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## APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

INTERPRETATIONS
PART I: AGGRIEVED PARTY'S STATEMENT

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STREET ADDRESS: 3704 Bonnell Drive, Austin, TX 78731

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - Mount Bonnell Terrace Section 3

Lot 1 Block E Outlot --- Division ---

**ZONING DISTRICT: SF-3** 

WE Sarah Lynn Hill and John Deigh on behalf of ourselves affirm that on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2011, hereby apply for an interpretation hearing before the Board of Adjustment.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October we hereby revise our Aggrieved Party's Statement of September 15, 2011 to delete the appeals we previously labeled Appeal #3 and Appeal #4. Appeals #1 and #2 are retained, although we have made changes to our arguments and to some of the addenda based upon information obtained and research performed since we filed our original application on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

We appeal the August 26, 2011 decision of Greg Guernsey of the Planning and Development Review Department to "approve for permit" the building plans for 3704 Bonnell Drive, attached as Exhibit Ex1; alleging error was made in the decision by an administrative official.

#### Appeal #1:

We assert that error was made by the administrative official relating to the calculation of Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) as same relates to ceiling height greater than 15 feet.

Planning and Development Review Department interpretation is: the areas of the proposed structure that have a ceiling height greater than 15 feet <u>do not</u> need to be counted twice when calculating the Gross Floor Area (GFA) of the structure under the provisions of Article 3, Section 3.3 of the Land Development Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards ("McMansion" Ordinance), because the requirement to double-count such areas does not appear in the current electronic and printed versions of the McMansion Ordinance. As a result, the Department accepted David Weekley Homes' calculated GFA of 4,537 square feet for the structure, attached as Exhibit Ex2. Since the Lot Area is 11,683 square feet, the resulting Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) is 38.83% (4,537 / 11,683). Based on this calculation the FAR does not exceed 40%, and the applicant can proceed without applying to the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC).

We feel the correct interpretation is: the areas of the proposed structure that have a ceiling height greater than 15 feet <u>do</u> need to be counted twice when calculating the Gross Floor Area



of the structure under the provisions of Article 3, Section 3.3 of the McMansion Ordinance. This requirement was Subsection 3.3.3 of the McMansion Ordinance that became effective October 1, 2006, relevant sections attached as Exhibit Ex3. The requirement does not appear in the current electronic and printed versions of the Ordinance, relevant sections attached as Exhibit Ex4, due to a staff error, but this does not mean the requirement was deleted. It was already in effect before the Ordinance was amended in 2008, and it remains in effect because the 2008 amendments did not strike or amend the requirement, and because PDRD staff have continued to apply the requirement to other applications.

The plans submitted by the applicant show that the family room and foyer have ceiling heights between 20 and 22 feet (section of first floor layout showing this attached as Exhibit Ex5). Based on the dimensions shown on the plans, these areas have a combined floor area of at least 450 square feet. Properly double-counting these floor areas would increase the GFA from 4,537 to at least 4,987 square feet. This means the FAR would increase from 38.83% to at least 42.69% (4,987 / 11,683), which exceeds 40% - the maximum amount of development permitted under Section 2.1 of the McMansion Ordinance.

We are asking the Board of Adjustment to find that the Planning and Development Review Department made an error in its decision to "approve for permit" by its interpretation and should follow our interpretation and recalculate the GFA of the structure to properly count twice the areas that have ceiling heights over 15 feet. The application should be denied if the recalculated FAR exceeds the maximum amount of development permitted under Section 2.1 of the McMansion Ordinance. (The applicant would still have the ability to apply to the RDCC for a modification allowing a FAR increase.)

1. There is a reasonable doubt or difference of interpretation as to the specific intent of the regulations in that:

When the McMansion Ordinance became effective on October 1, 2006 under Ordinance No. 20060928-022, approved by the City Council on September 28, 2006 (item 22 on the City Council meeting agenda), Article 3 contained a subsection 3.3.3 which read as follows: "An area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet is counted twice." There is no dispute about this fact.

When the 2006 McMansion Ordinance was amended by the City Council on June 18, 2008, the matter was item 93 on the meeting agenda (a description of item 93, the action taken, and a list of the work papers and other backup documentation provided for the matter is attached as Exhibit Ex6). The requirement to double-count an area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet was inadvertently omitted from the Draft Ordinance, (see Part 14 of attached Exhibit Ex8), due to a staff error.

That this was an error was first brought to our attention on September 8, 2011 by RDCC Commissioner Karen McGraw. That evening aggrieved party Ms. Hill looked at the City Council materials for item 93 on the June 18, 2008 agenda, and saw that the error



occurred in the Draft Ordinance whose footer identified Brent Lloyd as the "responsible attorney." On September 12, 2011 she called Brent Lloyd to discuss this and he said that she was the first person to bring this matter to his attention. He said that before taking any action he would need to do some research to see whether there had been any discussion of amending or striking the requirement before the 2008 amendments were made. On September 14, 2011 Mr. Lloyd told Ms. Hill that he had not found any discussion of the requirement, that the Ordinance did not properly strike the requirement, and that the omission of the requirement from the Ordinance was an unintentional error.

To summarize, the Draft Ordinance was correct, in that it did not strike or amend the requirement. Based on changes made to other, unrelated, provisions of Section 3.3 of Article 3, the requirement to double-count an area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet should have been renumbered from subsection 3.3.3 to subsection 3.3.5. However, due to a staff error the requirement was not included in the Draft Ordinance. This error was carried over to the Executed Ordinance (see Part 14 of attached Exhibit Ex7). As a result, the current electronic and print versions of Article 3, Section 3.3 of the McMansion Ordinance do not mention the requirement (see attached Exhibit Ex4).

The work papers and other backup documentation provided for the City Council meeting do not mention any discussion of changing or deleting this requirement by any person or group. These documents are not attached as there is no dispute about this fact. They do not mention any discussion of this requirement at all, so the clear intent was to retain the requirement. In addition, because the requirement was already in effect, and because it was not struck or amended in the Ordinance approved by the City Council, we believe it remains in effect — even though it does not appear in current electronic or print versions of the Ordinance.

The Draft Ordinance is dated June 12, 2008, and reflects the recommendations made by the Task Force and Planning Commission as of that date. Brent Lloyd and Jessica Kingpetcharat-Bittner made a presentation to the Council at the June 18, 2008 public hearing and afterwards, Ordinance No. 20080618-093 was approved with two amendments — neither related to the requirement to double-count areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet (see second paragraph of Exhibit Ex6).

There is confusion and uncertainty among City staff regarding when they noticed the requirement was no longer in the Ordinance and regarding whether/when they actually stopped applying the requirement to count twice areas with ceiling heights over fifteen feet. To this day, Residential Permit Application "D" — the form used for providing Gross Floor Area information used in the FAR calculation — contains lines for entering the GFA of first, second, and third floor areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet. (See attached Exhibit EX9.) In addition, on May 4, 2011, the date of the first RDCC hearing that dealt with 3704 Bonnell Drive, Ms. Hill searched for information on the City's website about the McMansion Ordinance and found a three-page summary, first two pages attached

as Exhibit EX10, that included on page 2 the statement "Areas with ceiling heights of greater than 15 feet (included by counting the square footage twice)". At the time the owner of 3704 Bonnell Drive also believed that areas with such high ceilings had to be counted twice because in his April 13, 2011 application to the RDCC, pertinent part attached as EX11, he said that vaulting a ceiling to a height above 15 feet adds to the FAR. This exhibit also shows that the Gross Floor Area calculated for 3704 Bonnell Drive on April 13, 2011 was 5,442 square feet.

Subsequently, in a discussion with Ms. Benavidez of the RDCC on May 23, Ms. Hill mentioned the requirement and was told that PDRD didn't apply the requirement any more, and that the change had occurred "a couple of weeks" before. That evening Ms. Hill checked the McMansion summary on the City's website, first two pages attached as EX12, and found it had been changed to omit the requirement. That week the PDRD reviewed the application for Bonnell Drive and made some changes to the owner's FAR calculations that included no longer counting twice the areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet. The revised Residential Permit Application "D", dated May 26, 2011 and attached as Ex13, shows the revised Gross Floor Area is 5,007 square feet (a reduction of 435 square feet). On May 31, 2011 the aggrieved parties spoke to Mr. McDonald about this change and he told us that the requirement had "mysteriously" disappeared when the McMansion Ordinance was amended in 2008. At the time we did not know that the disappearance was an error, we just thought that Mr. McDonald didn't know the reasons for removing the requirement.

The interpretation that we are currently appealing relates to an August 26, 2011 application for 3704 Bonnell Drive in which an administrative decision was also made to not count twice areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet. (The earlier application was withdrawn when the August application was submitted.) As mentioned earlier, we first realized the disappearance of the requirement was due to error during a September 8, 2011 conversation with Ms. McGraw, and Mr. Lloyd was first made of aware of its disappearance by Ms. Hill in a September 12, 2011 conversation. We asked for information that would tell us when the PDRD changed their practice with regard to this requirement, and on September 27, 2011 Mr. Lloyd responded via email, attached as Exhibit EX14, that he would check with Mr. McDonald but was not aware of any such memos.

On the evening of September 28, 2011 the aggrieved parties submitted a Public Information Request under the Texas Open Records Act, attached as Exhibit EX15, requesting information that we felt would resolve this issue. On October 10, 2011, in response to this request, Mr. McDonald emailed us some material. The only document he sent that relates to the requirement to count twice areas with ceilings higher than 15 feet was a copy of a September 9, 2009 email from himself to Mr. Lloyd, attached as EX16. In this email to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. McDonald had copied and pasted language from Residential Permit Application "D" that gave instructions for calculating the gross floor area of the second and third floor of a structure, including the lines for second and third



floor areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet. But Mr. McDonald did not comment on the lines about ceiling height. Instead, he told Mr. Lloyd that the McMansion Ordinance had changed the way second floor balconies are treated in the GFA calculation, but that "the residential application was never changed to reflect this." We think that Mr. McDonald would also have commented on the language about ceiling height if he had thought at the time that the requirement to count twice areas with ceilings greater than 15 feet was no longer in the law.

In an October 14, 2011 email to Ms. Hill, attached as Exhibit EX17, Mr. McDonald says that he "did not find any emails to Mr. Lloyd on ceiling heights greater than 15' are to be counted twice. More than likely these were verbal communications via telephone in and around September of 2009." However, as stated earlier, when Ms. Hill told Mr. Lloyd about the issue on September 12, 2011, Mr. Lloyd said that no one had ever previously told him of the issue. And on October 14, 2011, Mr. Lloyd told Ms. Hill in a telephone conversation that he had nothing responsive with regard to our Public Information Request and that he didn't think he knew "anything about the glitch" until Ms. McGraw and Ms. Hill brought it to his attention in September [2011].

Due to a staff shortage, the PDRD was not able to respond to the second part of our Public Information Request, which consisted of reviewing residential permit application files subject to McMansion to obtain information that would show when PDRD changed their practice with regard to the requirement to count twice areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet. So, Ms. Hill began reviewing applications that had been heard at RDCC hearings in 2010 and 2011, and also looked at some residential permit applications submitted in 2011 that had not gone to the RDCC. The information reviewed is public information posted on the City's online permit database and on the RDCC meeting website. It is available to anyone with a computer and an internet connection. Ms. Hill found several applications processed between late 2009 and August 2011 where, based on the information entered on Residential Permit Application "D", areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet were counted twice. And, based on the floor plans and elevations in the files, the applications reviewed that did not show areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet on Application "D" also did not appear to have such areas. This was obviously not an exhaustive search through all available files (that would have been physically impossible), but it shows that the PDRD has continued to apply the requirement to count twice areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet at least through August 2011. The only exception we know of is the case of 3704 Bonnell Drive.

The results of Ms. Hill's review are shown in attached exhibit EX18.

Recent events related to restoring the requirement to count twice areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet:

 9/7/2011 RDCC hearing: Commissioners ask PDRD staff to draft an amendment that would restore the requirement to the Ordinance



- 9/20/2011 Codes & Ordinances Subcommittee meeting: Ms. McGraw makes a Citizen Communication about the error made in 2008 and the need to restore the requirement to the Ordinance
- 10/5/2011 RDCC hearing: Commissioners receive draft amendment from staff and direct that it be forwarded to the C&O Subcommittee
- 10/18/2011 C&O Subcommittee meeting: Members discuss draft amendment from RDCC and we understand it was forwarded to the Planning Commission
- 2. An appeal of use provisions could clearly permit a use which is in character with the uses enumerated for the various zones and with the objectives of the zone in question because: This item is not applicable to this appeal. The appeal relates to zoning regulations that do not affect the use of the property.
- 3. The interpretation will not grant a special privilege to one property inconsistent with other properties or uses similarly situated in that: our interpretation would require that the terms of the McMansion Ordinance be properly applied to this application.

<u>The Department's interpretation grants a special privilege to this property</u> by ignoring a requirement of the Land Development Code that has been in effect since October 1, 2006, and that they have continued to apply to other applications through August of this year.

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#### Appeal #2

We assert that error was made by the administrative official regarding the calculation of Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) as same relates to habitable attic space in new construction.

Background: Under the McMansion Ordinance the Gross Floor Area (GFA) of an unfinished attic is ignored – and so the attic has no impact on the Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) – unless the attic is over five feet in height and is enclosed by walls. (See McMansion Ordinance subsections 3.3.1 and 3.3.4 in attached Exhibit Ex4, and selected definitions from Land Development Code 25–1–21, attached as Exhibit Ex19, for definitions of Enclosed, GFA, and FAR; and for exemption from GFA, under McMansion, of enclosed areas five feet or less in height.) But, unless it qualifies for the habitable attic exemption of subsection 3.3.3.C of the Ordinance, when the attic, or a portion of the attic, is turned into habitable space its GFA must be included when calculating the FAR of the structure.

The portions of subsection 3.3.3 that relate to the habitable attic exemption state the following:

- 3.3.3. ... attics that meet the following requirements shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area:
  - C. A habitable portion of an attic, if:
    - 1. The roof above it is not a flat or mansard roof and has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater;
    - 2. It is fully contained within the roof structure;
    - It has only one floor;
    - 4. It does not extend beyond the footprint of the floors below;
    - 5. It is the highest habitable portion of the building, or a section of the building, and adds no additional mass to the structure; and
    - 6. Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.

In April 2011 the owner and his representatives submitted a residential permit application for a single family home that is nearly identical to the home in the plans submitted and approved on August 26, 2011. Because the FAR for the earlier plan exceeded 40%, the applicant applied to the RDCC for a modification that would allow a FAR increase. In May the applicants invited us to meet with them at a model home site in Round Rock to view the model on which their proposed structure was based. The photographs which we took onsite (attached as Exhibit Ex20), are of the 4-bedroom version that they showed us (Model 1), and a version of the Lundy in which a fifth bedroom has been added on the second floor over the master bath (Model 2). Model 2 matches, in its placement of the fifth bedroom, the version in the applicant's earlier and current plans. In order to add bedroom 5 to the second floor of the 4-bedroom model – to create his earlier plan – the applicant had to erect three exterior second-floor walls and raise



the roof over the bedroom/bathroom area. In addition, inspection of the photographs clearly shows that a version of the Lundy that has been expanded to include a fifth bedroom on the second floor is obviously more massive than the 4-bedroom version. That is, Model 2 is clearly more massive than Model 1.

