: Jose Gutierrez Chairperson

Hugo Avila Vice-Chairperson

Hiram Gutierrez
Juan Mujica
Alternate
Alex Lamela
Alternate
Erick Diaz
Alternate

Absent: Daniel Santos Member

Ivan Garcia Member Francisco Davila Alternate

Staff Present: Martin Canales Assistant City Attorney III

Omar Sotelo Planning Director
Kaveh Forghanparast Senior Planner
Nicolas Lopez Planner II
Samantha Trevino Planner I

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Jessica Puga Technician II

Carmen White Administrative Assistant

#### **CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez**

#### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for meeting held on November 19, 2025.

The minutes for the meeting held on November 19, 2025. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Vice-Chairperson Hugo Avila. Mr. Alex Lamela seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Laura Cantu on behalf of Mahan Properties, LLC for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 5-foot rear yard setback for an existing garage at Lot A, Save an Except 414 square feet of land conveyed to the City of McAllen, Druscilla Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 4120 Pecan Boulevard. (ZBA2025-0060)

Ms. Trevino stated the applicant was requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 5-foot rear yard setback for an existing commercial garage that is used for vehicle protection from the weather elements.

The subject property was located on the northeast corner of Pecan Boulevard and North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and is zone C-3 (General Business-OC) District. The adjacent properties are zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential-OC) District to the North and C-2 (Neighborhood

Commercial-OC) District to the east and C-3 (General Business-OC) District to the South across Pecan Boulevard.

Druscilla Subdivision was recorded on September 13, 1976. Based on a google earth search, staff noticed there was an existing garage that seemed to have been built back in the 90's that was part of the commercial business at that time. The garage portion was demolished by the new owner and reconstructed without a permit. A notice of violation was issued June 21, 2025 for additions of structure without a permit. A second notice of violation was issued September 26, 2025 for the same violation. A Building permit was submitted June 30, 2025, which was rejected by the Planning Department due to the rear yard setback encroachment. A variance application was submitted October 21, 2025.

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow the encroachment of 5 feet into the 5-foot rear setback for an existing garage built without a permit.

Section 138-356 of the Zoning Ordinance requires a five-foot rear setback for commercial properties. Also, Section 138-87 of the Zoning Ordinance states that if a non-conforming structure is damaged by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its replacement value at the time of destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except if it is approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Staff had not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to this request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the variance request since it does not comply with rear setback requirements.

Laura Cantu, 4120 Pecan Blvd. She stated when she is the owner of the property. She stated when she bought the property the building was already constructed with the garage. She wanted to remove the carport and reconstruct it. She stated when she came to get a permit she stated that someone on the department that if the structure was existing she did not have to obtain a permit. Chairperson Gutierrez asked her if she remembered the person she spoke with, she did not get the name.

Board member Mujica stated he had concerns that the she is next to a residence. The ordinance stated that there has to be a separation between a commercial and residential. The concern was in case of a fire.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the Variance request. There was no one else to speak in favor of the Variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in opposition of the Variance request.

Rodolfo Esquivel, 1304 North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. He stated that the water from her garage roof runs off onto his property. They do share the block wall between them. He stated his property value went down since the business was established.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone else present to speak in opposition of the Variance request. There was no one else to speak in opposition of the Variance request.

Board member Gutierrez asked the applicant how long has he lived at that residence. Mr. Esquivel stated he lived there before the building was built in the 60's.

Board member Mujica asked staff if they were meeting the parking requirement for this garage in place. Staff stated there was a parking requirement. It was based on the original businesses that were there. Staff would have to check to make sure they were complying with parking.

Staff stated the building with the garage in the back was built back in the 90s. The older property owner owned a portion of the north property. When they were looking at the setbacks back then they were allowed to go all the way up to the property line. Later they sold that portion and of the portion on the north side now it is a part of the residential property.

Following discussion, Mr. Juan Mujica <u>moved</u> to go with staff's recommendation and disapprove the Variance request. Vice-Chairperson Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove the Variance request with five members present and voting.

b) Request of Alejandro Sanchez for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance for a garage enclosure at Lot 4, Saddle Creek Subdivision Unit 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2900 Northwestern Avenue (ZBA2025-0061)

Ms. Trevino stated the applicant was requesting a Special Exception for a garage enclosure to make the home more attractive, by remodeling the house's façade.

The subject property was located on the northeast corner of Northwestern Avenue and North 29<sup>th</sup> Lane and is zone R-1 (Single-Family Residential-OC) District. Surrounding land uses are single-family residential in all directions.

