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: 850 East Rundberg Lane, Austin Texas 78753
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision – Northcape Section C-3
Lot(s) 1-B Block Division REFID2 02392001210000
I/We Manny Duarte, P.E. on behalf of myself as authorized agent for
Shawn Thai affirm that on November 2, 2010
hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
ERECT ATTACH _X COMPLETE REMODEL _X_MAINTAIN
an existing retail center that has an approved site plan (SP-2009-0194C) and is asking for 4 variances. A) Leave existing sidewalk due to existing utilities and due to existing grades to steep to meet Subchapter E, Section 2.2.3. B) Glazing from north, east and south sides of building due to no public view. Subchapter E, Section 3.2.2.B C) Mechanical screening from north, east and south sides due to no public view. Subchapter E, Section 2.6.2.A D) Build approved site plan 4' wide canopy for new building, Jan Adler is requiring 6' sidewalks, Subchapter E, Section 3.2.3
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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.

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):

RE	ASONABLE USE:
1.	The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because: See Attached Letter
НА	RDSHIP:
2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
	See Attached Letter.
	(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:
	See Attached Letter
ARI	EA CHARACTER:
i	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:
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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: No parking variance requested as 5 spaces are required (1 space and 1 space for each rental unit). There are 4 rental units and one space for the owner for a total of 5 spaces onsite now. See attached site plan. 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: N/A 3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because: See Attached Letter 4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because: See Attached Letter 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. Mail Address 608 Candleberry Circle City, State & Zip ____Pflugerville, Texas 78660_____ Printed Manny Duarte, P.E. Phone (512) 947-5537 Date 11/02/10 OWNERS CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



City, State & Zip _Austin, TX 78753_____

Printed Son Thai Phone (512) 626-3964 Date 11/02/10

Mail Address 850 East Rundberg

Signed

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To Whom It May Concern:



There are 4 variances being requested. Below is a summary of each with the reasons:

1. Variance request to leave existing sidewalk as is today (Subchapter E, Section 2.2.3)

REASONABLE USE:

1	The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use
	because:
	Property is zoned as GR, Community Commercial

HARDSHIP:

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

The existing retail center has been at the same location for years. Due to existing grades, the site was raised when built over 30 years ago. This has created a steep driveway to the existing retail center. Owner is doubling the retail space with an approved site plan (SP-2009-0194C) and is required to install a 7' street tree/furniture zone and a 6' required clear zone. Due to the site being much higher than the other businesses surrounding the site, it is not possible to install the 13' sidewalk without meeting ADA and Fire Dept access regulations. See attached pictures.

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

It is not possible to get the 13' sidewalk and meet both ADA and Fire Dept. access requirements.

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:

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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:

No parking variance requested

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No parking variance requested
2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles of public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
N/A
3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
Parking rules have been met and approved on site plan SP-2009-0194C and whave no effect on granting this variance.
 The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because: N/A. Variance request for glazing on the north, east and sout sides of the new retail center (Subchapter E, Section 3.2.2.B).
REASONABLE USE:
The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable us because: Property is zoned as GR, Community Commercial.
HARDSHIP:
2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
The new building that is 5' north of the existing building (south side of new building) cannot be seen from the public. In addition the east and north sides are awa from the public as there is a private school to the east of the new building and a dair distribution center to the north
(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

public.

The south, north and east sides of the new building are not viewable to the

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 existing building has over 40% glazing on the west side. The new building will match the same 40% or more glazing to match the existing retail center.

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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:

No parking variance requested
2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles or public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
N/A
3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
Parking rules have been met and approved on site plan SP-2009-0194C and wil

Parking rules have been met and approved on site plan SP-2009-0194C and will have no effect on granting this variance

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

N/A.____

3. Variance request for mechanical screening on the north, east and south sides of the new retail center (Subchapter E, Section 2.6.2.A).

REASONABLE USE:

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

Property is zoned as GR, Community Commercial.