The earlier plan was presented at the May 4, June 1, and July 6 RDCC hearings. Nine neighbors within 300 feet of the property filed objections with the RDCC believing the house to be too large for its lot and incompatible with the neighborhood, and one filed an approval. The Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HBWBANA) devoted its entire June 20 meeting to a discussion of the plans following presentations by the owner and a neighbor who objected to the plans. Afterward, the HPWBANA board voted to object to the plans and filed its objection with the RDCC. At its July 6 hearing the RDCC voted to deny the application for a FAR increase. The neighbors, HPWBANA and the RDCC all felt the house was too large for its lot and in comparison to properties within 300 feet of the lot. (Letters from neighbors and HPWBANA are attached as Exhibit Ex26.)

The plans submitted by the owner and approved by the Director on August 26 are nearly identical to the plans that were objected to by the neighbors and neighborhood association and denied by the RDCC. The footprint of the house and garage are unchanged, the layouts and gross floor areas of the finished rooms and the garage are unchanged. The only difference is the owner has increased the mass of his 5-bedroom structure by raising the roof and extending the second floor exterior wall on either side of that bedroom and bathroom 4. (Attached exhibits EX21 and Ex22 show the additional mass added when moving from either the 4-bedroom Lundy or the 5-bedroom Lundy to the house in the owner's current plans.) This change, the owner contends, encloses bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 in an attic that qualifies for a habitable attic exemption under subsection 3.3.3.C of the McMansion Ordinance.

<u>Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD) interpretation is:</u> The structure in the August 26, 2011 application for 3704 Bonnell Drive qualifies for a habitable attic exemption under subsection 3.3.3.C of the McMansion Ordinance (see Background, above).

The condition that we assert has not been met is subsection 3.3.3.C.5. On August 29 the supervisor of the PDRD told us in person that the area identified as "habitable attic space" adds no additional mass to the structure because it fits inside the building envelope, or "tent." On September 27 Brent Lloyd told us that he had discussed the issue with PDRD staff, and the explanation he gave for their assuming the area adds no additional mass to the structure was that, "PDRD has consistently interpreted this language to prohibit use of the exemption for any increase in mass to existing structures—i.e., attic finish-outs. It does not apply to new construction, where an applicant simply revises his or her project during plan review. This



makes sense, because there is no way to add "additional mass to the structure" unless there is an actual structure on the ground."

Based on the habitable attic exemption, and David Weekley Homes' calculations, 570 square feet of attic floor with a ceiling under 7 feet in height, and 374 square feet of attic floor with a ceiling over 7 feet in height (a total of 944 square feet of "habitable" attic space) has been excluded from the calculation of the Gross Floor Area (GFA) of the structure (see attached Exhibit Ex16). The PDRD accepted David Weekley Homes' calculated GFA of 4,537 square feet for the structure (see attached Exhibit Ex2 and Exhibit Ex16), their claimed lotsize of 11,683 square feet, and their resulting Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) of 38.83% (4,537 / 11,683). Based on this calculation the FAR does not exceed 40%, and the applicant can proceed without applying for a modification to the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC).

We feel the correct interpretation is: the area identified as "habitable attic space" in the application does not qualify for a habitable attic exemption under subsection 3.3.3.C, because it adds mass to the structure and so does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3.3.3.C.5.

Section 3.1 of the McMansion Ordinance provides that the "buildable area" (aka building envelope or tent) is the area in which development subject to the Ordinance may occur, and subsection 2.6.E provides limited exceptions under which a structure may extend outside the buildable area. We would agree with Mr. McDonald that the attic would add mass to the structure if it could not be built without making using of one of the exceptions of subsection 2.6.E.

However, structures of varying size and shape -i.e., of varying mass - can fit inside the tent, and so we do not agree that no other test should be applied - or indeed that no test at all should be applied to new construction. Three additional tests are suggested here.

The applicant claims that the habitable attic space is the highest habitable portion of a section of the building, but not the highest habitable portion of the entire building. Our arguments apply to that sort of habitable attic space. They require comparing the habitable attic space to the remainder of the proposed structure. They are not meant to be applied to habitable attic space that is the highest habitable portion of an entire building.

<u>Impact of roof on mass or bulk of house</u>: when considering habitable attic space over a section of a house, we propose that the PDRD should compare the scale of the attic roof to the scale of the roof over the (other) main living areas of the house. If an attic roof is built to a larger scale,



it will be out of proportion to the other main roof areas of the house, and more noticeable – thus drawing attention to its bulk.

An examination of the floor layouts in attached Exhibit ExO shows the claim is that the habitable attic space is being created inside an attic that covers the following rooms on the first floor of the structure: the study, the master-bath, and the owner's retreat.

Test number 1: Visual inspection of the front and rear elevations of the house in attached Exhibit Ex0 reveals what appears to be a full two-story house. The roof ridge over the habitable attic space (left side of the front elevation) is about 18 inches below the roof ridge over the main (central) portion of the house, and is about 18 inches above the roof ridge over bedroom 3 (right side of the front elevation). (These measurements were made using large format to-scale plans.) This means a more detailed examination of the building plan is warranted.

**Test number 2:** Further inspection of the information on the to-scale elevations of the house, the floor layouts, and the framing plans revealed that:

- a. The ridge of the habitable attic roof is above the first-floor master-bath; and
- b. The roof ridges over the two story section of the house are over the *second-floor* upstairs hallway, bathroom 2, the learning center, and bedroom 3; and
- c. The finished ceiling of the first-floor master-bath is ten feet below the level of the finished ceilings of the second-floor rooms listed in item b., above.

Putting this together with the information from Test number 1, we see that the finished ceiling of the master-bath (the first-floor room underneath the ridge of the habitable attic) is *ten feet below* the finished ceilings of the second-floor rooms listed in item b., above. And yet, the ridge of the habitable attic roof is about 18 inches below the ridge of the roof over the main (central) portion of the house, and is about 18 inches above the ridge of the roof over bedroom 3 (right side of front elevation).

Based on this information, the habitable attic space over the one-story section of the house is much more massive than the attic space over the two-story section of the house. It adds mass to the structure since it is disproportionately large compared to the attic over the two-story section of the house.

**Test number 3:** The width and length of a roof are constrained by the width and length of the portion of the house that it covers, but the slope can vary. As the slope increases, the height of the roof ridge increases, and the roof becomes more visible, making the entire structure appear more massive and bulky. So, to determine the scale of a roof one needs to look at its slope. The floor layouts and the roof plan of the house can be examined to determine the different



roof sections and the areas of the house covered by each one. The roof plan should also be consulted to determine the slopes of the different sections of roof. The front roof plan will provide information about how the attic would affect the street view of the house, while the side and rear roof plans provide information about how the attic would affect next-door and back-yard neighbors.

Application to proposed structure and the gable end attic under dispute: We examined the roof plan and floor layouts submitted with the application, focusing on sections of roof over the main living areas of the home and over the attic, noting the sections of roof that slope the same directions as the habitable attic roof. In both the front and rear of the house the slope of the habitable attic roof is greater (steeper) than the slope of the roof over the main living areas of the home. (Exhibits Ex24 and Ex25 show the Front and Rear roof plans and identify the roof slopes over different rooms in the house.) From this we conclude that the attic roof is built on a more massive scale than the roof over the rest of the house, and so the attic adds mass to the house.

How would the height of the attic roof change if the slope were reduced to match the slope of the attic over the main portions of the house? Using the large format to-scale elevations we determined that the ridge of the habitable attic roof is 13.5 feet above the finished floor of the attic. If the slope of the rear attic roof were reduced from its current 5.5:12 to match the 4:12 slope over the main living areas in the rear of the house (see rear slopes on Exhibit Ex25) its height would be only 9.8 feet  $(9.8 = 13.5 \times (4 / 5.5))$ . That is, the ridge of the habitable attic roof would be 3.7 feet *lower* if the attic roof were built on the same scale as the attic over the main living areas of the house.

Based on the results of this test, the habitable attic space over the one-story section of the house is more massive than the attic space over the two-story section of the house. It adds mass to the structure since it is disproportionately large compared to the attic over the two-story section of the house. For this reason this space is not eligible for the habitable attic exemption.

In this case a 5-bedroom house deemed incompatible in scale and bulk by the RDCC, by the neighbors, and by the local neighborhood association (HPWBANA), has been altered to *increase* its mass, but the administrative decision made by the Director resulted in treating the structure as though its mass had been reduced to that of a 4-bedroom house. We believe this happened because the Director did not apply a reasonable standard to determine whether the habitable attic space added additional mass to the structure.



Under Section 2.1 of the McMansion Ordinance the maximum allowable Gross Floor Area (GFA) of the structure is 40% of the lotsize, or 4,673 square feet (0.4 x 11,683). With the habitable attic exemption the GFA is 4,537 square feet. Denying the 944 square foot habitable attic exemption would clearly increase the GFA to an amount in excess of the 4,673 square feet permitted under Section 2.1 of the McMansion Ordinance.

We are asking the Board of Adjustment to find that the Planning and Development Review Department made an error in its decision to "approve for permit" by its interpretation and should follow our interpretation, deny the habitable attic exemption because the habitable attic space increases the mass of the structure, recalculate the GFA and the resulting FAR (GFA / lotsize). The application should then be denied if the recalculated FAR exceeds the maximum amount of development permitted under Section 2.1 of the McMansion Ordinance. (The applicant would still have the ability to apply to the RDCC for a modification allowing a FAR increase.)

1. There is a reasonable doubt or difference of interpretation as to the specific intent of the regulations in that:

The intent of the McMansion Ordinance is explained in Section 1.1:

"This Subchapter is intended to minimize the impact of new construction, remodeling, and additions to existing buildings on surrounding properties in residential neighborhoods by defining an acceptable buildable area for each lot within which new development may occur. The standards are designed to protect the character of Austin's older neighborhoods by ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with existing neighborhoods."

In this case, we believe that the Planning and Development Review Department has focused only on whether the additional space fits inside the "tent" or acceptable buildable area, but that standard does not help to determine whether Subsection 3.3.3.C.5 is satisfied.

Instead, the Department needs to think about the goal of "... ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with existing neighborhoods." Refusal to grant the habitable attic exemption when creation of the habitable attic adds additional mass to the structure is in furtherance of this second goal. It is intended to prevent abuse of the habitable attic exemption. Why else would that requirement be there? The Department must not ignore this requirement when dealing with new construction, but must find a reasonable way to determine when this requirement is met.



- 2. An appeal of use provisions could clearly permit a use which is in character with the uses enumerated for the various zones and with the objectives of the zone in question because: This item is not applicable to this appeal. The appeal relates to zoning regulations that do not affect the use of the property.
- 3. The interpretation will not grant a special privilege to one property inconsistent with other properties or uses similarly situated in that: Our interpretation requires the application of a reasonable method of determining when habitable attic space adds additional mass to a structure.

Because the Department is not applying a reasonable and meaningful interpretation of the requirement "adds no additional mass to the structure" when dealing with habitable attic exemptions for new construction, it is giving preferential treatment to new construction when compared to a remodel of an existing structure on a neighboring property. For example, suppose there are two adjacent identically sized lots. One contains an existing house - the 4 bedroom version of the Lundy - and the other is an empty lot. The owner of the empty lot wants to build the 5-bedroom version of the Lundy, but the FAR for that plan exceeds 40% and the RDCC denies an application for a variance. So the builder changes his plan to the one submitted by the applicant, claims a habitable attic exemption, and with the reduced FAR is able to build his new house without applying for a variance to the RDCC. The owner of the existing 4-bedroom Lundy sees this happen and decides to remodel his house to match the new construction. But the owner of the existing property is not eligible for the habitable attic exemption because conversion of the 4-bedroom Lundy to the applicant's proposed plan requires the addition of considerable mass to the structure. As a result, the FAR of the proposed remodel exceeds 40% and the owner of the existing home must apply for a variance to the RDCC.

Because the Department is not applying a reasonable and meaningful interpretation of the requirement "adds no additional mass to the structure" when dealing with habitable attic exemptions for new construction it is giving preferential treatment to builders of new construction compared to people who already live in the surrounding neighborhood because it dilutes the protection that the McMansion Ordinance affords the surrounding properties and neighborhood by creating situations where increasing the mass and bulk of new construction actually causes the non-exempt Gross Floor Area – the GFA used in the FAR calculation – to decrease, exempting the properties from review by the RDCC, and allowing oversized structures that are incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood to be built.



AGGRIEVED PARTY CERTIFICATE – We affirm that our statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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#### Required Addenda Included:

- Letter to Board of Adjustment stating appellant meets the requirements as an Interested Party as listed in Section 25-1-131(A) and (B) of the Land Development Code, including all information required under 25-1-131(C).
- Notice of Appeal emailed on August 31, 2011 to John McDonald, Supervisor of the Planning and Development Review Department
- Site Plan/Plot Plan drawn to scale, showing present construction and location of existing structures on adjacent lots
- Existing Site Plan drawn to scale for 3704 Bonnell Drive
- Site Plan Final Grade, showing proposed construction at 3704 Bonnell Drive

Addenda included supporting our argument:

Exhibit	Description Description
Ex0	Copy of the Application materials submitted to the Planning and
	Development Review Department for 3704 Bonnell Drive, including David
	Weekley Homes' calculation of the Gross Floor Area (GFA) and the Floor-to-
*****	Area Ratio (FAR); "approved for permit" by Greg Guernsey.
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Ex2	David Weekley Homes' calculation of Gross Floor Area showing first floor
	areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet were not counted twice. Also shows
	lot size of 11,683 sf and Floor-to-Area Ratio of 38.83%
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	Ordinance approved by the City Council on September 28, 2006, which
	became effective October 1, 2006). Subsection 3.3.3 of Article 3 of the
	Executed Ordinance reads as follows: "An area with a ceiling height greater
	than 15 feet is counted twice."
Ex4	Relevant sections of current electronic/print version of McMansion
	Ordinance
Ex5	Section of first floor layout showing 20 foot ceiling in family room and 22
···	foot ceiling in foyer
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	the June 18, 2008 agenda where the Council approved Ordinance 20080618-
	093. It includes a list of Work Papers and Other Backup Documentation for
	the amendments to the McMansion Ordinance. These documents are
	posted on the City Council's webpage under item 93 for the 6/18/2008 City
	Council meeting.
Ex7	Relevant portions of Executed Ordinance 20080618-093. This is the
	ordinance that, due to a clerical error, inadvertently omitted the
	requirement to double-count areas with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet.
	See Part 14 of the Executed Ordinance. This part does not amend or strike
	the existing subsection 3.3.3; it is written as though the McMansion
	Ordinance being amended did not already include a subsection 3.3.3.



Exhibit	Description
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	ceilings higher than 15 feet increase the FAR
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Ex16	9/9/2009 email from Mr. McDonald to Mr. Lloyd about language on
	Application "D" for second floor balconies
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	Information Request
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	early 2011; and of a sample of residential permit applications submitted to
	PDRD in 2011 that did not go to RDCC
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	Bonnell Drive when they were being reviewed by the RDCC

# CITY OF AUSTIN LETTER TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT INTERPRETATIONS AGGRIEVED PARTY'S STANDING TO APPEAL

STREET ADDRESS: 3704 Bonnell Drive, Austin, TX 78731

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision – Mount Bonnell Terrace Section 3** 

Lot 1 Block E Outlot --- Division ---

ZONING DISTRICT: SF-3

WE Sarah Lynn Hill and John Deigh on behalf of ourselves are providing this letter to confirm our Standing to Appeal Status

We meet the requirements as an Interested Party as listed in Section 25-1-131(A) of the Land Development Code because we are the record owners of property within 500 feet of the site of the proposed development and occupy a primary residence on that property. Our property shares a back lot line with the property in the application.