Saddle Creek Subdivision Unit 1 was recorded September 11, 2001. A special exception application was submitted on November 3, 2025.

The applicant is requesting a special exception to enclose the existing garage since it is too small to fit any vehicles properly and to make the front of the home more modern.

Section 138- 397 of the Zoning Ordinance requires two parking spaces per dwelling unit. One off-street parking shall be located beyond the front yard setback. Enclosing the garage will eliminate the one off-street parking requirement beyond the front yard setback.

During site inspection, staff noticed several homes with enclosed garages in this subdivision. Staff's research did reveal 5 garage enclosures approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustments for this subdivision in the past.

Staff had not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to this request.

Staff recommended approval of the special exception request, since it conforms to the existing neighborhood characteristics.

Board member Gutierrez asked staff why this was a Special Exception and not a Variance. Staff stated there were some provisions in the Code that mentions Special Exception one of them is the parking requirement. Some did not meet the parking requirement for a business they wanted to open. In this case, it was tied to the use. Tied to the house that

required one parking space behind the front yard setback, which they cannot comply.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the Variance request. There was no one else to speak in favor of the Variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition of the Variance request. There was no one to speak in opposition of the Variance request.

Following discussion, Mr. Alex Lamela **moved** to go against staff's recommendation and approve the Special Exception with the condition the carport will be reduced to comply with the City's requirements. Vice-Chairperson Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the Special Exception with five members present and voting.

c) Request of Austin Navarrette for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to not provide the required masonry eight feet buffer in height or a six-foot opaque buffer at a 1.928 Ac tract out of Lot 8, Hidalgo Canal Company's Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 201 Dallas Avenue. (ZBA2025-0057)

#### This item was tabled per the applicant until the next meeting.

d) Request of Monica Rodriguez for a Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10-foot rear yard setback for an existing garage at Lot 11, Thomas Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 409 Redwood Avenue. (ZBA2025-0052) (TABLED: 11/5/2025) (TABLED: 11/19/2025)

This was item was to remain tabled until the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Chairperson Jose Gutierrez **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

	Chairperson Jose Gutierrez
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#### **Planning Department**

#### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

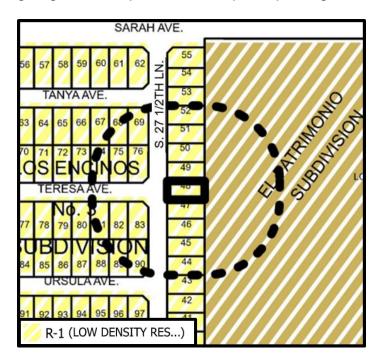
**DATE:** December 17, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF YADIRA GONZALEZ FOR A REQUEST OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A GARAGE ENCLOSURE, LOCATED AT LOT 48, LOST ENCINOS III SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO

**COUNTY, TEXAS; 5631 SOUTH 27TH LANE. (ZBA2025-0063)** 

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a special exception to enclose the existing garage and not provide the required parking at the subject property.





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located along the east side of South 27<sup>th</sup> Lane, south of Sarah Avenue and is zoned R-1 (Low Density Residential–UDC) District.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** Los Encinos III Subdivision was officially recorded on October 4, 2006. A single-family residential home was built on the property in 2008. The applicant submitted a building permit for the enclosure of the garage on November 11, 2025. which was rejected by Planning due to non-compliance of Section §138-397 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. A special exception request for the garage enclosure was submitted on November 17, 2025.

**ANALYSIS:** The applicant is requesting the special exceptions to allow the garage enclosure on the property.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to this request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the special exception request.

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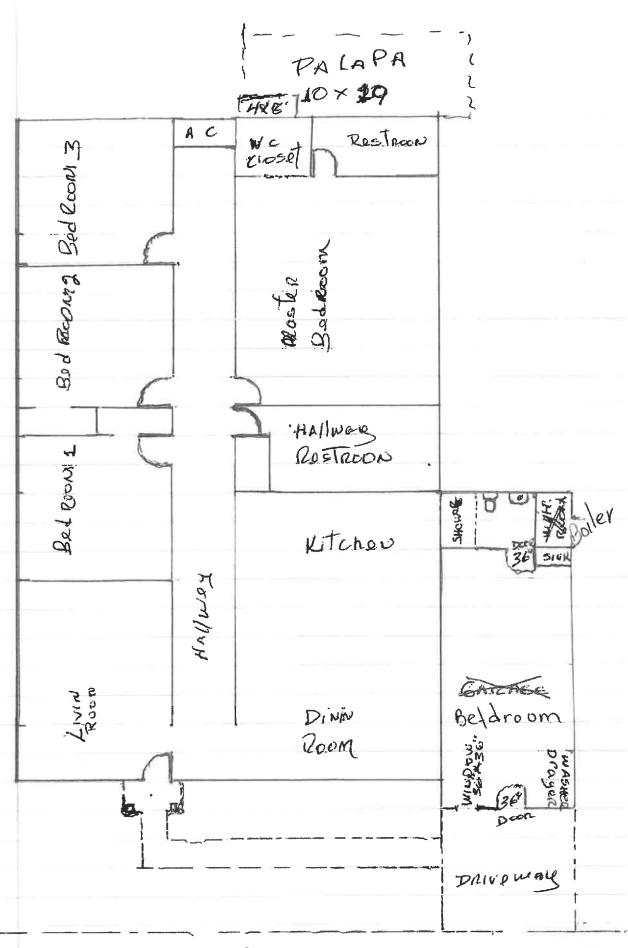
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APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF

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#### ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

Case Number: ZBA 2025 - 0063 ZBOA Meeting: 12 17 2025 Accepted By:
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APPLICANT 1
Name York Gohalez Phone 956 270-1402 Address 563 5 27 TH LANE E-mail Yadgon 26 alto mails com City M Ca Ch State TX Zip 8503
Name Vadira Gonzalez Phone 956) 270-1402  Address 5631 5 23 TH LANG E-mail Your 1803  City Mcallen State TX Zip 18503
AUTHORIZATION
To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated?  Yes □ No I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described above and this application is being submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable)  OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this application and have attached written evidence of such authorization.
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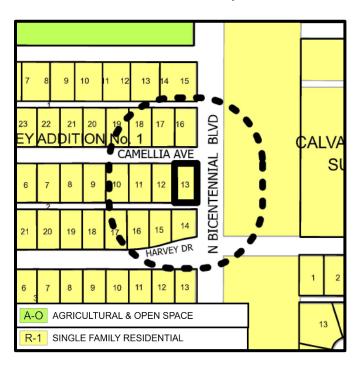
**DATE:** December 17, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF CHRISTINA SANCHEZ FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY

OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 12 FEET INTO THE 30-FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED CARPORT AT LOT 13 AND EAST 9.5 FEET OF LOT 12, WEST HARVEY ADDITION UNIT NO. 1 & UNIT NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 1901 CAMELLIA AVENUE.

(ZBA2025-0062)

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow an encroachment of 12 feet into the 30 foot front yard setback for a proposed 20'x20' carport.





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located on the southwest corner of Camellia Avenue and North Bicentennial Boulevard and is zone R-1 (Single Family Residential-OC) District.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** West Harvey Addition Unit Number 1 and 2 Subdivision was recorded on February 11, 1958. Per the Hidlago County Appraisal District records, the house was built in 1970. A special exception application was submitted November 14, 2025. No building permit for the carport has been submitted.

**ANALYSIS:** The applicant is requesting a special exception for a proposed 20'x20' carport that will be used to protect her elderly parents, both of whom use wheelchairs, from the weather elements. The carport would also provide cover for their vehicle.

The recorded plat of the subdivision requires a 30 foot front yard setback. During site visit, staff noticed multiple properties along Camellia that have carports which seem to encroach into the required 30-foot front setback; however, staff's research did not reveal any records of special exception being granted for this subdivision.

Special exceptions are issued to and recorded for the present applicant/owner only. New property owners would need to apply for a new special exception request.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to this request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the special exception request since it does not comply with the setback requirement in the subdivision.

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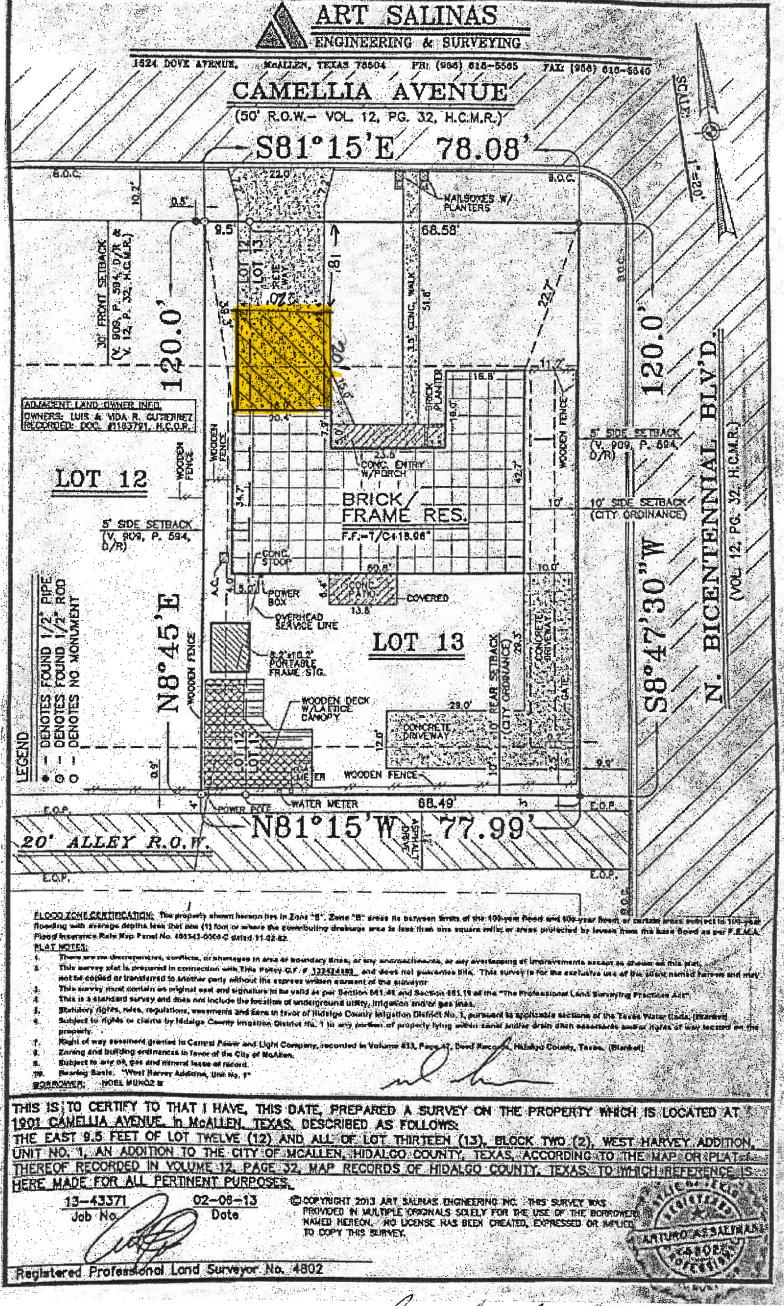
311 North 15th Street

### ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

Case Number: 26A 2025-0062 ZBOA Meeting: 12/17/2025  Accepted By: 16
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City MO ANELL State Tk Zip 78501
OWNER
Name DELLA DOLONEZ Phone 950.787-3904
Address 1910 COMENIA CAVE. E-mail NA  City MCONEN State TX Zip 7850(
AUTHORIZATION
To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated?
Yes No
I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described above and this application is being submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable)
OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this application and have attached written evidence of such authorization.
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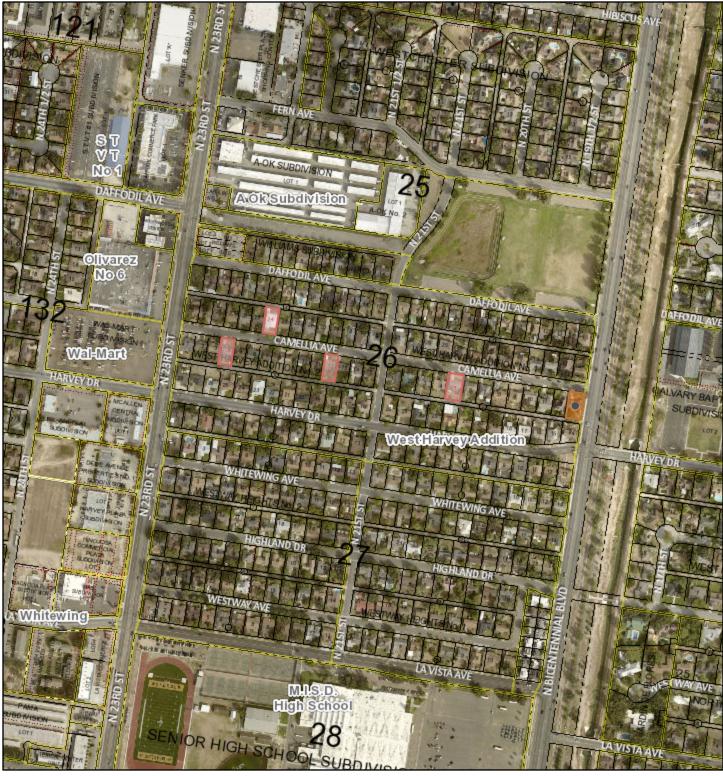
# City of McAllen Planning Department REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION \*A variance will not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor shall it be based solely on economic gain or loss. In order to make a finding of hardship and grant the variance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete

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### Developing & Zoning







#### **Planning Department**

#### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

**FROM:** Planning Staff

**DATE:** December 17, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF FERNANDO MARTINEZ JR. AND YINOHA C. CRUZ FOR A

VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 15 FEET INTO THE 25 FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED COVERED PORCH, AT LOT 80, TAYLOR CROSSING SUBDIVISION,

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 4808 KIWI AVENUE. (ZBA2025-0064)

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 15-feet into the 25-foot rear yard setback for a proposed covered porch measuring 15ft x 28ft to provide cover for back yard/back door from weather (rain, sun, etc.).





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located on Kiwi Avenue, South of Lark Avenue and is zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential-OC) District.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** Taylor Crossing Subdivision was officially recorded on January 6, 2010. A single-family residential home was built on the property in 2018. This is the first attempt to request a variance to encroach into a proposed porch for the rear side setback. No other requestes have been received.

**ANALYSIS:** The applicant is requesting a variance to allow the encroachment of 15 feet into the 25 feet rear setaback for a non existing covered porch on the rear side of the property. The home sits on a double fronting property in which the owner states it prevents them from using most of the lot space. City Ordinance Section 138-367(b) states, "Where lots have double frontage, a required fornt yard shall be provided on one street only." The submitted site plan shows the proposed residence will be in compliance with the 25 foot front yard setback. As per our records, there have been two variance requests for encroachments for covered porches granted within this subdivision.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to this request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the variance request.

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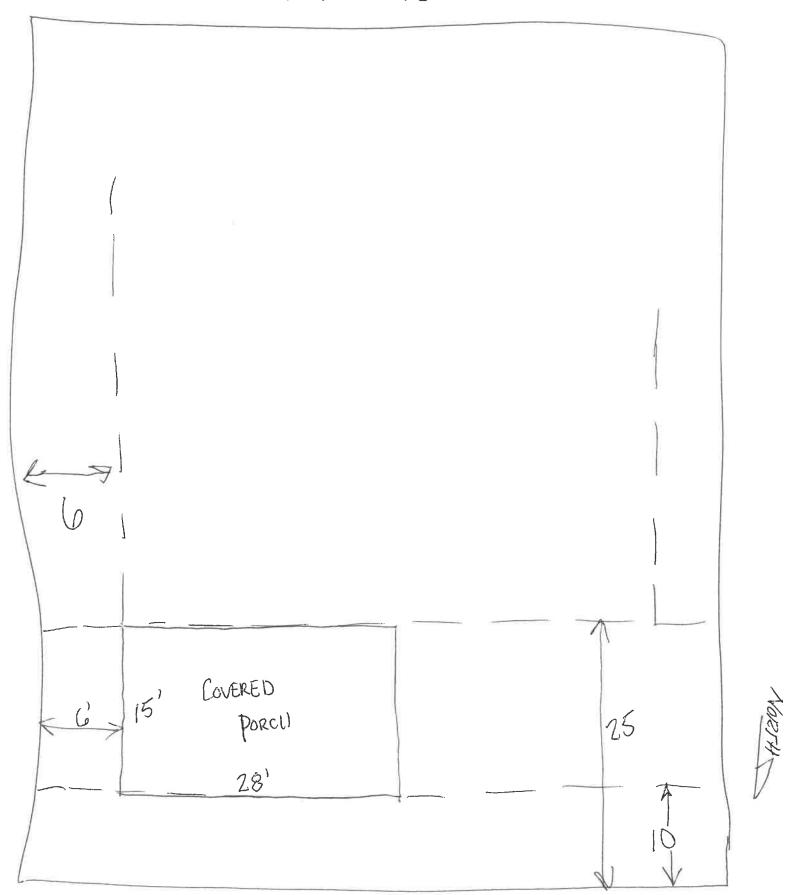
Case Number:	Accepted By: P.H.	
PROJECT		
Legal Description	Taylor Crossing Subdivision Lot 80	-
Subdivision Name	Taylor Crossing	-
Street Address	4808 Kiwi Ave	
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# Planning Department REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION

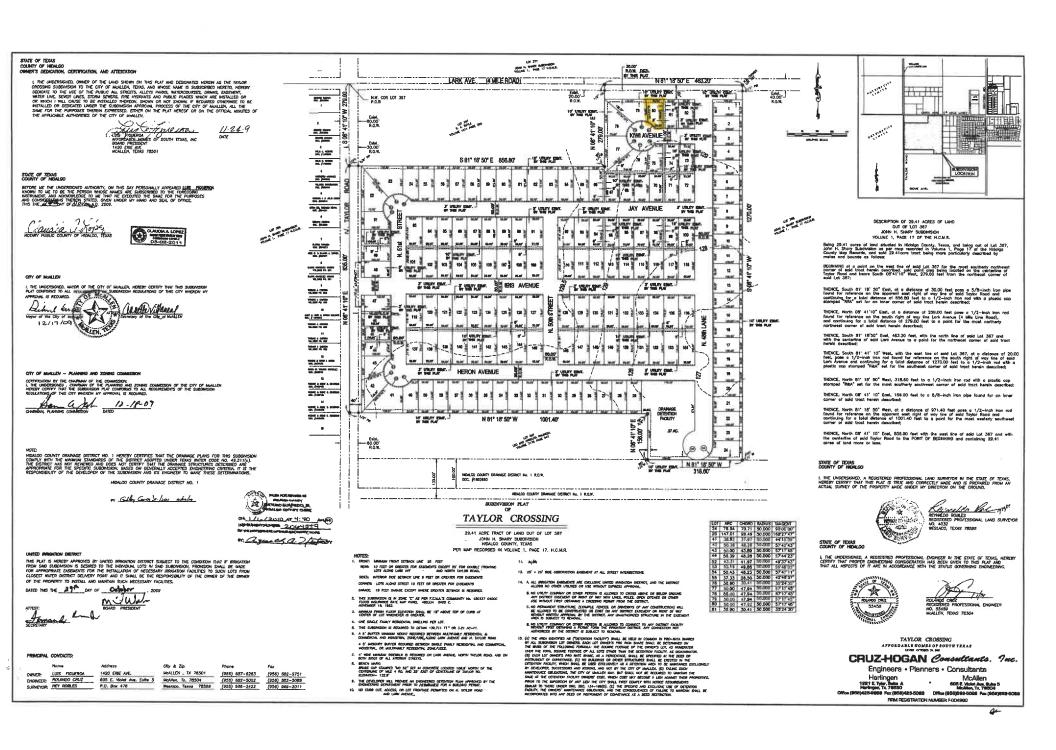
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#### **Planning Department**

#### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

**FROM:** Planning Staff

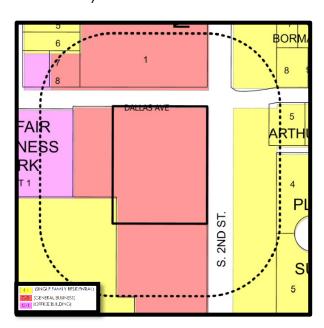
**DATE:** November 19, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF AUSTIN NAVARRETTE FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF

MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO NOT PROVIDE THE REQUIRED MASONRY EIGHT FEET BUFFER IN HEIGHT OR A SIX-FOOT OPAQUE BUFFER AT A 1.928 AC TRACT OUT OF LOT 8, HIDALGO CANAL COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 201 DALLAS

**AVENUE. (ZBA2025-0057)** 

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a variance to not provide an eight-foot masonry screen or a six-foot buffer along the property adjacent to an R-1 (Single Family Residential) District.





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Dallas Avenue and South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The property is zoned C-3 (General Business) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to the southwest and C-3 (General Business) District to the south and west. Surrounding land uses are single-family residences, commercial businesses and vacant land.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** This property is currently undergoing the subdivision process under the name of 7-11 Mcallen Subdivision and recently got approved in preliminary form on November 4, 2025. An application for this variance request was submitted on October 9, 2025.

**ANALYSIS:** This request is to not provide an eight-foot masonry wall nor a six-foot opaque buffer adjacent to an R-1(single family residential) District. Applicant states that the adjacent residential zone is used for oil and gas operations with no nearby or planned residential uses. They indicated that enforcing the wall requirement would create unnecessary construction burdens, safety issues by reducing visibility, and have no public benefit, while preventing reasonable use of the commercially zoned property.

Section 110-49(a) of the vegetation ordinance states that a masonry screen eight feet in height shall be required where a commercial, industrial or multifamily use has a side or rear property line in common with a single-family use or zone. Where such use has 200 feet or less in common with any residential use or zone, the buffer shall be eight feet in height but may be cedar planks.

Based on the submitted survey, the commercial property has less than 100 feet in common with adjacent single-family zone, therefor an eight-foot-high cedar fence would be required.

Staff has not received any emails or phone calls in opposition of the variance request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since it does not comply with requirements established under Section 110-49(a) of the vegetation ordinance requirements.



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### Planning Department APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF

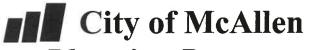
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#### ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

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responses)							

\*\*Information provided here by the applicant does not guarantee that the Board will grant a variance.

\*\*\*Applicant should include all information they determine is relevant, but it is not required to provide responses to all sections listed below.

 Describe the special circumstance or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land:

While the neighboring property is currently zoned residential, the property is currently used as an oil and gas collection facility with no future residential plans. We are respectfully requesting that the city allows a variance to no longer require a 6' tall opaque buffer or an 8' tall masonry wall as they would impose unnecessary construction burdens without mitigating any impacts on residential uses. Therefore, strict application of these provisions would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land.

Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner:

The requested variance is necessary because the strict buffer and wall requirements would impose unnecessary construction obligations that do not protect any adjacent residential uses. Granting the variance allows the owner to reasonably develop and use the property consistent with its commercial zoning while preserving the full legal rights to build and operate on the site. Walls/buffers on the west side of the subject property would adversely affect visibility and vehicular ingress/egress of the site, posing a safety issue and an impact on the business.

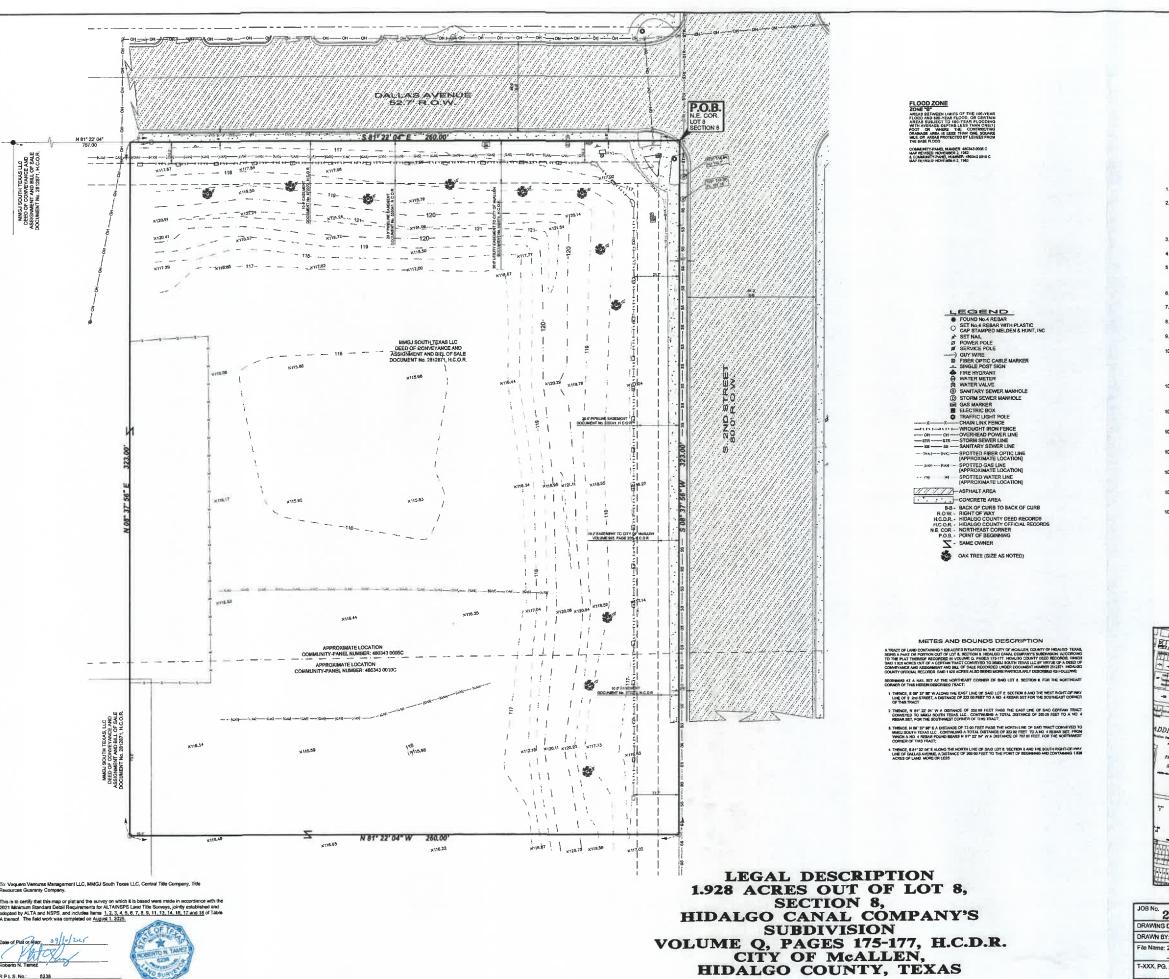
3. Describe how the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:

The variance will not be detrimental to the neighboring property, because while the neighboring property is currently zoned residential, the current/future usage plans for the site are not residential. As the current/future usage is not residential, neighbors privacy, safety, or visual enjoyment will not be impacted. Allowing the variance ensures the owner can develop the site without affecting the legal rights or welfare of surrounding property owners.

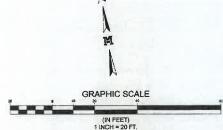
4. Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property:

The property is currently has no shared boundaries with single-family residential uses, and adjacent parcels include a commercial office building and a current oil and gas collection facility with the current owner having no plans for any future residential use. These conditions eliminate the need for the standard buffer or wall requirements, making the situation distinct from typical commercial-residential interfaces.

Chairman, Board of Adjustment	Date
Signature	



Email: robert@meldenandhunt.com



NOTES: SURVEY IS VALID ONLY IF PRINT HAS ORIGINAL SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF SURVEYOR

SURVEY WAS PREPARED WITH THE BENEFIT OF TITLE RESOURCES GUARANTY COMPANY COMMITMENT OF No. 1250996 EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 18, 2025 ISSUED: JULY 7, 2025

EASEMENTS LISTED IN SCHEDULE 5:

10. EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY DATED OCTOBER 17, 1929, RECORDED IN VOLUME 235, PAGE 397, DEED RECORDS, HIDALED COUNTY, TEXAS AFFECTS SUBJECT TRACT, BLANKET IN NATURE NOT PLOTTABLE.



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#### **Planning Department**

#### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

**FROM:** Planning Staff

**DATE:** November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MONICA RODRIGUEZ FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN

ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 10 FEET INTO THE 10 FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING GARAGE AT LOT 11, THOMAS TERRACE SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 409 REDWOOD AVENUE.

(ZBA2025-0052)

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 foot rear yard setback for an existing garage.





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located along the south side of Redwood Avenue west of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and is zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential-OC) District.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** Thomas Terrace Subdivision was officially recorded on April 15, 1950. A Stop Work Order was issued on December 29, 2009, for the construction of the garage without a building permit. A subsequent Stop Work Order was issued on January 7, 2010, due to the continued violation. A follow-up was scheduled for January 20, 2010 to issue a citation but no one was at the residence. The property underwent a change of ownership in 2014. The new owner was informed that the existing violation needed to be resolved before proceeding with an application for an additional permit. A building permit for the garage was submitted on August 22, 2024 which was rejected by Planning due to the encroachment. A variance request for the existing garage was submitted on September 15, 2025. At the time of the memo, owner was working with utilities to come to an agreement.

**ANALYSIS:** The applicant is requesting the variance to allow the encroachment of the garage at the rear of the property.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails or letters in opposition to this request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request.



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### ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

Case Number: 264 2025 -6052 ZB	OA Meeting: 10/22/2025
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APPLICANT	
Name Morica Todriques	Phone 956-45+5427
Name Monica Prodriguez  Address Hog Redwood Ave	E-mail Municarodiques 38 @
City McAllen State TX	YMAH, AYY)
OWNER	
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AUTHORIZATION	Ymail.con
To the best of your knowledge are there any deed res	rictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would
prevent the utilization of the property in the manner in	dicated?
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OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this evidence of such authorization.	application and have attached written
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Signature	
Print Name Monica Rodriguez	Owner
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economic gain or loss. In order to make a finding of hardship and grant the variance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses)  **Information provided here by the applicant does not guarantee that the Board will grant a variance.  ***Applicant should include all information they determine is relevant, but it is not required to provide responses to all sections listed below.  1. Describe the special circumstance or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land:    Govage was but before I purchased				
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It is inside property line				
4. Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property:				
I was unaware of permit issue				
when property was purchased, I need				
resolve permit condition.				
Chairman, Board of Adjustment Signature 9-15-2025				



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