HARDSHIP:



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

The new retail center will have a parafit wall on the west side of the building to screen any mechanical equipment. The new retail center that is 5' north of the existing building (south side of new building) cannot be seen from the public. In addition the east and north sides are away from the public as there is a private school to the east of the new building and a dairy distribution center to the north. There will be no view of the mechanical equipment from the public's view. See attached pictures.

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

The south, north and east sides of the new building are not viewable to the public.

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 existing building has a parafit wall and the new building will match the existing parafit wall to screen any mechanical equipment.

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No parking	variance requested.	

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:

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the site because:	_
N/A	

4. Variance request for 6' canopy required by Jan Adler, Design Standards Review (Subchapter E, Section 3.2.3).

REASONABLE USE:

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

Property is zoned as GR, Community Commercial.

HARDSHIP:

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

It is not indicated in Subchapter E, Section 3.2.3., the depth of the canopies. Due to the existing retail center having a 4' wide canopy, the owner is requesting to match the new retail center with the same 4' wide canopy over the entire west side of the new retail center.

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

Subchapter E, Section 3.2.3 does not indicate 6' wide canopies over sidewalks.

AREA CHARACTER:

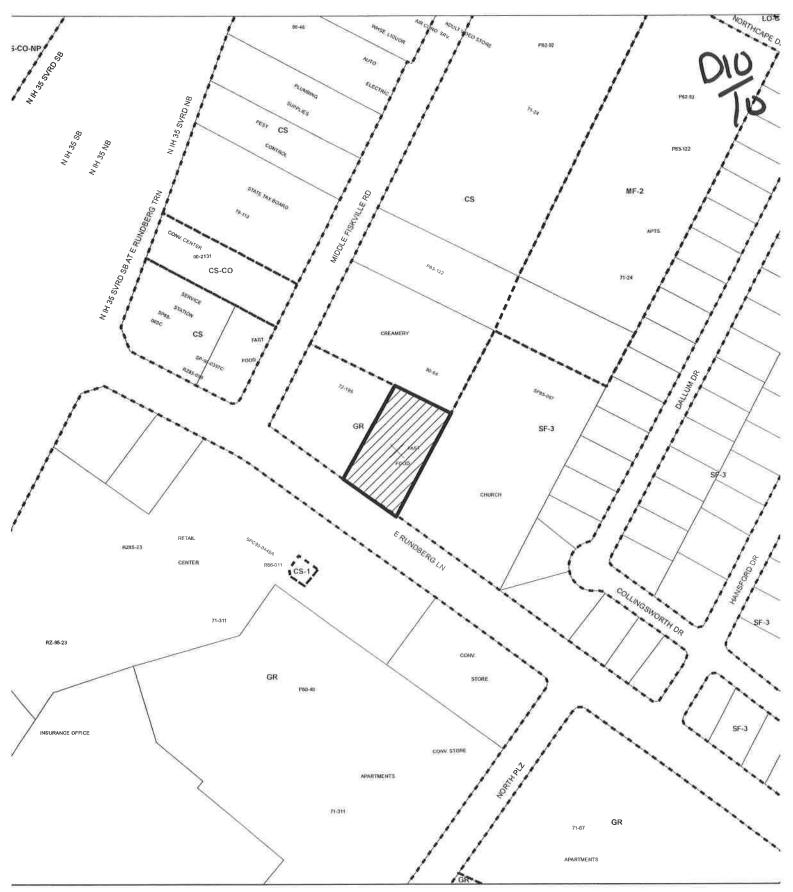
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The new retail center will match the existing retail center's sidewalk cover and will include all of the west side of the new building. This will enhance the uniqueness of the old and new retail center.

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N/A
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4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:





BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

CASE#: C15-2010-0142

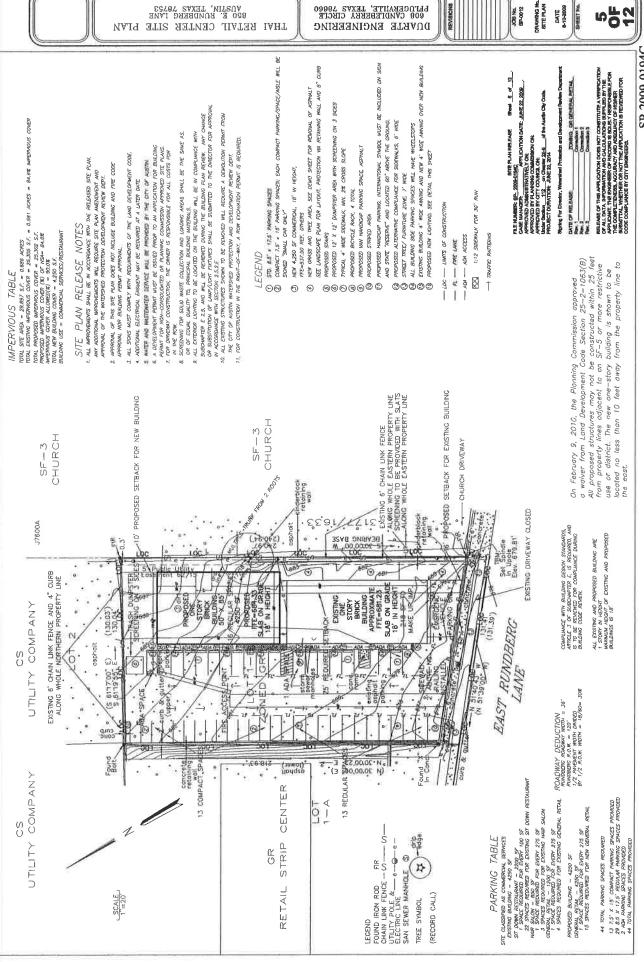
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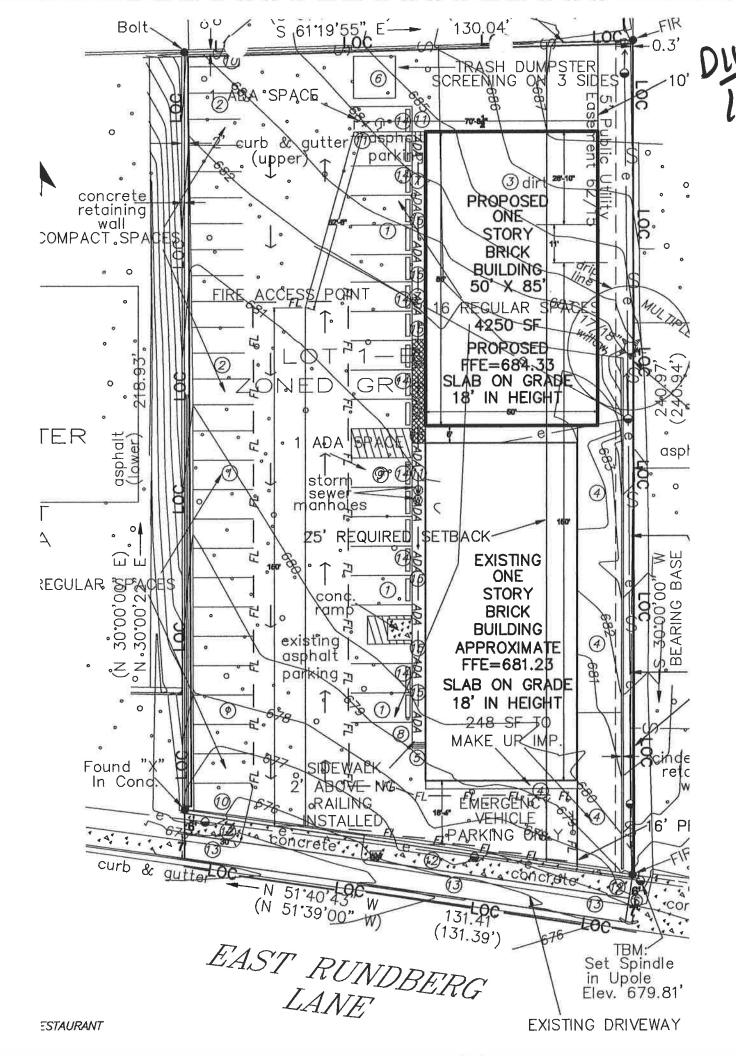