Section 25-1-131(B) does not apply because we have not communicated an interest in a matter that is the subject of a public hearing.

We meet the requirements of Section 25-1-131(C) because we communicated an interest in the August 26, 2011 Planning and Development Review Department's Administrative Decision to "Approve for Permit" the building plans for the above property – by sending emails to Mr. John McDonald, Supervisor of the Department, on August 29 and 30, by meeting with him in person on August 29, and by emailing him a written Notice of Appeal, as required by Section 25-1-183, on August 31, 2011. We also had previously corresponded with Mr. McDonald about issues surrounding the Floor-to-Area Ratio calculations for this property in May, and June, and about building plans for this property in July and early August. This previous correspondence was conducted via email and telephone. All information required under 25-1-131(C) is included in the enclosed copy of the Notice of Appeal that we emailed to Mr. McDonald on August 31, 2011.

**AGGRIEVED PARTY SIGNATURES** 

Signed D. Tym NOV

Printed: Sarah Lynn Hill

Signed John Heigh

Printed: John Deigh

Mailing Address: 3701 Mount Bonnell Road

City, State & Zip: <u>Austin, TX 78731-5730</u>

Phone: <u>512-371-1254</u>

CASE 2011-077075 PR; Address 3704 Bonnell Drive

Notice of Appeal of 8-26-2011 Administrative Decision by the Planning and Development Review Department to "Approve for Permit" the building plans for the above case

Submitted to Mr. John McDonald, Supervisor of the Planning and Development Review Department.

Submitted by Sarah Lynn Hill and John Deigh on August 31, 2011

Mr. McDonald advised us that our notice of appeal could be submitted by emailing the required information to him, and that no special form is required.

#### Required information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the appellants:

Sarah Lynn Hill and John Deigh 3701 Mount Bonnell Road Austin, TX 78731-5730 512-371-1254 (home)

- 2. Name of the applicant: William Clark
- Decision being appealed: Planning and Development Review Department's Administrative Decision to "Approve for Permit" the building plans for 3704 Bonnell Drive (Case 2011-077075 PR)
- 4. The date of the decision: 8-26-2011
- 5. A description of the appellants' status as an interested party: We are the record owners of property within 500 feet of the site of the proposed development and occupy a primary residence on that property. Our property shares a back lot line with the property in the application.

A history of our communication of interest in this matter with Mr. John McDonald, Supervisor of the Planning and Development Review Department (required to establish our status):

The applicant previously applied to the RDCC for a variance that would allow him to exceed the 40% F.A.R. limitation of Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards of the Land Development Code, commonly known as the "McMansion" Ordinance (Case 2011-031138 PR) for a building at the same address as in the current case (2011-077075 PR). We objected to the previous application and spoke at three different RDCC hearings on the matter (May 4, June 1, and July 6). A part of the applicant's argument in that case was that he had a similar plan (that he did not want to build) that he thought satisfied the 40% F.A.R. limitation. The limitation was supposedly satisfied by treating a portion of the second floor—



including bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 – as exempt habitable attic space (attic space excluded from the F.A.R. calculation under Section 3.3.3.C of the Ordinance).

We initially communicated our concern about the F.A.R. calculations and the claim to have a habitable attic space exemption to Mr. McDonald via email on May 20. In that email we explained our concerns and our need to prepare for the June 1 RDCC hearing. We asked for a meeting with RDCC staff to go over the F.A.R. calculations in both of the applicant's plans. This email also included our name, mailing address, and phone number. Mr. McDonald reviewed the plans and spoke to us about them on May 31. The applicant revised his plans after the June 1 RDCC hearing and continued to claim a habitable attic exemption for plans he did not want to build. We emailed Mr. McDonald about these new plans on June 27, explaining our concerns and need to prepare for the July 6 RDCC hearing. He reviewed and discussed them with us on June 28. In both the May 31 and June 28 conversations he told us that in his opinion the habitable attic exemption did not apply because bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 were part of the second floor in all of the applicant's plans, not part of attic space, but he also cautioned us that the habitable attic space provisions were a controversial issue within his office. The RDCC denied the application in case 2011-031138 PR for the plan the applicant wanted to build (the one without the attic exemption) on July 6. We subsequently inquired about the status of the building plans on July 26, and on August 4 Mr. McDonald told us via email that the applicant had not appealed the decision and he understood them to be redesigning the plans to meet the 40% F.A.R. requirement.

Late on Friday, August 26, we checked the City's online permit database and found that the current case 2011-077075 PR had been submitted by the applicant and approved on that same day by Residential Zoning Reviewers (Mr. McDonald's staff). Early on August 29 (Monday) we sent an email to Mr. McDonald communicating our concerns that information in the database made it appear that a plan larger than the one denied by the RDCC had been approved. We met with Mr. McDonald that afternoon. At that meeting we found that the newly submitted plans were the plans the applicant had previously not wanted to build - the plans Mr. McDonald had reviewed, at our request, on June 28 (with minor changes - the addition of a small balcony and some windows - that did not affect the F.A.R.), but that Mr. McDonald had (after discussion with his supervisor), reversed his prior position and decided to grant the habitable attic exemption requested by the applicant. We discussed our reasons for thinking this decision was wrong and also pointed out that the exempted space had increased the mass of the structure a further reason for not granting the habitable attic exemption. Mr. McDonald confirmed that the plan would exceed the 40% F.A.R. limitation if the exemption were not granted, then checked and told us that the applicant had not yet paid for the building permit. We informed him of our intention to appeal Residential Zoning's approval of 2011-077075 PR and he gave us a list of the information to be included in the notice of appeal and said we could file it by emailing the information to him. On August 30 Mr. McDonald provided us with a copy of the building plans for 2011-077075 PR and we sent him an email summarizing our August 29 meeting with him and confirming our intention to appeal.

6. Reasons the appellant believes the decision does not comply with the requirements of this title:

We believe that the F.A.R. of the plan submitted in Case 2011-077075 PR exceeds the 40% limitation of the McMansion Ordinance, and so it should not have been approved by Residential Zoning Review. We believe this because we believe that the habitable attic exemption of section 3.3.3.C should not have been granted, and, as noted above, in our meeting on Monday, August 29, Mr. McDonald confirmed that the plan exceeds the 40% limitation if the habitable attic exemption of section 3.3.3.C is not allowed.

First, we believe that bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 are part of the second floor, not part of an attic, and therefore not eligible for the habitable attic exemption. The applicant's designating bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 as the only finished portion of the second floor that is habitable attic space has no basis other than his interest in finding floor space that might be exempted from the F.A.R calculation. That there are interior walls separating these two rooms from the rest of the finished part of the second floor is not a basis for excluding other finished portions of the second floor, continuous with these rooms, from being habitable attic space, for an interior wall can exist within an attic. Roof coverage is also not a basis for excluding other finished portions of the second floor continuous with bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 from being habitable attic space, for a section of roof that covers a portion of these two rooms also covers portions of other finished rooms on the second floor. To be able to determine whether floor space is habitable attic space exempt from the F.A.R. calculation because it is habitable attic space fifty percent or more of which has a ceiling height of less than 7 feet, one has to be able to determine the boundaries of the habitable attic space for the purpose of doing the calculation. However, there is no way of determining these boundaries.

Second, even if these rooms were treated as attic space, it would not be true that the space could be ignored — for the space fails to meet one of the conditions in the Ordinance for ignoring habitable attic space. The condition it fails to meet is that the space "adds no additional mass to the structure." (See section 3.3.3.C.5.) Adding this space, regardless of how it is treated, adds mass to the structure.

In the plan submitted to the RDCC under Case 2011-031138 PR, the mass required for these rooms was created by making a large rectangular bump-out in the middle of the roof of the south-facing section of the house, directly over the first-floor master bath. In that case, the rooms were treated as part of the second floor and their square footage was included in the F.A.R. calculation. The F.A.R. exceeded the 40% limitation of the Ordinance, and the RDCC denied the application for those plans on July 6.

In the plan for Case 2011-077075 PR just approved by Residential Zoning Review – the approval that we are appealing – the applicant took the plan denied by the RDCC and added additional mass to the structure by adding new triangular bump-outs on the east and west sides of bedroom 5 and bathroom 4, and raising portions of the roof on the south side of the house to



cover the new bump-outs. He claims that in the modified plan a portion of the second floor that includes bedroom 5, bathroom 4, and the area under the new roof is habitable attic space that qualifies for the exemption of the Ordinance (section 3.3.3.C) and can be ignored when calculating the F.A.R. We say that bedroom 5 and bathroom 4 continue to be part of the second floor, not attic space. However, even if they are treated as attic space, section 3.3.3.C.5 is not satisfied with regard to bedroom 5, bathroom 4 and the area under the new roof, because the modifications that create this new space add additional mass to the structure.

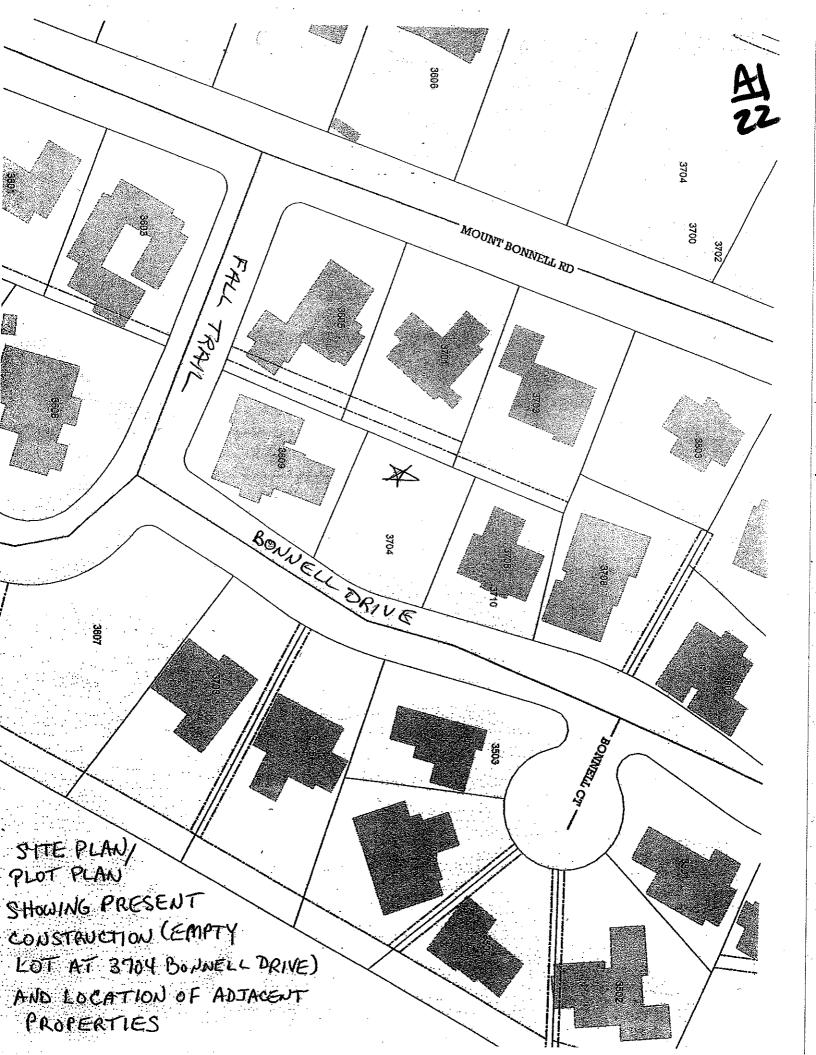
Pictures and/or drawings will help to illustrate our arguments. In the June 28, 2011 statement that we submitted to the RDCC for their July 6 hearing we explained that adding bedroom 5 to the structure, however it is treated, adds mass to the structure. To illustrate our argument our statement included photographs of the 4-bedroom and 5-bedroom versions of a David Weekley model home on which the applicant's plan is based. That statement can be found on the RDCC website in the backup material posted for the July 6 hearing. We can also provide copies of this statement and/or the photographs on request.

It is also instructive to compare the plans submitted in cases 2011-033138 PR and 2011-077075 PR. The layout of all first and second-floor rooms, and their square footages, are the same in both plans. And the exterior elevations are the same — with the exception of the area on the south section of the second-story that surrounds bedroom 5 and bathroom 4. It is easy to see — especially when viewing the south elevation (labeled "left" in the plans) - that the structure in 2011-077075 PR has more mass than the structure in 2011-033138 PR. Mr. McDonald's department should have copies of both sets of plans.

Finally, we believe that the terms of the Ordinance should be interpreted and applied with an understanding of the underlying purpose of the Ordinance. As explained in section 1.1 of the Ordinance, "The standards are designed to protect the character of Austin's older neighborhoods by ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with existing neighborhoods."

The plan submitted in 2011-031138 PR exceeded the 40% F.A.R. limitation of the Ordinance, and so the RDCC was required to rule on the compatibility of the proposed plan. At its July 6 hearing the RDCC denied the application, determining that the plan was too massive in comparison with nearby properties, and with several members making strong statements about the incompatibility of that plan with the neighborhood. The new plan submitted in 2011-077075 PR is nearly identical to the plan that was denied – except that one section of the new plan is more massive than the old plan. It is obvious to us that the RDCC would not consider the new plan to be compatible with the neighborhood.

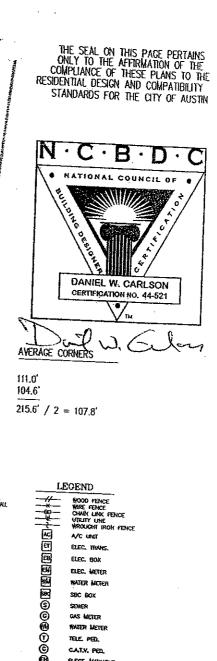
We do not believe that the habitable attic exemption was adopted in order to allow applicants to decrease the size of their F.A.R. by increasing the mass of their house.

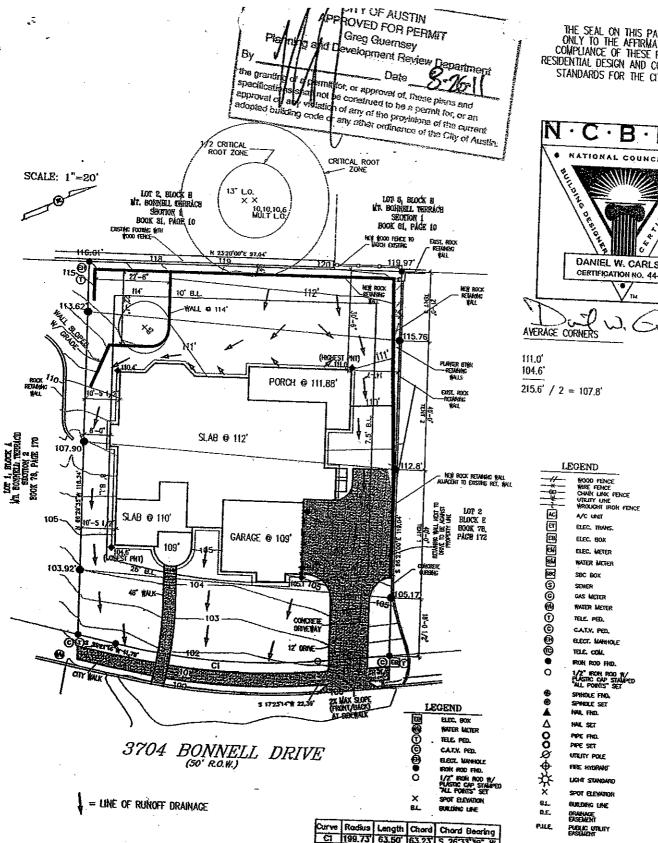


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MOUNT BONNELL TERRACE 3704 Bonnell Drive

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**David Weekley Homes** 

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#### **EXHIBIT Ex0**

Copy of the Application materials submitted to the Planning and Development Review Department for 3704 Bonnell Drive, including David Weekley Homes' calculation of the Gross Floor Area (GFA) and the Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR), "approved for permit" by Greg Guernsey

#### CITY OF AUSTIN

### RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "A"

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#### RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION

I understand that in accordance with Sections 25-1-411 and 25-11-66 of the Land Development Code (LDC), non-compliance with the LDC may be cause for the Building Official to suspend or revoke a permit and/or license. I understand that I am responsible for complying with any subdivision notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions (i.e., height, access, screening, etc.) on this property. If a conflict should result with any of these restrictions, it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I understand that, if requested, I must provide copies of all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, and/or zoning conditional overlay information that may apply to this property.

I acknowledge that this project qualifies for the Site Plan Exemption as listed in Section 25-5-2 of the LDC.

I understand that nothing may be built upon or over an easement. I further understand that no portion of any roof structure may overhang in any public utility or drainage easement.

I acknowledge that customer will bear the expense of any necessary relocation of existing utilities to clear this driveway location and/or the cost to repair any damage to existing utilities caused during construction.

I also understand that if there are any trees greater that 19 inches in diameter located on the property and immediately adjacent to the proposed construction, I am to schedule a Tree Ordinance review by contacting (512) 974-1876 and receive approval to proceed.

I agree that this application will expire on the 181st day after the date that the application is filed if the application is not approved and an extension is not granted. If the application expires, a new submittal will be required.
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Service Address 3704 Bonnell Drive
Applicant's Signature Smallert Date 8/17/11
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### RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "C" 3704 Bonnell Drive **BUILDING COVERAGE** The area of a lot covered by buildings or roofed areas, but not including (i) incidental projecting eaves and similar features, or (ii) groups are a similar features, or (ii) groups are a similar features, or (iii) groups are a similar features. level paving, landscaping, or open recreational facilities.

Uncovered patios

Concrete decks

Air conditioner pads

Uncovered wood decks [may be counted at 50%]

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#### CITY OF AUSTIN RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "D" FLOOR AREA RATIO INFORMATION

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<ul> <li>b. 1<sup>st</sup> floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet.</li> <li>c. TOTAL (add a and b above)</li> </ul>	sq.ft.	3-667 sq.ft.
<ul> <li>II. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below</li> <li>d. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches, breezeways, mezzanine or loft)</li> <li>e. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area with ceiling height &gt; 15 feet.</li> </ul>		1503 sq.ft.
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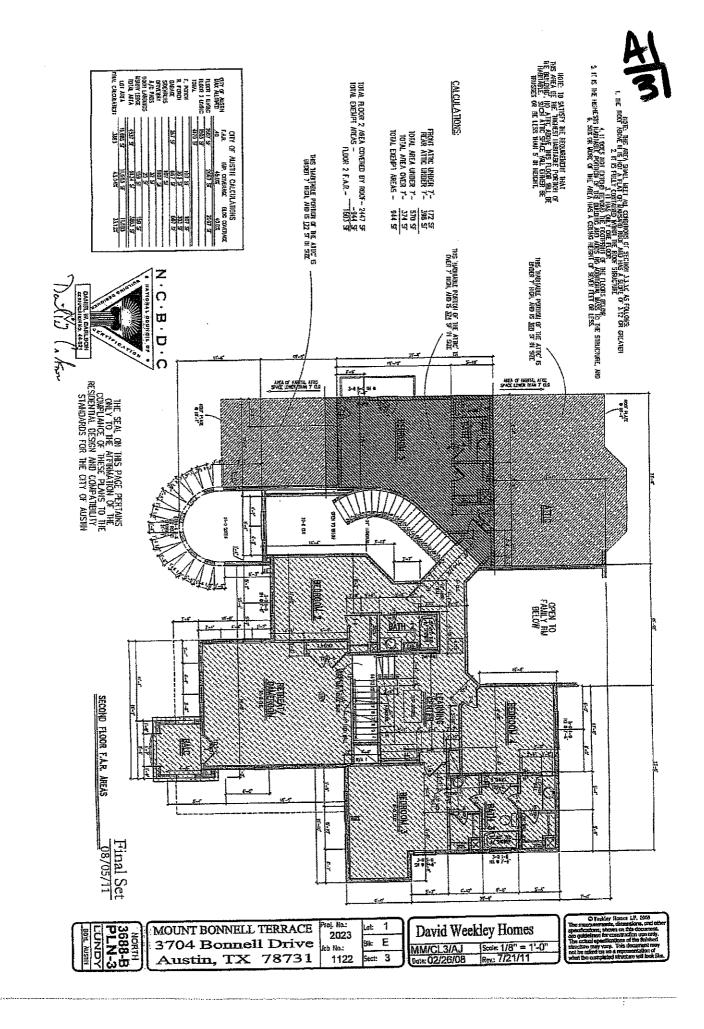
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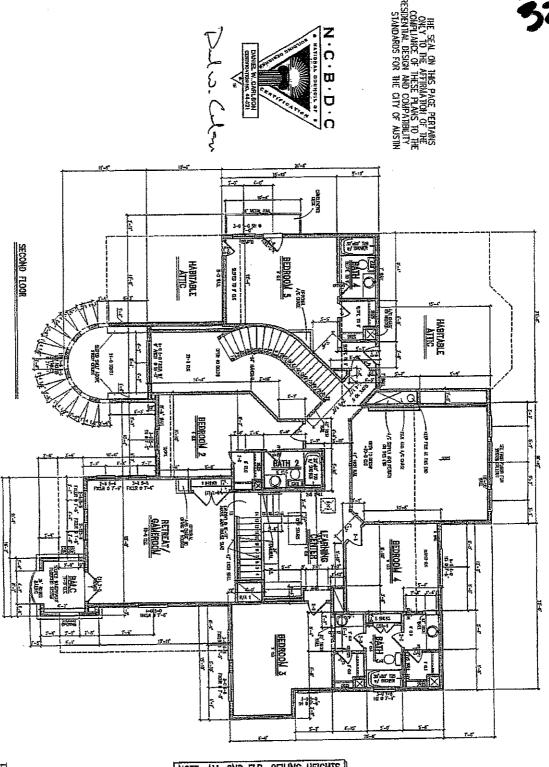
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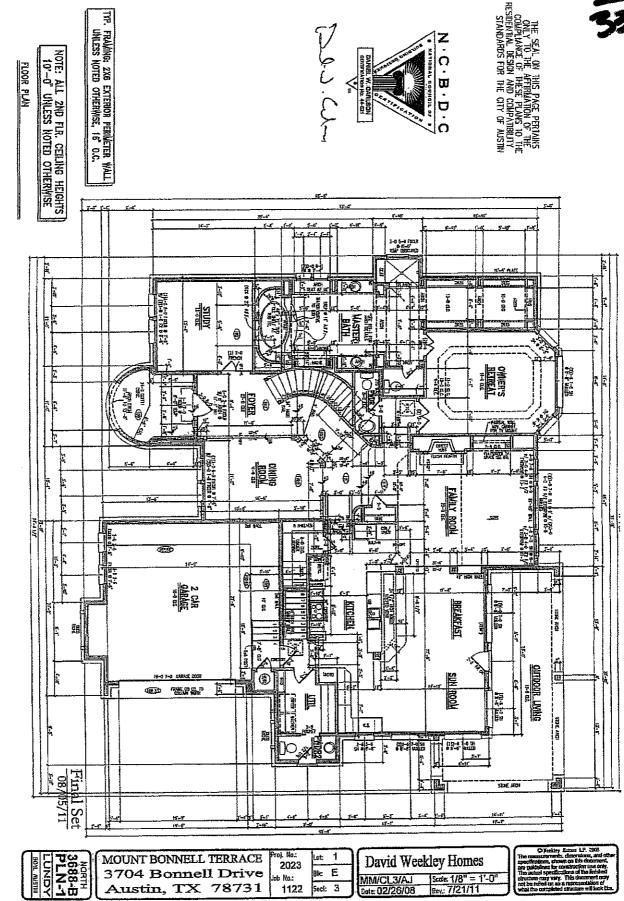
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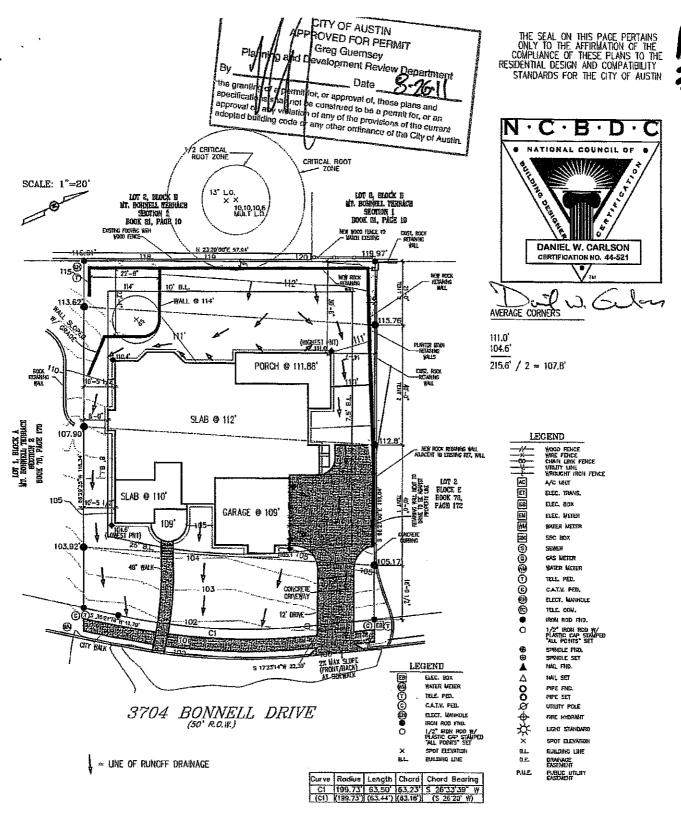
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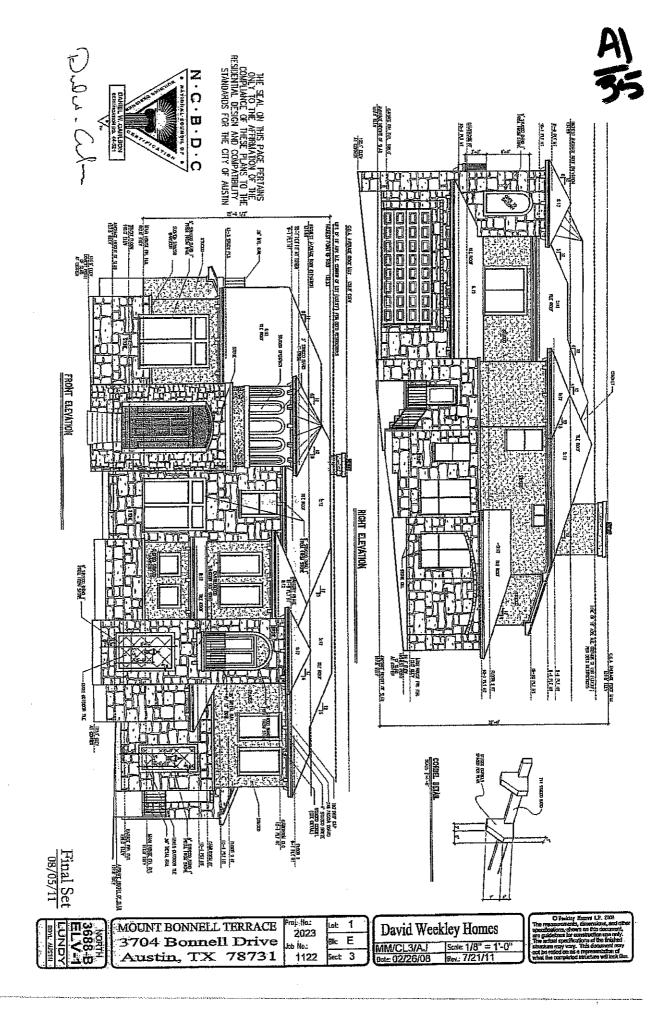
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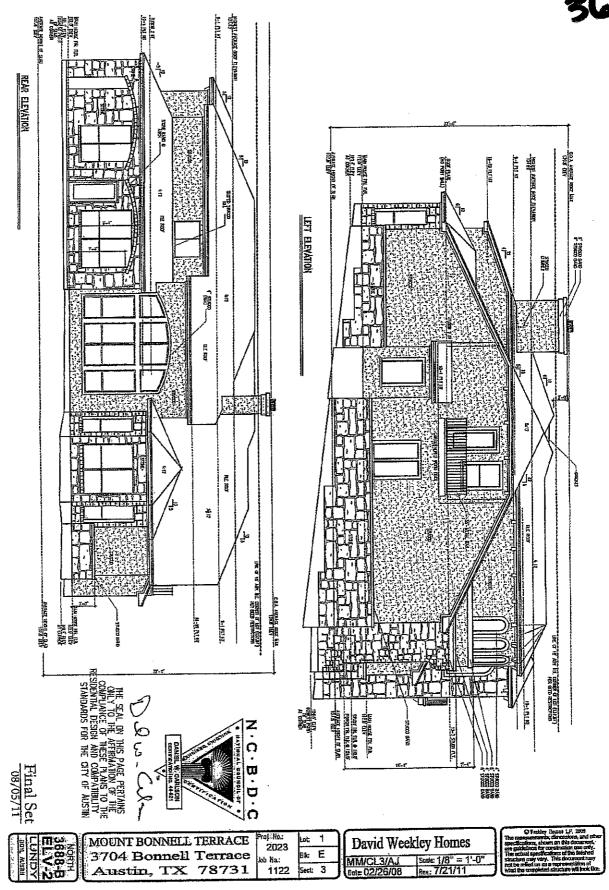
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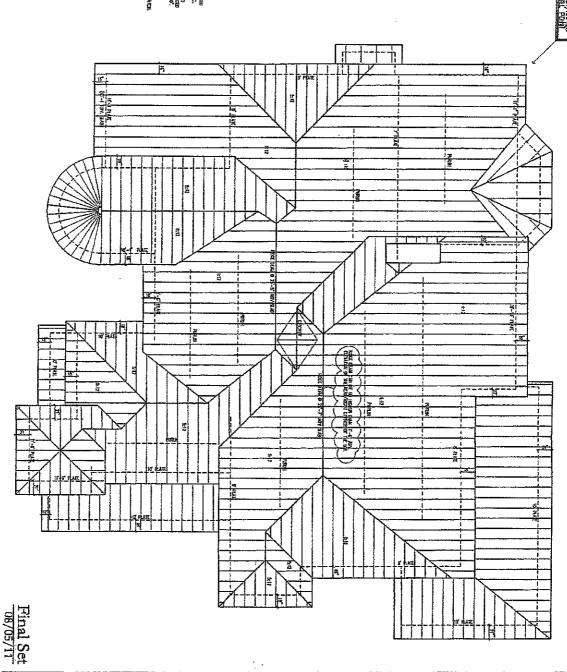
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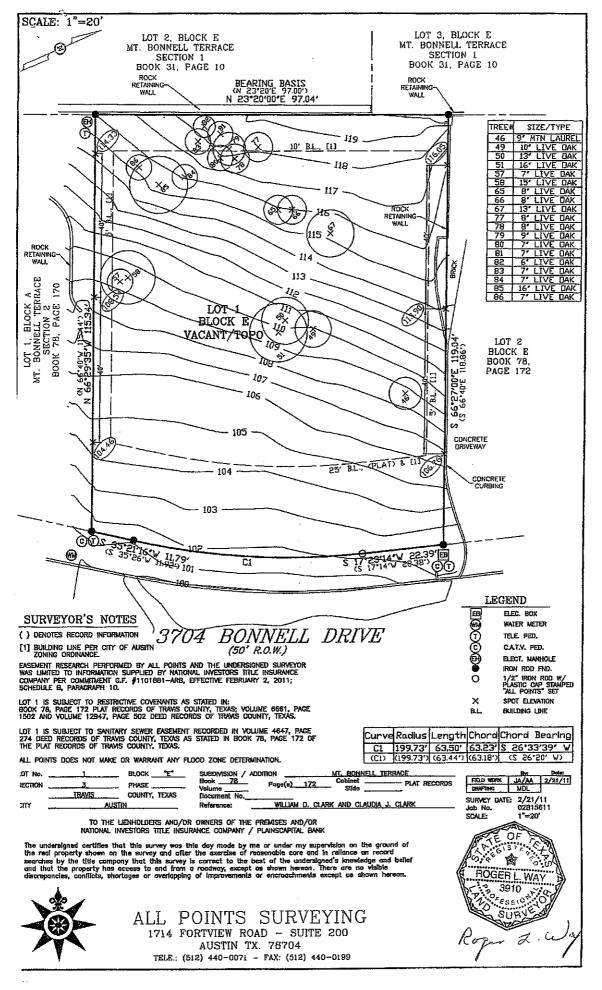
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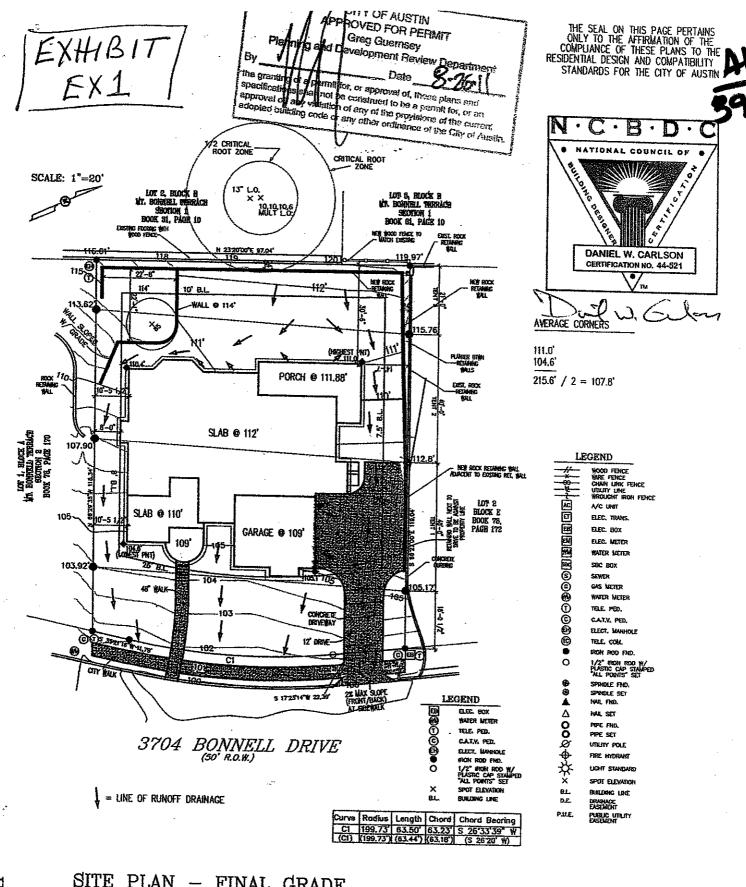
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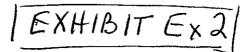
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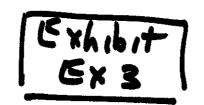
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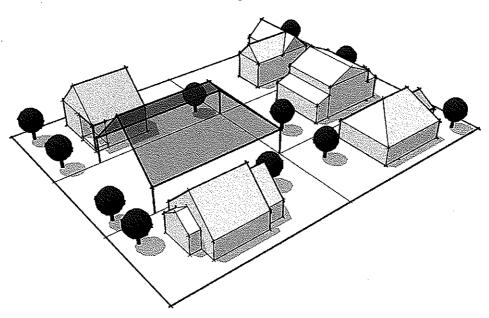
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## SUBCHAPTER F: RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS

### **Austin, Texas**



APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

BASED ON THE JUNE 22, 2006 CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS



#### SUBCHAPTER F: RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS

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#### **ARTICLE 3: DEFINITIONS AND MEASUREMENT**

#### 3.1. BUILDABLE AREA

In this Subchapter, BUILDABLE AREA means the area in which development subject to this Subchapter may occur, and which is defined by the side and rear setback planes required by this Subchapter, together with the area defined by the front, side, and rear yard setbacks and the maximum height limit.

#### 3.2. BUILDING LINE

In this Subchapter, BUILDING LINE means a line that is parallel to the front lot line and that intersects the principal residential structure at the point where the structure is closest to the front lot line, including any allowed projections into the front yard setback. See Figure 21.

#### 3.3. GROSS FLOOR AREA

In this Subchapter, GROSS FLOOR AREA has the meaning assigned by Section 25-1-21 (Definitions), with the following modifications:

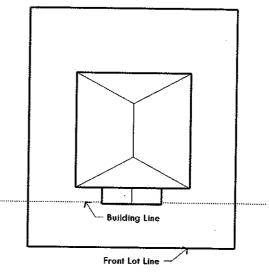


Figure 21: Building Line

- 3.3.1. The following shall be included in the calculation of gross floor area:
  - A. The portion of a second or third story of a building that is covered by a roof, including a porch, portico, breezeway, passageway, or corridor;
  - B. A mezzanine or loft; and
  - C. The covered portion of a parking area, except for:
    - 1. Up to 450 square feet of:
    - a. A detached rear parking area that is separated from the principal structure by not less than 10 feet; or
    - **b.** A parking area that is open on two or more sides, if it does not have habitable space above it; and
    - 2. Up to 200 square feet of an attached parking area if it used to meet the minimum parking requirement.
- 3.3.2. The following shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area:



- A. A ground floor porch, including a screened porch;
- B. A habitable portion of a building that is below grade if:
  - 1. It does not extend beyond the first-story footprint; and
  - 2. The finished floor of the first story is not more than three feet above the average elevation at the intersections of the minimum front yard setback line and the side property lines; and
- C. A habitable portion of an attic, if:
  - 1. The roof above it is not a flat or mansard roof and has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater;
  - 2. It is fully contained within the roof structure:
  - 3. It has only one floor;
  - 4. It does not extend beyond the footprint of the floors below;
  - 5. It is the highest habitable portion of the building; and
  - 6. Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.
- 3.3.3. An area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet is counted twice.

#### 3.4. HEIGHT

For purposes of this Subchapter, the HEIGHT of a building or setback plane shall be measured as follows:

- 3.4.1. Height shall be measured vertically from the average of the highest and lowest grades adjacent to the building to:
  - A. For a flat roof, the highest point of the coping;
  - B. For a mansard roof, the deck line;
  - C. For a pitched or hip roof, the average height of the highest gable; or
  - D. For other roof styles, the highest point of the building.
- **3.4.2.** The grade used in the measurement of height for a building or setback plane shall be the lower of natural grade or finished grade, except height shall be measured from finished grade if:
  - A. The site's grade is modified to elevate it out of the 100-year floodplain; or
  - B. The site is located on the approximately 698.7 acres of land known as the Mueller Planned Unit Development, which was zoned as a planned unit development (PUD) district by Ordinance Number 040826-61.
- 3.4.3. For a stepped or terraced building, the height of each segment is determined individually.



- **3.4.4.** The height of a structure other than a building is measured vertically from the ground level immediately under the structure to the top of the structure. The height of a fence on top of a retaining wall is measured from the bottom of the retaining wall.
- **3.4.5.** A maximum height is limited by both number of feet and number of stores if both measurements are prescribed, regardless of whether the measurements are conjoined with "or" or "and."

#### 3.5. NATURAL GRADE

- 3.5.1. In this Subchapter, NATURAL GRADE is:
  - A. The grade of a site before it is modified by moving earth, adding or removing fill, or installing a berm, retaining wall, or architectural or landscape feature; or
  - B. For a site with a grade that was legally modified before October 1, 2006, the grade that existed on October 1, 2006.
- 3.5.2. Natural grade is determined by reference to an on-ground survey, City-approved topographic map, or other information approved by the director. The director may require an applicant to provide a third-party report that shows the natural grade of a site.

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## SUBCHAPTER F: RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS.

#### ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS.

#### § 1.1. INTENT.

This Subchapter is intended to minimize the impact of new construction, remodeling, and additions to existing buildings on surrounding properties in residential neighborhoods by defining an acceptable buildable area for each lot within which new development may occur. The standards are designed to protect the character of Austin's older neighborhoods by ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with existing neighborhoods.

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022.

#### § 1.2. APPLICABILITY.

Except as provided in Section 1.3, this Subchapter applies to property that is:

- **1.2.1.** Within the area bounded by:
- A. Highway 183 from Loop 360 to Ben White Boulevard;
- B. Ben White Boulevard from Highway 183 to South Interstate Highway 35;
- C. South Interstate Highway 35 from Ben White Boulevard to William Cannon Drive;
- D. William Cannon Drive from South Interstate Highway 35 to Manchaca Road;
- E. Manchaca Road from William Cannon Drive to Ben White Boulevard;
- F. Ben White Boulevard from Manchaca Road to Loop 360;
- G. Loop 360 from Ben White Boulevard to Loop 1;
- H. Loop 1 from Loop 360 to the Colorado River;
- I. The Colorado River from Loop 1 to Loop 360; and
- J. Loop 360 from the Colorado River to Highway 183; and

#### [ Click here to view Map]



Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022; Ord. 20080618-093.

#### ARTICLE 2: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

#### § 2.1. MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED.

The maximum amount of development permitted on a property subject to this Subchapter is limited to the greater of 0.4 to 1.0 floor-to-area ratio or 2,300 square feet of gross floor area, as defined in Section 3.3. Floor-to-area ratio shall be measured using gross floor area as defined in Section 3.3, except that the lot area of a flag lot is calculated consistent with the requirements of Section 25-1-22 (Measurements).

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022; Ord. 20080618-093.

#### § 2.2. BUILDING HEIGHT.

Except where these regulations are superseded, the maximum building height for development subject to this Subchapter is 32 feet. Section 25-2-531 (*Height Limit Exceptions*) does not apply to development subject to this Subchapter, except for a chimney, vent, antenna, or energy conservation or production equipment or feature not designed for occupancy. Building height shall be measured under the requirements defined in Section 3.4.

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022.

#### § 2.3. FRONT YARD SETBACK.

- A. **Minimum Setback Required.** The minimum front yard setback required for development subject to this Subchapter is the lesser of:
- 1. The minimum front yard setback prescribed by the other provisions of this Code; or
- 2. The average front yard setback, if an average may be determined as provided in subsection B. below.
- B. Average Front Yard Setback. The following rules apply for purposes of the setback calculation required by paragraph A.2:
- 1. A front yard setback is the distance between the front lot line and the closest front exterior wall or building façade of the principal residential structure located on the lot.
- 2. Except as provided in paragraph 3, average front yard setback is determined using the front yard setback of the four principal residential structures that are: (a) built within fifty feet of the front lot line; and (b) closest to, and on the same side of the block, as the property subject to the setback required by this section.



conditionally approve the modification contingent upon subsequent issuance of a certificate of appropriateness by the Historic Landmark Commission under Section 25-11-243. The applicant must include a copy of the approved modification with the application for a certificate of appropriateness.

- 2. If both a modification from the requirements of this Subchapter and a non-binding recommendation from the Historic Landmark Commission are sought, the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission may not approve a modification for a structure located in the National Register Historic District before the Historic Landmark Commission issues its recommendation.
- D. **Appeals.** An interested party may appeal the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission's decision to the City Council.
- E. **Board of Adjustment May Grant Variances.** This subsection does not prohibit the Board of Adjustment from granting a variance from a requirement of this Subchapter under Section 25-2-473 (*Variance Requirements*).

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022; Ord. 20070830-089; Ord. 20080618-093.

## § 2.9. MODIFICATIONS WITHIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN (NP) COMBINING DISTRICTS.

Under Section 25-2-1406 of the Code, an ordinance zoning or rezoning property as a neighborhood plan (NP) combining district may modify certain development standards of this Subchapter.

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022.

#### ARTICLE 3: DEFINITIONS AND MEASUREMENT.

#### § 3.1. BUILDABLE AREA.

In this Subchapter, BUILDABLE AREA means the area in which development subject to this Subchapter may occur, and which is defined by the side and rear setback planes required by this Subchapter, together with the area defined by the front, side, and rear yard setbacks and the maximum height limit.

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022.

#### § 3.2. BUILDING LINE.

In this Subchapter, BUILDING LINE means a line that is parallel to the front lot line and that intersects the principal residential structure at the point where the structure is closest to the front lot line, including any allowed projections into the front yard setback. See Figure 21.



#### Click here for Figure 21: Building Line

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022.

#### § 3.3. GROSS FLOOR AREA.

In this Subchapter, GROSS FLOOR AREA has the meaning assigned by Section 25-1-21 (*Definitions*), with the following modifications:

- **3.3.1.** In this Subchapter, GROSS FLOOR AREA means all enclosed space, regardless of its dimensions, that is not exempted under subsections 3.3.2, 3.3.3, or 3.3.4.
- **3.3.2.** Subject to the limitations in paragraph C below, the following parking areas and structures are excluded from gross floor area for purposes of this Subchapter:
- A. Up to 450 square feet of:
- 1. A detached rear parking area that is separated from the principal structure by not less than 10 feet;
- 2. A rear parking area that is 10 feet or more from the principal structure, provided that the parking area is either:
- a. detached from the principal structure; or
- b. attached by a covered breezeway that is completely open on all sides, with a walkway not exceeding 6 feet in width and a roof not exceeding 8 feet in width; or
- 3. A parking area that is open on two or more sides, if:
- i. it does not have habitable space above it; and
- ii. the open sides are clear and unobstructed for at least 80% of the area measured below the top of the wall plate to the finished floor of the carport.
- B. Up to 200 square feet of:
- 1. An attached parking area if it used to meet the minimum parking requirement; or
- 2. A garage that is less than 10 feet from the rear of the principal structure, provided that the garage is either:
- a. detached from the principal structure; or
- b. attached by a covered breezeway that is completely open on all sides, with a walkway not exceeding 6 feet in width and a roof not exceeding 8 feet in width.



- C. An applicant may receive only one 450-square foot exemption per site under paragraph A. An applicant who receives a 450-square foot exemption may receive an additional 200-foot exemption for the same site under paragraph B, but only for an attached parking area used to meet minimum parking requirements.
- **3.3.3.** Porches, basements, and attics that meet the following requirements shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area:
- A. A ground floor porch, including a screened porch, provided that:
- 1. the porch is not accessible by automobile and is not connected to a driveway; and
- 2. the exemption may not exceed 200 square feet if a porch has habitable space or a balcony above it.
- B. A habitable portion of a building that is below grade if:
- 1. The habitable portion does not extend beyond the first-story footprint and is:
- a. Below natural or finished grade, whichever is lower; and
- b. Surrounded by natural grade for at least 50% of its perimeter wall area, if the habitable portion is required to be below natural grade under paragraph 1.a.
- 2. The finished floor of the first story is not more than three feet above the average elevation at the intersections of the minimum front yard setback line and the side property lines.
- C. A habitable portion of an attic, if:
- 1. The roof above it is not a flat or mansard roof and has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater;
- 2. It is fully contained within the roof structure;
- 3. It has only one floor;
- 4. It does not extend beyond the footprint of the floors below;
- 5. It is the highest habitable portion of the building, or a section of the building, and adds no additional mass to the structure; and
- 6. Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.
- **3.3.4.** An enclosed area shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area if it is five feet or less in height. For purposes of this subsection:
- A. Area is measured on the outside surface of the exterior walls; and



- B. Height is measured from the finished floor elevation, up to either:
- 1. the underside of the roof rafters; or
- 2. the bottom of the top chord of the roof truss, but not to collar ties, ceiling joists, or any type of furred-down ceiling.

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022; Ord. 20080618-093.

#### § 3.4. HEIGHT.

For purposes of this Subchapter, the HEIGHT of a building or setback plane shall be measured as follows:

- **3.4.1.** Height shall be measured vertically from the average of the highest and lowest grades adjacent to the building to:
- A. For a flat roof, the highest point of the coping;
- B. For a mansard roof, the deck line;
- C. For a pitched or hip roof, the gabled roof or dormer with the highest average height; or
- D. For other roof styles, the highest point of the building.
- **3.4.2.** The grade used in the measurement of height for a building or setback plane shall be the lower of natural grade or finished grade, except height shall be measured from finished grade if:
- A. The site's grade is modified to elevate it out of the 100-year floodplain; or
- B. The site is located on the approximately 698.7 acres of land known as the Mueller Planned Unit Development, which was zoned as a planned unit development (PUD) district by Ordinance Number 040826-61.
- 3.4.3. For a stepped or terraced building, the height of each segment is determined individually.
- **3.4.4.** The height of a structure other than a building is measured vertically from the ground level immediately under the structure to the top of the structure. The height of a fence on top of a retaining wall is measured from the bottom of the retaining wall.
- **3.4.5.** A maximum height is limited by both number of feet and number of stories if both measurements are prescribed, regardless of whether the measurements are conjoined with "or" or "and."
- **3.4.6.** The habitable portion of a basement that is below natural grade and the habitable portion of an attic do not count toward the number of stories for purposes of Section 25-2-773(B)(5)



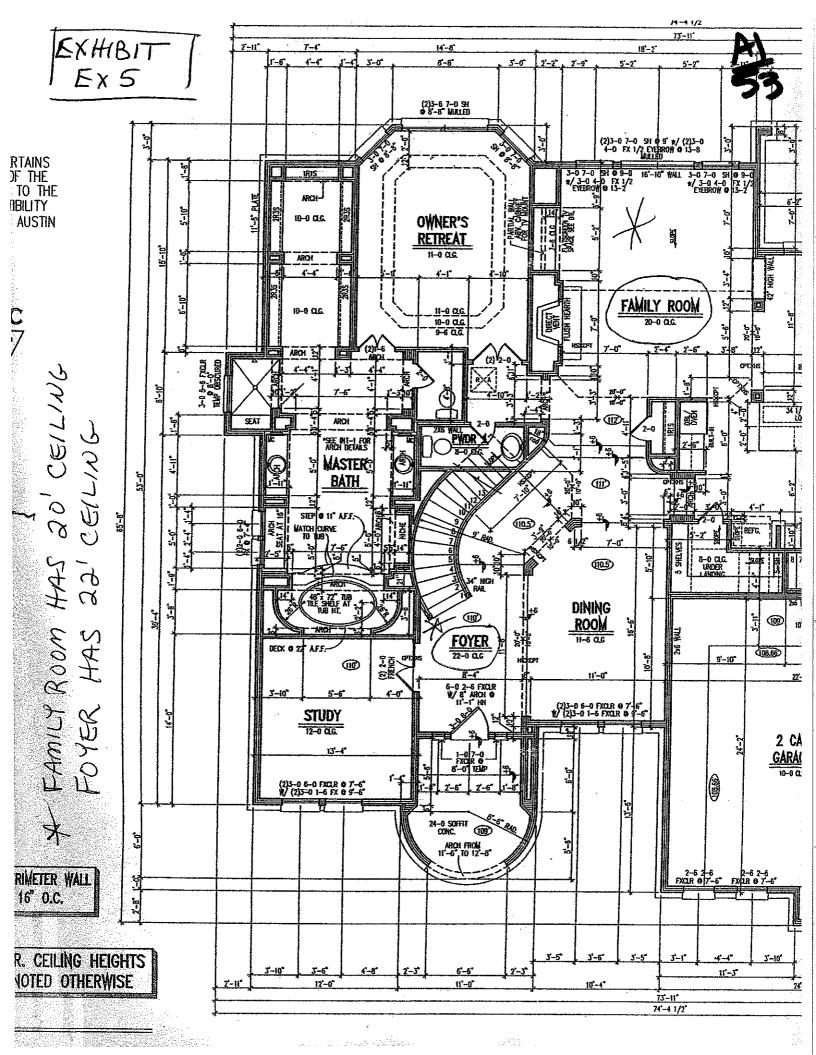
(Duplex Residential Use) if the area satisfies the requirements for an exemption from gross floor area under subsections 3.3.2.B-C of this Subchapter.

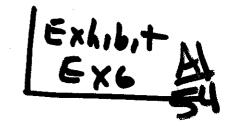
Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022; Ord. 20080618-093.

#### § 3.5. NATURAL GRADE.

- **3.5.1.** In this Subchapter, NATURAL GRADE is:
- A. The grade of a site before it is modified by moving earth, adding or removing fill, or installing a berm, retaining wall, or architectural or landscape feature; or
- B. For a site with a grade that was legally modified before October 1, 2006, the grade that existed on October 1, 2006.
- **3.5.2.** Natural grade is determined by reference to an on-ground survey, City-approved topographic map, or other information approved by the director. The director may require an applicant to provide a third-party report that shows the natural grade of a site.

Source: Ord. 20060216-043; Ord. 20060309-058; Ord. 20060622-022; Ord. 20060928-022.





#### Item 93 - June 18, 2008

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards), commonly referred to as the "McMansion" ordinance, and the related sections of city code regarding compatibility and to single family and duplex site development standards and procedures. Reviewed by the Planning Commission.

The public hearing was closed and Ordinance No. 20080618-093 was approved as amended on Council Member McCracken's motion, Council Member Kim's second on a 7-0 vote. The amendments were: to correct a typo on page 10 to state that a sidewall articulation is required when the structure is an "average distance of less than 9 feet" rather than "9 feet or less;" and to include an uncodified section directing the City Manager to conform the drawings to the revised code language.

#### **Executed Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 20080618-093, PDF, 651kb See Exhibit Ex7

#### **Work Papers and Other Backup Documentation**

20080618-093, Affidavit of Publication, PDF, 38kb

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (Affordability Impact Statement), PDF, 66kb

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (AIA Statement), PDF, 3.9mb

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (Attic Exemption (Draft Memo)), PDF, 41kb

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (Draft Ordinance), PDF, 71kb See Exhib, + Ex 8

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (Recommendation for Council Action), PDF, 55kb

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (Stakeholder Recommendations), PDF, 30kb

20080618-093, Agenda Backup (Task Force Recommendations), PDF, 120kb

20080618-093, Agenda Late Backup Part 1 of 2, PDF, 41kb

20080618-093, Agenda Late Backup Part 2 of 2, PDF, 952kb

# Exhibit 5

#### ORDINANCE NO. 20080618-093

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 25-2-773 RELATING TO DUPLEX HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 25-2-1051 RELATING TO DESIGN STANDARDS AND MIXED USE; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 25-2-1406 RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN COMBINING DISTRICTS; AND AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 25-2, SUBCHATER F RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATABILITY.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

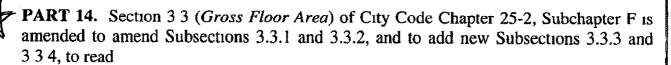
**PART 1.** Subsections (B) and (D) of City Code Section 25-2-773 (*Duplex Residential Use*) are amended to read

#### § 25-2-773 DUPLEX RESIDENTIAL USE.

- (B) For a duplex residential use:
  - (1) minimum lot area is 7,000 square feet,
  - (2) minimum lot width is 50 feet,
  - (3) maximum building cover is 40 percent;
  - (4) maximum impervious cover is 45 percent, and
  - (5) maximum building height is the lesser of
    - (a) 30 feet, or
- (b) two stories, except that an attic or basement does not count as a story for purposes of this subsection if it satisfies the requirements for an exemption from gross floor area under Subsections 3 3 2 and 3 4 6 of Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards)
  - (D) The two dwelling units are subject to the following requirements
- (1) The two units must have a common [wall or] floor and ceiling or a common wall, which may be a common garage wall, that

approval criteria in subsection B of this section, it shall conditionally approve the modification contingent up subsequent issuance of a certificate of appropriateness by the Historic Landmark Commission under Section 25-11-243. The applicant must include a copy of the approved modification with the application for a certificate of appropriateness. [A local, state, or national historic landmark, if the modification would adversely impact the landmark's historic status,]

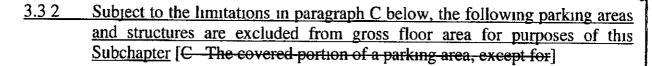
- If both a modification from the requirements of this Subchapter and a non-binding recommendation from the Historic Landmark Commission are sought, the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission may not approve a modification for a structure located in the National Register Historic District before the Historic Landmark Commission issues its recommendation [A "contributing structure," as defined in Section 25 2 351 (Contributing Structure Defined), or a contributing structure in a National Register historic district, if the modification would adversely impact its status as a contributing structure, or
- 3 A property listed as Priority 1 or Priority 2 on the City's most current survey of historic assets, if the modification would adversely impact the property's architectural integrity or change its priority rating.]



#### 3.3. GROSS FLOOR AREA

- In this Subchapter, GROSS FLOOR AREA means all enclosed space, regardless of its dimensions, that is not exempted under subsections 3 3 2, 3.3.3, or 3.3 4 [has the meaning assigned by Section 25 1 21(Definitions), with the following modifications.
- 3 3 1 The following shall be included in the calculation of gross floor area.
  - A The portion of a second or third story of a building that is covered by a roof, including a porch, portico, breezeway, passageway, or corridor,

#### B A mezzanine or loft, and]



#### A.[4.] Up to 450 square feet of.

- 1.[a.] A detached rear parking area that is separated from the principal structure by not less than 10 feet, [or]
- A rear parking area that is 10 feet or more from the principal structure, provided that the parking area is either
  - a detached from the principal structure, or
  - b attached by a covered breezeway that is completely open on all sides, with a walkway not exceeding 6 feet in width and a roof not exceeding 8 feet in width, or
- 3 [b-] A parking area that is open on two or more sides, if
  - it does not have habitable space above it, and
  - the open sides are clear and unobstructed for at least 80% of the area measured below the top of the wall plate to the finished floor of the carport

#### B.[2-] Up to 200 square feet of\_

- 1. An [an] attached parking area if it used to meet the minimum parking requirement, or [-]
- 2. A garage that is less than 10 feet from the rear of the principal structure, provided that the garage is either
  - a detached from the principal structure, or
  - b. attached by a covered breezeway that is completely open on all sides, with a walkway not exceeding 6 feet in width and a roof not exceeding 8 feet in width

- An applicant may receive only one 450-square foot exemption per site under paragraph A. An applicant who receives a 450-square foot exemption may receive an additional 200-foot exemption for the same site under paragraph B, but only for an attached parking area used to meet minimum parking requirements.
- 3 3 3 [3 3 2] Porches, basements, and attics that meet the [The] following requirements shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area
  - A A ground floor porch, including a screened porch, provided that.
    - the porch is not accessible by automobile and is not connected to a driveway, and
    - 2 the exemption may not exceed 200 square feet if a porch has habitable space or a balcony above it
  - B. A habitable portion of a building that is below grade if
    - The habitable portion [H] does not extend beyond the first-story footprint[7] and is
      - a Below natural or finished grade, whichever is lower, and
      - b Surrounded by natural grade for at least 50% of its perimeter wall area, if the habitable portion is required to be below natural grade under paragraph 1 a
    - The finished floor of the first story is not more than three feet above the average elevation at the intersections of the minimum front yard setback line and the side property lines[, and]
  - C A habitable portion of an attic, if
    - The roof above it is not a flat or mansard roof and has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater,
    - 2 It is fully contained within the roof structure;
    - 3 It has only one floor,
    - 4 It does not extend beyond the footprint of the floors below,

- It is the highest habitable portion of the building, or a section of the building, and adds no additional mass to the structure, and
- Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less
- An enclosed area shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area if it is five feet or less in height. For purposes of this subsection
  - A. Area is measured on the outside surface of the exterior walls; and
  - B Height is measured from the finished floor elevation, up to either
    - 1. the underside of the roof rafters; or
    - 2 the bottom of the top chord of the roof truss, but not to collar ties, ceiling joists, or any type of furred-down ceiling

**PART 15.** Section 3.4 (*Height*) of City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F is amended to amend Subsection 3.4.1, and to add new a Subsection 3.4.6, to read:

#### 3.4. HEIGHT

For purposes of this Subchapter, the HEIGHT of a building or setback plane shall be measured as follows:

- Height shall be measured vertically from the average of the highest and lowest grades adjacent to the building to
  - A. For a flat roof, the highest point of the coping,
  - B For a mansard roof, the deck line;
  - C. For a pitched or hip roof, the gabled roof or dormer with the highest average height [the average height of the highest gable], or
  - D For other roof styles, the highest point of the building
- 3.4.6 The habitable portion of a basement that is below natural grade and the habitable portion of an attic do not count toward the number of stories for purposes of Section 25-2-773(B)(5) (Duplex Residential Use) if the area satisfies the requirements for an exemption from gross floor area under subsections 3 3 2 B-C of this Subchapter



**PART 16.** The city council directs the city manager to conform the pictures in City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F, to the code text amendments adopted by this ordinance See. Exhibit A (Corrected Drawings to Replace Figures 12, 18, 19, and 20 in City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F)

PART 17. This ordinance takes effect on June 29, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED

June 18 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008

Will Wyne Mayor

APPROVED:

David Allan Smith City Attorney ATTEST: \_

Shirley A Gentry City Clerk

#### ORDINANCE NO.

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  - (5) maximum building height is the lesser of:
    - (a) 30 feet; or
- (b) two stories, except that an attic or basement does not count as a story for purposes of this subsection if it satisfies the requirements for an exemption from gross floor area under Subsections 3.3.2 and 3.4.6 of Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards).
  - (D) The two dwelling units are subject to the following requirements:
- (1) The two units must have a common [wall or] floor and ceiling or a common wall, which may be a common garage wall, that:

Date: 6-12-08

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PART 14. Section 3.3 (Gross Floor Area) of City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F is amended to amend Subsections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and to add new Subsections 3.3.3 and 3.3.4, to read:

#### GROSS FLOOR AREA

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  - The portion of a second or third story of a building that is covered by a roof, including a porch, portico, breezeway, passageway, or corridor;
  - A mezzanine or loft; and
- Subject to the limitations in paragraph C below, the following parking areas and structures are excluded from gross floor area for purposes of this Subchapter [C. The covered portion of a parking area, except for]:

#### $\underline{A}$ .[1-] Up to 450 square feet of:

- 1.[a.] A detached rear parking area that is separated from the principal structure by not less than 10 feet; [or]
- A rear parking area that is 10 feet or more from the principal structure, provided that the parking area is either:
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  - it does not have habitable space above it; and



ii. the open sides are clear and unobstructed for at least 80% of the area measured below the top of the wall plate to the finished floor of the carport.

#### B.[2.] Up to 200 square feet of:

- 1. An [an] attached parking area if it used to meet the minimum parking requirement; or [-]
- 2. A garage that is less than 10 feet from the rear of the principal structure, provided that the garage is either:
  - a. detached from the principal structure; or
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- 3.3.3.[3.3.2.]Porches, basements, and attics that meet the [The] following requirements shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area:
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    - 1. The habitable portion [H] does not extend beyond the first-story footprint[;] and is:
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  - 3. It has only one floor;
  - 4. It does not extend beyond the footprint of the floors below;
  - 5. It is the highest habitable portion of the building, or a section of the building, and adds no additional mass to the structure; and
  - 6. Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.
- 3.3.4 An enclosed area shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area if it is five feet or less in height. For purposes of this subsection:
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  - D. For other roof styles, the highest point of the building.

PART 16. This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

3.4.6. The habitable portion of a basement that is below natural grade and the habitable portion of an attic do not count toward the number of stories for purposes of Section 25-2-773(B)(5) (Duplex Residential Use) if the area satisfies the requirements for an exemption from gross floor area under subsections 3.3.2.B-C of this Subchapter.

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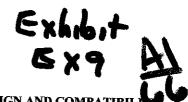
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## CITY OF AUSTIN RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "D" FLOOR AREA RATIO INFORMATION



TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS ORDINANCE BOUNDARY AREA.

Service Address					
Applicant's Signature	Date				
GROSS FLOOR AREA AND FLOOR AREA RATIO as defined in the Austin Zoning Code.					
I. 1st Floor Gross Area	Existing	New / Addition			
a. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground- floor porches)	,				
b. 1st floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet		sq.fi			
c. TOTAL (add a and b above)		sq.ft sq.ft			
II. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note 1 below		•			
d. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,	sq.ft.	sq.ft			
breezeways, mezzanine or loft)		sq.ft			
e. 2" floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet.		sq.ft			
f. TOTAL (add d and e above)		Squit			
III. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below					
g. 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches, breezeways, mezzanine or loft).	sq.ft.	sq.ft			
h. 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet	•				
i. TOTAL (add g and h above)	sq.ft	sq.ft.			
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IV. Basement Gross Area					
j. Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet					
above grade at the average elevation at the intersections of the					
minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.	sq.ft	sq.ft.			
V. Garage					
kattached (subtract 200 square feet if used to meet the	sq.ft.	sq.ft.			
minimum parking requirement)					
	sq.ft.	sq.ft.			
principal structure)					
VI. Carport (open on two or more sides without habitable space	sq.ft	sq.ft.			
above it subtract 450 square feet)					
VII. TOTAL	sq.ft.	sq.ft.			
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FLOOR AREA RATIO (gross floor a	rea /gross area of lot)	sq. ft.			

b. It only has one floor within the roof structure

d. It is the highest habitable portion of the building; and

If a second or third floor meets all of the following criteria it is considered to be attic space and is not calculated as part of the overall Gross Floor Area of the structure.
 a. It is fully contained within the roof structure and the roof has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater

It does not extend beyond the foot print of the floors below

e. Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.

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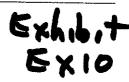
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- 2,300 square feet or
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- · Second and third story covered porches (included in your square footage)
- · Basements meeting certain criteria (excluded in your square footage)
- · Garages and other parking areas (included after a certain amount)
- Areas with ceiling heights of greater than 15 feet (included by counting the square footage twice)
- · Mezzanines and lofts (included)
- · Habitable attic spaces meeting certain criteria (excluded)

Otherwise, gross floor area means the total enclosed area of all floors in a building with a clear height of more than five feet, measured to the outside surface of the exterior walls. The height of the finished floor is measured from the finished floor elevation to either the underside of the roof rafters or to the bottom of the top chord of the roof truss.

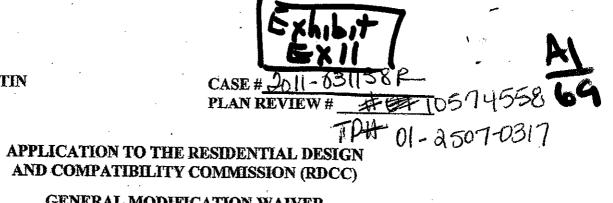
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Other changes approved with the McMansion Ordinance that also went into effect on October 1, 2006

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#### GENERAL MODIFICATION WAIVER

STREET ADDRESS: 3704 BONNELL DRIVE AUSTIN TX 78731
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - Mt. BONNELL TERRACE
Lot(s)   Block E Outlot - Division 3
LAND STATUS DETERMINATION CASE NUMBER (if applicable)
I/We JIM ENHAUS on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for
PAULD WEEKLEY HOMES affirm that on 4/13, 2011.
hereby apply for a hearing before the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission for modification Section 2.8.1. of up to 25% increase in one or more of the following:
Maximum Floor to area ratio .4 or Gross floor area 2300 sq ft.  Maximum Linear feet of Gables protruding from setback plane  Maximum Linear feet of Dormers protruding from the setback plane
Waive or modify the side wall articulation requirement of Section 2.7.
Side Wall Length Articulation (Please describe request, Please be brief but thorough).
THE PRELIMINARY PLAN (NOT INCLUTED) HAD A FLAT 15'CEILING IN THE
LIVING ROOM AND HAD BEDROOM & TUCKED IN UNDER THE ROOF, HOWEVER,
THE HOMEOWNER HAS ASKED US TO VAULT THE CEILING IN THE FAMILY ROOM, AND
ADD A WINDOW TO THE FRONT OF BRS. 30 THEY CAN SEE THE POWNTOWN SKYLINE.  POING THIS ADDS TO THE FAR. PROM THE ALLOWARD 4673. Z (40%) in a SF3 zoning district.  TO 5442 (46.6%) FOR NEW CONSTRUCT  Note: Certificate of Appropriateness: H (Historic) or HD (Historic Designation) — TON
case goes to RDCC first. National Register Historical District (NRHD) Overlay: without H or HD - case goes to Historic Landmark Commission first.

## CITY OF AUSTIN APPLICATION TO THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION



### GENERAL MODIFICATION WAIVER

#### REASONABLE USE:

 The Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Ordinance applicable to the property does not allow for a reasonable use because:

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ATTIC AREA TO A REGULAR FLOOR AREA ALGO ADDS TO THE EAR, EVEN THOUGH

IT DOES NOT ATT TO THE LIVING SPACE, IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE, OR BUILDING COVERAGE,

REOUEST:

2. The request for the modification is unique to the property in that:

THERE ARE INCREDIBLE VIEWS FROM THE FRONT OF THIS HOME TO DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. ATTING A WINDOW ON THE PRONT OF THE HOME, WILL ALLOW THE HOMEDWINER TO ENJOY THESE WEWS.

#### AREA CHARACTER:

3. The modification 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:

ALLOWING THE VALUTEY LEIGING IN THE FAMILY ROOM WILL NOT BE EVITENT WHATSOEVER ON THE BUTSIDE, SINCE IT IS SUPPLY ROUNG NOW HABITABLE AFTIL SPACE TO THE FAMILY ROOM. ALLOWING ANOTHER WINTOW TO BE ADTED

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TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBIL STANDARDS ORDINANCE BOUNDARY AREA.

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L 1st Floor Gross Area	Existing	New / Addition
a. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground- floor porches)		
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c. TOTAL (add a and b above)	sq.ft. sq.ft.	sq.f
II. 2nd Floor Gross Area See note 1 below		2.66 sq.f
d. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches, breezeways, mezzanine or loft)	sq.ft.	1972
e. 2" floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet	sq.ft.	= 1773 sq.f
f. TOTAL (add d and e above)	sq.ft	1973 sq.f
III. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note 1 below  g. 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a reaf in a reaf		
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h. 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet  * TOTAL (add g and h above)	no A	•
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IV. Basement Gross Area j. Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet above grade at the average elevation at the intersections of the minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.	sq.ft.	
V. Garage		7
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detached (subtract 450 square feet if more than 10 feet from principal structure)	sq.ft.	n lasq.ft
VI. Carport (open on two or more sides without habitable space  above it subtract 450 square feet)	sq.ft.	n/asq.ft
VII. TOTAL	sq.ft.	5007sq.ft.
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Tue, September 27, 2011 4:41:50 PM

RE: 3704 Bonnell Drive BoA Appeal

From: "Lloyd, Brent"

<Brent.Lloyd@austintexas.gov>t

To: S Lynn Hill <s-lynn-hill@sbcglobal.net>

Hi Lynn -

I will definitely check with John, as you are entitled to request copies of any department memos addressing these issues. However, I am not aware of any such memos. More often than not, issues of code interpretation are addressed with individual reviewers or in informal staff meetings.

Thanks,

**Brent D. Lloyd** Assistant City Attorney (512) 974-2974

From: S Lynn Hill [mailto:s-lynn-hill@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 3:57 PM

To: Lloyd, Brent

Subject: Re: 3704 Bonnell Drive BoA Appeal

Hi Brent,

Thanks for this information. I have a couple of requests for more information:

- (1) When we talked yesterday you told me that in late 2008 or early 2009 the requirement to double-count areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet was still being applied when John McDonald started to work in the PDRD. You said that the 2008 amendments made many changes to the McMansion Ordinance, and that different reviewers were doing different things, that there was a lot of confusion and inconsistencies for a while after the 2008 amendments were passed, but John looked into things and instructed the staff to stop applying the double-counting rule. Would you please send me a copy of the memo or instructions that John issued to PDRD staff about this?
- (2) I understand that there is a lot of turnover of staff in the PDRD, so if they have a consistent interpretation of the condition "adds no additional mass to the structure" this interpretation must also be found in a memo or instructions to PDRD staff. Would you please send me a copy of that memo or those instructions?

Again, thanks very much, Lynn Hill 3701 Mount Bonnell Road 371-1254 (home)





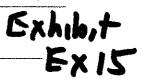
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#### E-mail successfully sent!



Thank you for your input. Your suggestions are an important part of the Austin City Connection. We will respond to your comment, question, or suggestion as soon as possible.

Here is your message:

Your Name: S Lynn Hill

Mailing Address: 3701 Mount Bonnell Road Austin, TX 78731-5730

Phone: 512-371-1254

Fax:

Your e-mail address: S-LYNN-HILL@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Subject: Request for Information from Planning and Development Review Department

I am requesting: Copies of the following Record(s)

Please state your document request below: We are requesting the following records from the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD): 1. Any and all memoranda, emails, and writings of any kind by City staff, including but not limited to those authorized by John McDonald (Planner Principal, PDRD) and Greg Guernsey (Director, PDRD) relating to the interpretation of or direction to the application of the provisions of Article 3 of the "McMansion" Ordinance from its enactment in 2006 to the present. 2. Copies of all completed City of Austin Residential Permit Applications "A" and "D", and all completed City of Austin Residential Design and Compatibility Commission Decision Sheets (if any) for each residential construction permit application submitted on or after June 29, 2008, where the construction is located within and applicable to the Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Ordinance Boundary, and where either Residential Permit Application "D" shows that there are one or more floor areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet, or the floor plans submitted with the application show that there are one or more areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet.

#### Comments:

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## Exhibit At 76

#### 2nd floor balconies

Wednesday, September 09, 2009 3:40:01 PM

From: "McDonald, John" < John. McDonald@austintexas.gov >

To: "Lloyd, Brent" < Brent.Lloyd@ci.austin.tx.us>

My staff has brought several cases to my attention that included second floor balconies. Staff has been counting the second floor balconies towards gross floor area, and they are being challenged on it by designers. It appears from the latest ordinance that second floor balconies do not count towards gross floor area, but they did in the previous McMansion ordinance. I attached the latest ordinance that has second floor areas covered by a roof struck though (See 3.3.1 (A & B)).

Also, our residential application was never changed to reflect this. See a pasted section of the residential application below.

- II. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note [1] below
  - a. 2nd floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches, breezeways, mezzanine or loft)
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet.
  - c. TOTAL (add d and e above)
- III. 3rd Floor Gross Area See note 1 below
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  - e. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet
  - f. TOTAL (add g and h above)

Since the written language of Subchapter F in the Land Development Code excludes these second and third floor areas it appears that these areas should no longer count towards gross floor area, regardless of what the residential application states. Let me know if this is correct.

JMM

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#### Fri, October 14, 2011 9:27:52 AM

RE: PIR #10312

From: "McDonald, John" < John. McDonald@austintexas.gov>

To: S Lynn Hill <s-lynn-hill@sbcglobal.net>

Cc: "Carvell; Kyle" < Kyle. Carvell@austintexas.gov>; "Johnson; Carla"

<Carla.Johnson@austintexas.gov>; "Guernsey; Greg"

<Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov>; "Lloyd; Brent" <Brent.Lloyd@austintexas.gov>;

"Benavidez, Sylvia" <Sylvia.Benavidez@austintexas.gov>

Ms. Hill,

All memorandums relating to Article 3 that I'm aware of have been submitted. I will forward the request for the March 3, 2010 and April 7, 2010 RDCC hearing to Sylvia Benavidez who facilitates that board and will have copies of any related documents. In addition, I will forward the request for the March 14, 2011 RDCC hearing as well. Possibly one if not all of the staff interpretations on the March and April 2010 meetings have been overturned by my department. No policy memorandum was written when these interpretations were overturned. I brief my staff accordingly in team meetings on such matters as I have already explained.

I can get you a copy of the application that is currently under a rules posting when I return on Tuesday, October 18th.

There is no response to provide for the September 9, 2009 email to Mr. Lloyd. I did not find any emails to Mr. Lloyd on ceiling heights greater than 15' are to be counted twice. More than likely these were verbal communications via telephone in and around September of 2009. Often times responses to emails are also verbal communications in person or via telephone. I do not document every verbal communication. In addition, Mr. Lloyd's responses to me can be "Attorney-Client Privileged" information which has to be screened before they can be released and the screening takes some time.

Respectfully,

John M. McDonald

Planner Principal

Residential Review/PDRD

974-2728 - Office

john.mcdonald@austintexas.gov

### Exhibit Ex18 A)

#### Application Files Reviewed by Aggrieved Parties where Areas with Ceiling Heights Greater than 15 Feet were Counted Twice

#### Applicants Applied to RDCC for a Modification to Allow a FAR Increase

Street Address	Date of Residential Permit Application "D"	Ceiling Height Over 15 Feet	PDRD Approval
802 Cardinal Lane	12/11/2009	72 sf	N/A revised
	3/18/2010	64 sf	3/18/2010
1801 Riverview*	12/4/2009	580.7 sf	N/A withdrawn 2/2010
	1/9/2011	N/A	1/21/2011
2846 San Gabriel	7/4/2010	122 sf	N/A revised
	1/6/2011	122 sf	2/10/2011
2634 Deerfoot Trail**	2/12/2010	130 sf	N/A withdrawn
	11/30/2010	130 sf	12/8/2010
504 East Annie	2/14/2011	122 sf	N/A revised
	4/25/2011	52 sf	6/6/2011

<sup>\*1801</sup> Riverview: 12/4/2009 application would not have gone to RDCC if area with ceiling height greater than 15 feet had not been counted twice. Application withdrawn, revised to eliminate areas with ceiling heights greater than 15 feet, and new plan submitted 1/9/2011 did not go to RDCC.

#### Applicants Did Not Apply to RDCC for a Modification to Allow a FAR Increase\*\*\*

Street Address	Date of Residential Permit Application "D"	Ceiling Height Over 15 Feet	PDRD Approval
4206 Cat Mountain ****	2/4/2011	69 sf	3/25/2011
7213 Lamplight Lane	7/17/2011	55 sf	8/18/2011

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These applications were found by searching the City's online permit database for R-101 single family residential construction in zip code 78731 with application dates in 2011

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<sup>\*\*2634</sup> Deerfoot Trail: Actual applications not attached to online permit database or RDCC meeting site. Data taken from RDCC meeting minutes and online permit database.

<sup>\*\*\*\*4206</sup> Cat Mountain: Reviewer corrected Gross Floor Area of garage; did not change Gross Floor Area with ceiling height over 15 feet.



#### Application Files Reviewed by Aggrieved Parties with No Areas with Ceiling Heights Over 15 Feet per Residential Permit Application "D", Floor Plans or Elevations

#### Applicants Applied to RDCC for a Modification to Allow a FAR Increase

Street Address	Date of Application
3311 Clearview Drive	11/16/2009
1403 Wathen Ave	1/7/2010
3503 Winsome Court	6/11/2010
2318 West 8 <sup>th</sup> St #B	2/22/2010
700 Landon Lane	9/15/2010
3002 Kerbey Lane	12/27/2010
2822 Wooldridge Drive	11/5/2011
2102 East 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	1/6/2011
1512 Hardouin Street	2/7/2011

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7630 Parkview Circle	4/8/2011
4605 Greystone Drive	5/6/2011
2710 W 49 <sup>th</sup> Street	7/7/2011
4305 Edgemont Drive	8/19/2011
5010 N Fresco Drive	8/22/2011
2802 W 44 <sup>th</sup> Street	9/29/2011
3928 Balcones Drive	1/14/2011
7709 Mesa Drive	1/14/2011
1903 W 38 <sup>th</sup> Street	9/15/2011
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4401 Deepwoods Drive	7/12/2011
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#### Application Files Reviewed by Aggrieved Parties where Areas with Ceiling Heights Greater than 15 Feet were NOT Counted Twice

Street Address	Date of Residential Permit Application "D"	Ceiling Height Over 15 Feet	PDRD Approval
3704 Bonnell Drive	4/13/2011 See Exhibit Ex 11	shown on floor plan and included in applicant's GFA calculation	N/A GFA calculation revised by PDRD in May
3704 Bonnell Drive	5/26/2011 See Exhibit Ex13	shown on floor plan not included in PDRD GFA calculation	N/A withdrawn
3704 Bonnell Drive	8/26/2011 See Exhibit Ex 2	shown on floor plan not included in PDRD GFA calculation	8/26/2011

The applicants counted twice the areas with ceiling heights over 15 feet in their original 4/13/2011 Gross Floor Area calculation, but the PDRD revised the calculation on 5/26/2011 to count these areas only once. This property and the PDRD calculation are the subject of this BoA appeal.

#### CITY OF AUSTIN RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "D" FLOOR AREA RATIO INFORMATION

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1. 1st Floor Gross Area	Existing	New / Addition	
a. 1st floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground-			
floor porches)	sq.ft.	1590 sq.ft	
b. 1st floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet.		72 sq.ft	
c. TOTAL (add a and b above)	sq.ft.	1962 sq.ft	
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<ul> <li>II. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below</li> <li>d. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,</li> </ul>		01-	
breezeways, mezzanine or loft)	sq.ft	<u>2468</u> sq.fi	
e. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet.	sq.ft	2405 sq.ft	
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i. TOTAL (add g and h above)	sq.ft		
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IV. Basement Gross Area			
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minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.			
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principal structure)			
VI. Carport (open on two or more sides without habitable space	sq.ft	sq.ft	
above it subtract 450 square feet)			
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GROSS AREA OF LOT		q. st.	
FLOOR AREA RATIO (gross floor	area larger area of lot)	0.50 sq. ft.	



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d.

It does not extend beyond the foot print of the floors below
It is the highest habitable portion of the building; and
Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.

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TOTAL (add a and b above)		
I. 2nd Floor Gross Area See note below		22 Sq.f
2nd floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,	sq.ft.	94.1 O sq.1
hreezwways, mezzanine or loft)	sq.ft.	72x5 sq.1
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TOTAL (add d and e above)	* * *	
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breezeways, mezzamine or loft).		
3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet	sq.ft.	sq.
. TOTAL (add g and h above)	sq.ft.	sq.
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V. Basement Gross Area Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet		
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minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.		
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minimum parking requirement)	sq.ft.	
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Sheet Index SF Calculations- Each Unit 984 South 2nd Street REVIEWED FOR ZONING ONLY CITY OF AUSTIN APPROVED FOR PERMIT Greg Guernsey Cardinal Lane (solv vales) 802 Cardinal Lane Planning and Development Review Department
By Date 3 18 200
The granting of a permit for) or approval of, these plans and specifications shall not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of the current adopted building code or any other ordinance of the City of Austin.

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<ol> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches, breezeways, mezzanine or loft)</li> </ol>	sq.ft	491.6	sq
2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet.	sq.ft	47.5	sq
TOTAL (add d and e above)	sq.ft	539.1	sq.
TI THE			
<ul> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,</li> </ul>			
breezeways, mezzanine or loft).	sq.ft	696.5	sq.
1. 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet			
TOTAL (add g and h above)	sq.ft	<u> </u>	sq
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V. Basement Gross Area			
Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet			
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minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.	oq.it.		sq
7. Garage			
attached (subtract 200 square feet if used to meet the	sq.ft.		sq
minimum parking requirement)	<u> </u>		1
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principal structure)			
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GROSS AREA OF LOT		q. ft. - #	1
	<u> </u>	g. ft.	**********
FLOOR AREA RATIO (gross floor a	rea /gross area of lot)	49.7 sq. ft.	
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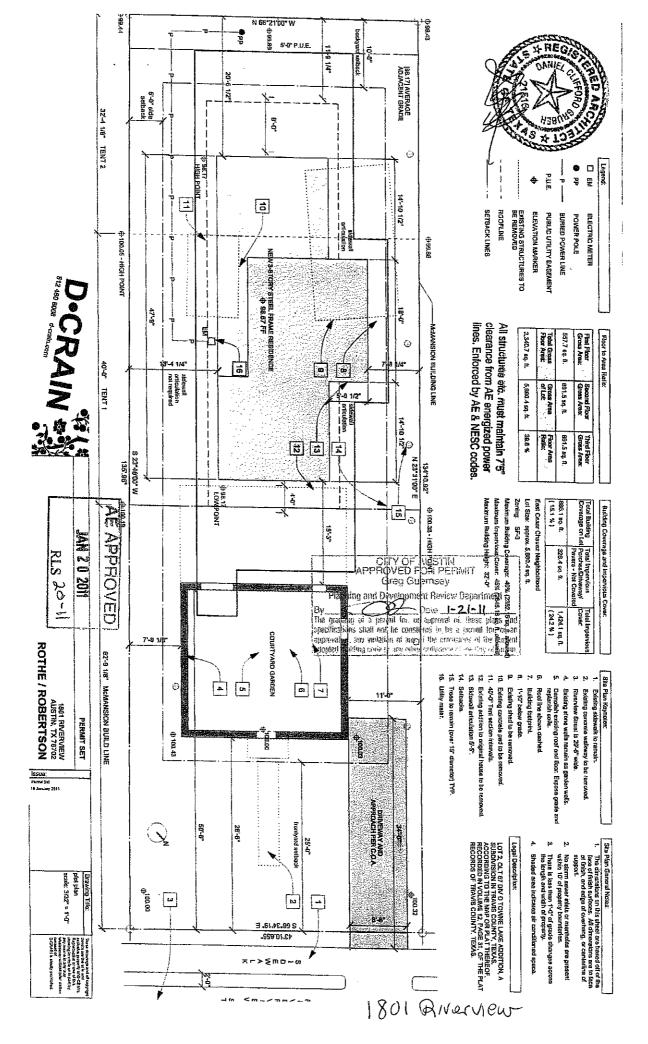
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I. 1st Floor Gross Area	Existing	New / Addit	<u>tion</u>
a. 1st floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground- floor porches)			
b. 1st floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet.	sq.ft.	557.7	sq.:
c. TOTAL (add a and b above)	sq.ft.	<u> </u>	sq_:
er and m	sq.ft.	557.7	sq.
II. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below			
d. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches, breezeways, mezzanine or loft)	sq.ft	891.5	sq.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet.	sq.ft	8.	sq.f
TOTAL (add d and e above)	sq.ft	891.5	sq.f
II. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below			
3rd floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,			
Dreezeways, mezzanine or loft)	sq.ft	891.5	sq.f
3" floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet	_		
TOTAL (add g and h above)	sq.ft.	8	sq.f
7. Basement Gross Area	sq.ft.	891.5	sq.f
Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet			
above grade at the average elevation at the intersections of the			
minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.	sq.ft.		sq.fi
Garage			
attached (subtract 200 square feet if used to meet the minimum parking requirement)	sq.ft		sq.ft
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I. TOTAL	sq.ft,	2,340.7	en fi
			sq.ft.
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GROSS AREA OF LOT	2,340.7 sq	. ft.	
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. 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Gross Area  1 <sup>st</sup> floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground-			
floor porches)	sq.ft.	1179	sq.
. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet.	sq.ft.		sq
TOTAL (add a and b above)	sq.ft.		sq.
I. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below			
l. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,	550 sq.ft.	1182	sq
breezeways, mezzanine or losi) Stairwell & Light Shaft	sq.ft.	122	sq
2nd floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet.	sq.ft.	1304	sq
TOTAL (add d and e above)			
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TOTAL (add g and h above)	sq.ft.		_sq
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minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.			
V. Garage	sq.ft.		sq
attached (subtract 200 square feet if used to meet the		<del></del>	sq
minimum parking requirement)	O sq.ft.		sq
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	sq.ft.		sq
VI. Carport (open on two or more sides without habitable space above it subtract 450 square feet)			sq
	550 sq.ft.	2483	
VII. TOTAL	<u>550</u> sq.ft.		sq
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May Albrea GROSS AREA OF LOT	<u> 3033</u>	sq. ft.	
GROSS AREA OF LOT	6500	sq. ft.	
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<ul> <li>IV. Basement Gross Area</li> <li>j. Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet above grade at the average elevation at the intersections of the minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.</li> </ul>	sq.ft.	sq.ft.
V. Garage kattached (subtract 200 square feet if used to meet theminimum parking requirement) ldetached (subtract 450 square feet if more than 10 feet from principal structure)	sq.ft.	sq.ft.
VI. Carport (open on two or more sides without habitable space above it subtract 450 square feet)	sq.ft.	sq.ft.
VII. TOTAL	<u>550</u> sq.ft.	<u>a483</u> sq.ft.
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR ARE	A (add existing and new from	VII above)
GROSS AREA OF LOT	<u> </u>	_sq. ft. _sq. ft.
FLOOR AREA RATIO (gross	floor area /gross area of lot)	46.7% squar

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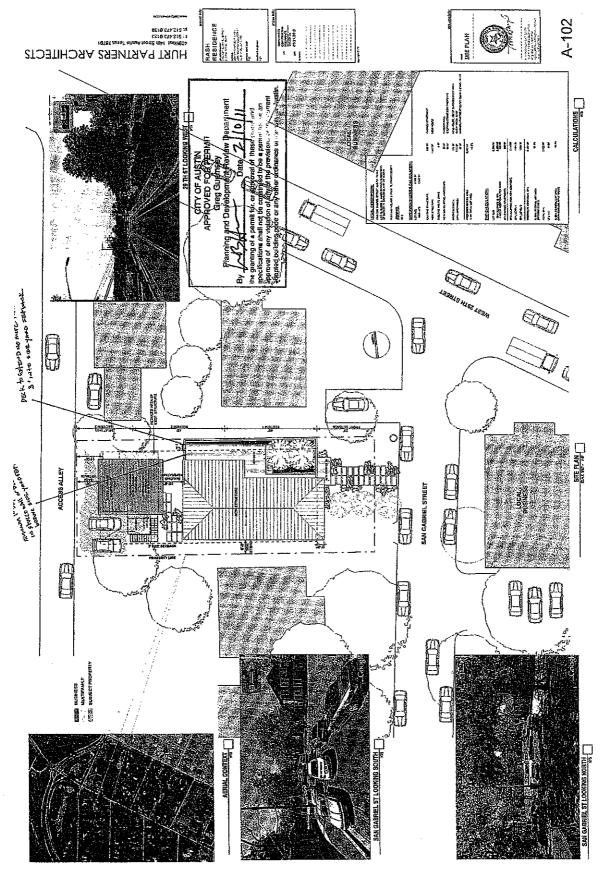
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2846 San Gabriel

# 2634 DECREOTTRAIL

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Description Permit/Case File Name

Project Name Sub Type

Application Issue Expiration Date Date Date

Status

DEERFOOT Approved TRL

Addition Remodel and

Alterations

walls) expand breakfast room and add covered porch and screened porch. 2nd-floor - add new

Addition: 1st-floor - family room (relocate of master bedroom and bath on 2nd floor.

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Issued Permit Report

Public Search

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master closet area, and new air-conditioned

Addition &

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Complete interior remodel of 1st floor, remodel

accomodate new 2-story addition, Remodel:

Partially-demolish section of rear wall, to

Nov 30, 2010

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Related Folders: Yes

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New Re	Update

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Yes

Electrical Valuation Remodel **Building Valuation Remodel** 

Will Addition have Electrical Work?

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May Licenses

View Inspections

Will Addition have Mechanical Work? Mechanical Valuation Remodel Plumbing Valuation Remodel

Will Addition have Plumbing Work? Total Valuation Remodel Total Job Valuation My Escrow Accounts

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Yes

Current Zoning for Building Is this property in MUD ?

Name of Neighborhood Plan

Is Historical Review Required? