CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DATE: Monday, May 10, 2010	CASE NUMBER: C15-2010-0032
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APPLICANT: Akash Sharma	
ADDRESS: 74 JULIUS ST	
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Chairman

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To Whom it may concern:

I, John Corry, am an authorized representative of the Holly Neighborhood Association. Akash Sharma approached me recently regarding the 2nd building on his property at 74, Julius St. 1 understand that this building has been standing there for several decades, at least since the 1960s when the previous owner purchased it.

I understand that Akash has searched for Building Permits for this unit through different sources including the Austin History Center. He has been unable to find any permits for that building going all the way back to the 1930s. This indicates to me that the building has been there for a LONG time, possibly since as early as when the main house was built (1932).

I have had a chance to see this building. Speaking on behalf of the Holly Neighborhood Association, I have no concerns about this building. It has no cracks in the slab and the floors have ceramic tiles in good shape. The 2 neighbors to the North have no objections to these buildings and have been accostomed to them for a long time. It appears to me that he will benefit that block. Akash assures me that he does not intend to expand the boundaries of that building beyond it's current bounds. I am comfortable with this.

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I recommend that Akash be granted the variances he seeks.

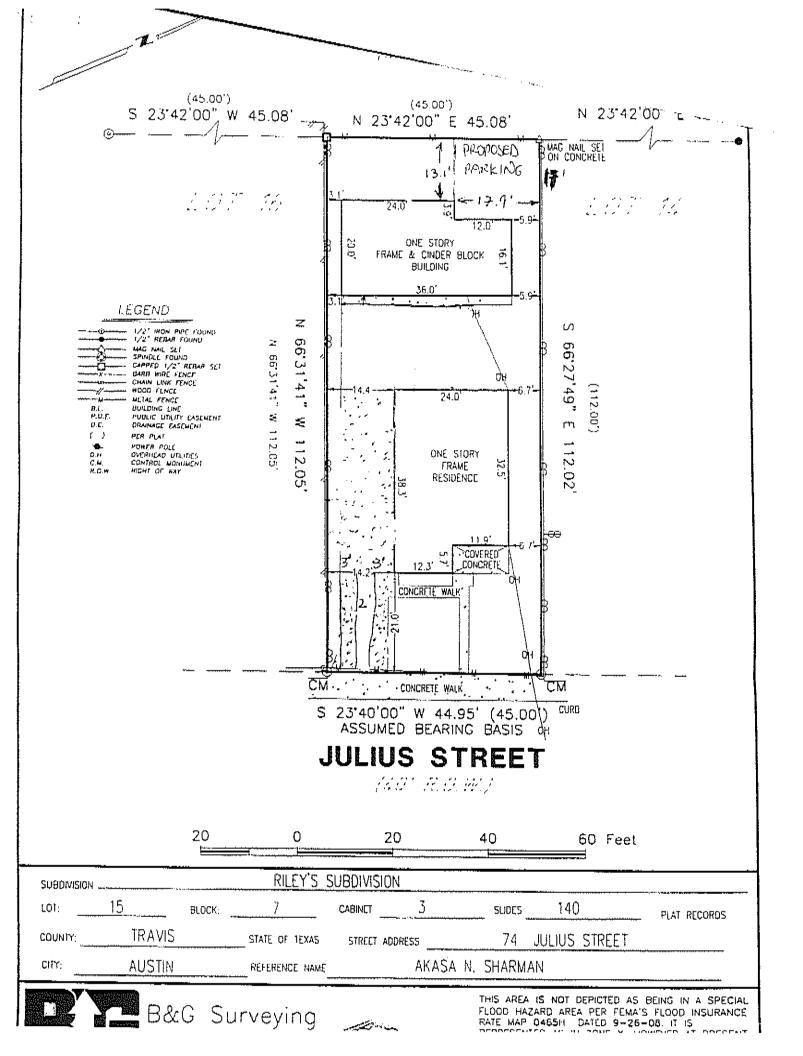
Yours Sincerely.

John Corry,

2110 Riverview Street Austin Texas 78702

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Hally Street Neighborhood Association





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April 30, 2010

Mr. Akash N. Sharma, Owner 74 Julius Street Austin, TX 78702 via email: sky.sharma@gmail.com

Engineer's Third Party Foundation and Structural Inspection Report for existing detached 672 sq. ft. secondary dwelling supported on a slab-on-ground foundation -

74 Julius Street / Austin, TX 78702

Mr. Sharma:

In response to your recent request, I conducted the Subject inspection 4/15/10 in my capacity of Consulting Professional Engineer. The purpose of my inspection was to evaluate and determine the present structural condition of the Subject secondary building and determine whether it is a safely livable dwelling as-is. This letter is my report of inspection findings and structural opinion of the existing concrete floorslab and upper structure.

This Subject building is constructed on a slab foundation and most perimeter walls are mortared 5"x12"x4" thick hollow clay tiles, and others are 2x4 timber wood framing. The masonry tile walls enclose a 20x24 ft. (480 sq. ft.) larger/south portion, and the north 12x16 ft. section (192 sq. ft.) is more conventionally constructed using 2x4 wood framing; see Plan view sketch attached to this letter. The celling/roof structure is of wood-frame construction and roofing is composition shingles.

According to public records, these property improvements have existed since 1932 (as a 792 sq. ft. 1story house—the existing "front" house—and a 480 sq. ft. "Living Quarters"); see attached Tax Records printout. Most probably the 480 sq. ft. Living Quarters since 1932 would be the 20x24 ft. portion of the secondary building, prior to a pressured 12x16 ft. wood frame Addition-on-slab-foundation at some unknown subsequent time.

I conducted the Referenced Engineer's Inspection during rainy weather and I determined that there were no roof water leaks and no evidence of exterior drain water accumulating around building perimeters (because the secondary building is sited near the lot rear where lot elevation is more than 2 ft. above the elevation of the adjoining paved Pedernales Street, and positive site drainage is quick and automatic). There are no visible slab bending cracks and the floorslab was spot-measured across the floorplan to be flat and level within 0.9" variation (for the locations of these slab elevation extremes (separated by 31 ft.). this levelness variation of 0.9" per 31 ft. actually is more flat and level than the L/360 tolerance required by the 2006 International Residential Code which governs new residential construction).

The work structure exhibits no distortion (wracking) cracks or other evidence of questionable structural capacity. Interior partition walls and the stiffening effect of wood siding on framing of the north 12x16 ft. Addition help to stiffen the upper structure against lateral wind loads. In my opinion, the existing perimeter and interior wall component of the dwelling appear to be structurally sufficient to withstand typical wind and other service loads; I believe that the evidence of good physical condition of a 1932 building also supports my opinion.

Although nothing could be determined directly and non-invasively about the concrete floorslab reinforcing, workmanship appears to be excellent. Evaluation by tapping the slab with a carbon steel T-bar produced the T-bar bounce-back and ringing sound of aged and well-reinforced concrete; I conclude that the high-strength T-bar ring is because this slab is highly reinforced, and the absence of slab cracks bears out this conclusion.

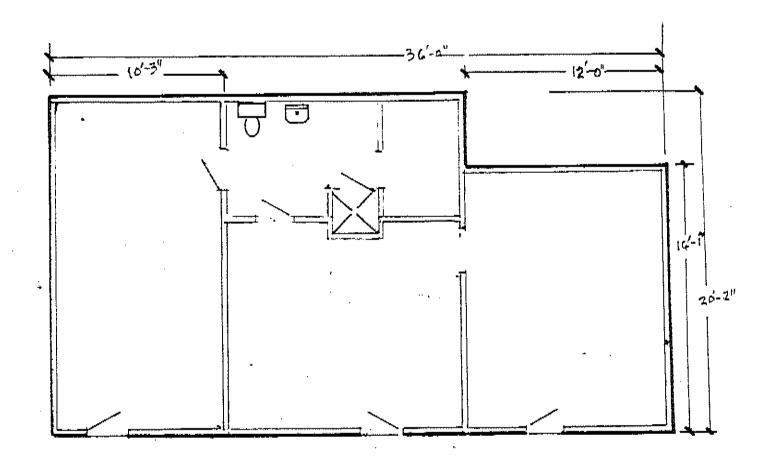
Based on my 4/15/10 inspection findings I endorse the structural integrity of this existing foundation and upper structure and I am confident that both are structurally acceptable for continued use as a dwelling structure in a safe and habitable manner. This Engineer's letter describes my inspection findings and conclusions of acceptable Foundation and other structure capacity. Please call integration or discussion you may wish.

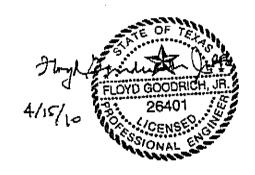
Sincerely

Aztec Associates, Inc.

Floyd Goodrich Jr. Professional Engineer

Attachments: Plan View Sketch of Subject secondary dwelling
TCAD Tax Record Printout Showing Improvement sizes and Year of Construction

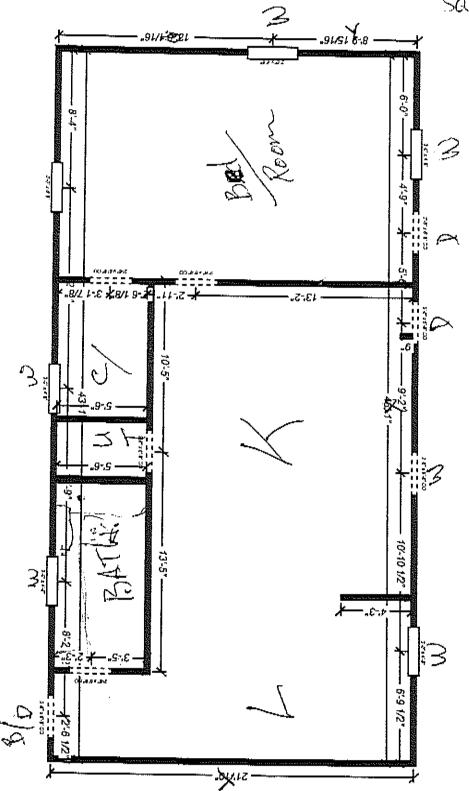




FLOORPLAN OF SECONDARY (REAR) DWELLING

74 JULIUS ST . AUSTIN, TX 787 02

POSSIBLE FUTURE LAYOUT (WILL NOT INCREASE SQUARE FOOTMEE)





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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern fit may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
 and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.ci.austin.tx.us/development.

Comments Daytime Telephone: (S/L) 334-7 Your addyessses) affected by this application scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your Your Name (please prin listed on the notice Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the Contact: Susan Walker, (512) 974-2202 Case Number: C15-2010-0032 - 74 Julius Board of Adjustment: April 12, 2010 Public Hearing: 52112 me Signature (Probject _ I am in favor Date

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

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City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 2nd Floor C/O Susan Walker
P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

If you need assistance completing this application (general inquires only) please contact Susan Walker, 974-2202; 505 Barton Springs Road, 2nd Floor (One Texas Center).

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CITY OF AUSTIN APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.
STREET ADDRESS:74 Julius St., Austin, TX 78702
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision – Riley's
Lot(s) 15 Block 7 Outlot Division O
I/We. Akash Sharma, on behalf of myself as authorized agent for
Akash Sharma, affirm that on March, 12, 2010,
hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODEL _X_ MAINTAIN
a 1 storey structure at the back of my property (NOT the main house). The 1 storey structure already exists (possibly built in 1932, expanded since) but violates side setback limitations on one side of the building. I'm requesting variances on
 The side setback requirement on one side - change from 5' to 3.1'. The setback requirement from the "Pedrenales St." side from 25 ft. to 13.1 ft. Currently the Pedrenales St. side is the "rear" of the lot, but I would like to make this the front at least for the I storey structure in question. This I storey building also has a 10.1' x 10.1' wooden building attached to it (please see survey), but we have already applied for a demolition permit to remove this small structure. The lot size requirement for having a secondary apartment (intentional use for the 1 storey building) from 5750 (required for Holly Neighborhood) to 5040 (size of
my lot). Lintand to apply for building paymity for the Lateray building AND for the fature
I intend to apply for building permits for the 1 storey building AND for the future

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

in a Residential district. (zoning district)

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

REASONABLE USE:

 The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

I want to apply for building permits to improve this 1 storey building AND make it liveable. But I cannot do any of that before I am granted these variances. I would like to make this a residence and I would like to have access to it through a driveway on the Pedrenales St. side, but to do that I would need to make Pedrenales St. the "front" of the I storey building, and to do that I need to get a variance on the 25 ft. front setback requirement.

HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

The single-storey structure already exists (apparently built in 1932, probably expanded since), so to make it comply with side-setback requirements would be difficult. Also to make this building usable I would need to give it better access without disturbing the front of the property, hence access from the Pedrenales St. side would be very helpful, hence the need for the variance on the future front setback from 25 ft. to 13.1 ft.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

I haven't seen any other properties with a secondary apartment in the vicinity. I would be very sad if I had to demolish this building – it appears well constructed.

AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The structure in question has been there for years (possibly since 1932, and if not that long at least for the few decades that the previous owner had it). I have spoken with the neighbors and they don't mind the secondary apartment being there.

PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

- 1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
- 2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
- 3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
- 4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed Sleash D. Sharm. Mail Address 74 Julius St.

City, State & Zip Austin, TX 78702

Printed Akash N, Sharma Phone 512-789-9971 Date 3/12/2010

OWNERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed - Sleash & Starma Mail Address 74 Julius St.

3/12/2010

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(The following is intended to provide assistance in explaining the variance process. These suggestions are not intended to be a complete or exhaustive guide in assisting you through this process.)

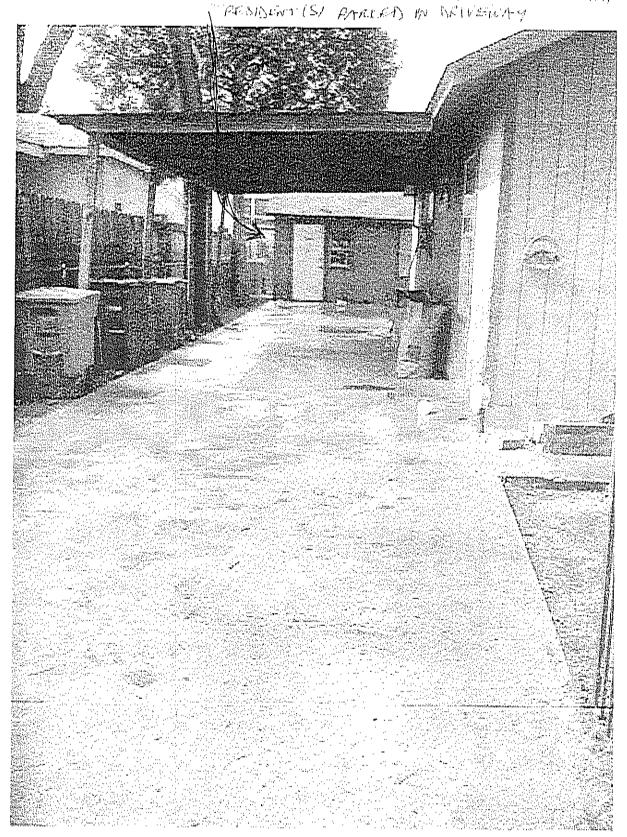
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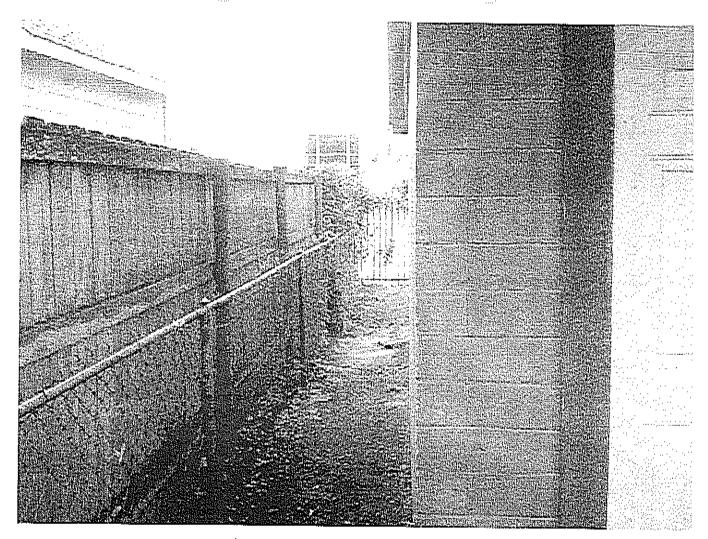
General Requirements:

- A. A variance may be granted if, because of special circumstances of a property, the strict application of the Land Development Code regulations deprives the property owner of privileges that are enjoyed by another person who owns property in the area that has the same zoning designation as the property for which the variance is requested.
- B. A variance to a regulation may not grant special privileges that are inconsistent with the limitations on other properties in the area or in the district in which the property is located.

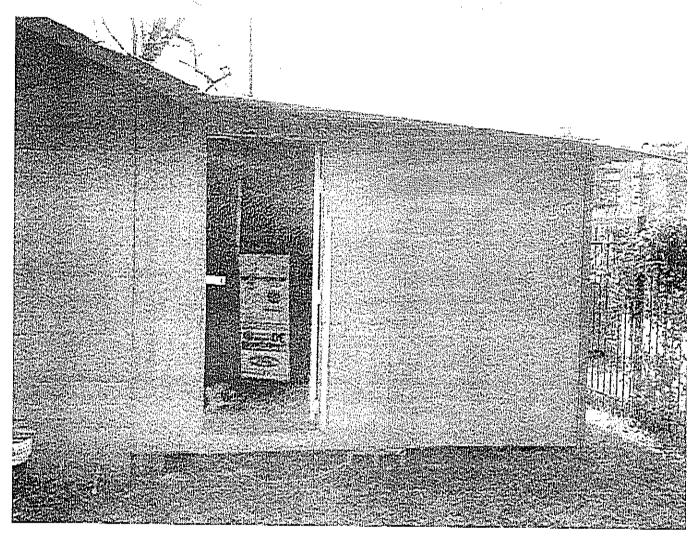
SUBMETTAL REQUIREMENTS: (Failure to complete the application or to submit all the required materials will result in non-acceptance of the application.)

- A completed application indicating all variances being requested. An application most include proposed findings that will support requested variances. The required findings must address each variance being sought.
- (2) A site plan to scale indicating present and proposed construction and location and use of structures on adjacent lots.
- (3) A tax plat with subject property clearly marked indienting property within a 500-foot radius. These are available from the Travis Central Appraisal District at 8314 Cross Park Drive (834-9138).
- (4) Check made payable to the City of Austin for the Board of Adjustment application fee. (Residential zoning - \$360. All other zonings - \$660.)
- (5) Other Information Although the following is not a requirement of submittal you may wish to include additional information that may assist the Board in making an informed decision regarding your request such as: photos of the site or visual aids to support the request, letters from the neighborhood association(s) etc. Any additional information you wish to submit must be in our office one week prior to the meeting. The Board will receive a packet with all information that has been submitted on the Thursday prior to the meeting.
- (6) Austin Energy approval





SIDE SETBACK OF 1'STEREY STRUCTURE AT BACK OF PROPERTY.
CURRENTLY 3.1'.



BACK OF 1 STOKEY STRUCTURE (BACKS UP TO PEDRENATES).

APPLICATION FOR

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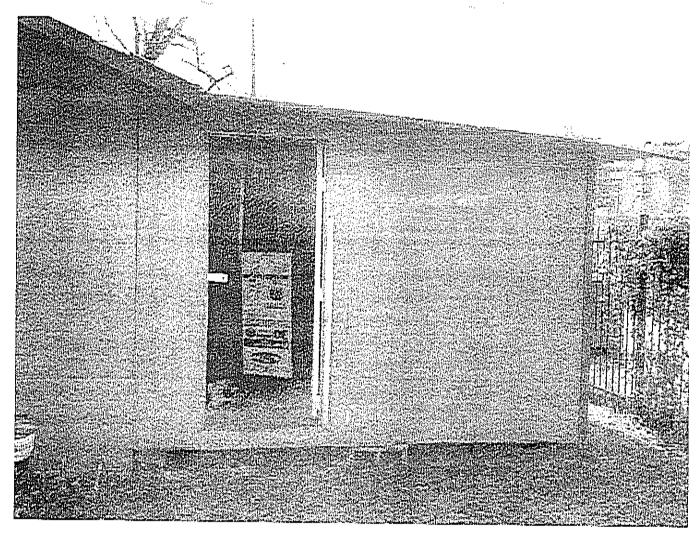
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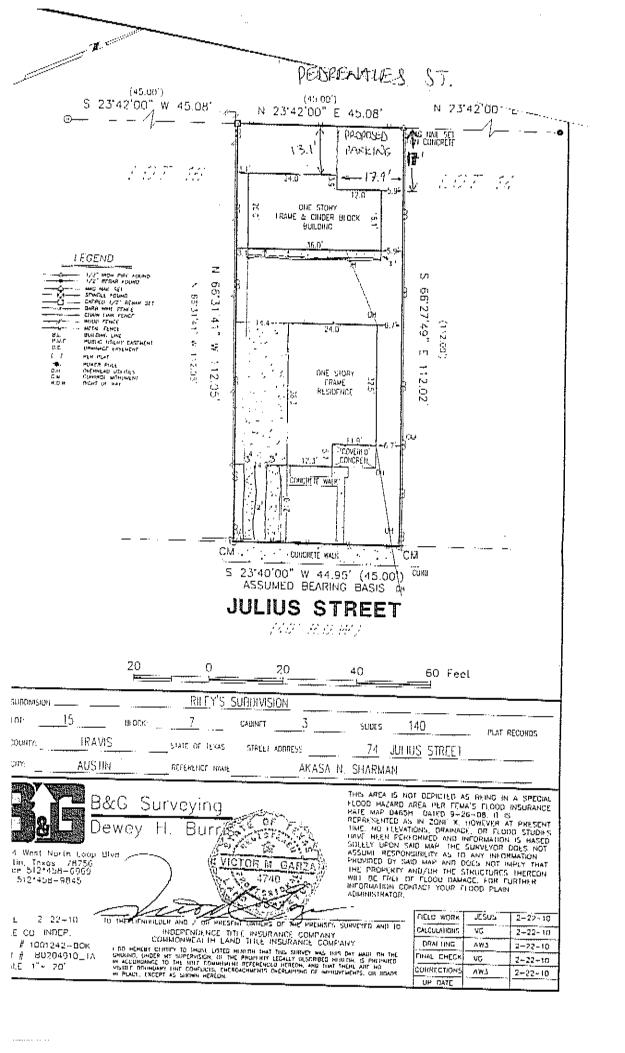
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GRID: SUSAN WALKER MANAGER:



SUBJECT TRACT



1" = 100'