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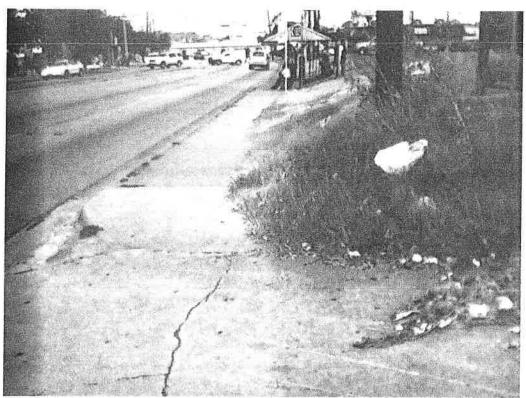
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Existing building with person to wall

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Existing desilating



1. Looking west from western driveway. 2.5' change in elevation from sidewalk to parking lot.



2. Looking east from western driveway. Cleanouts and water meter located in grass area between driveways.

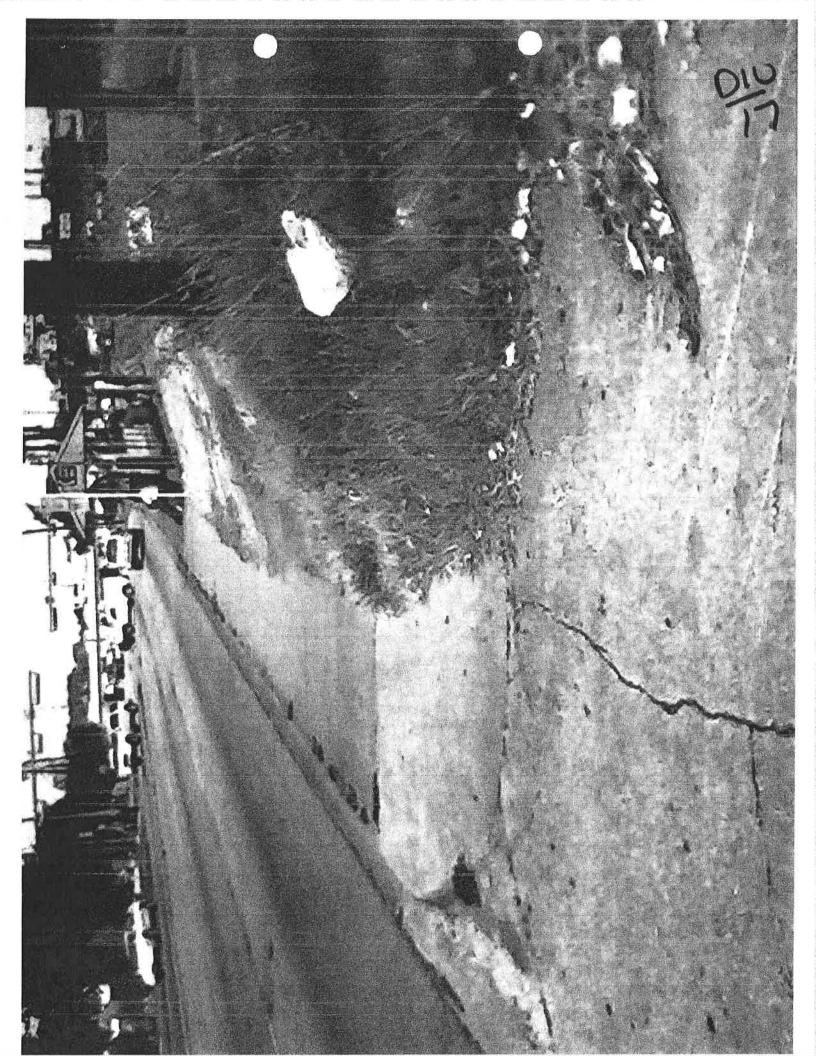
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3. Looking east from eastern driveway. WW manhole and utility pole located On southeastern property corner. 2' change in elevation from sidewalk to pole.



4. Looking east from western property line in parking lot.



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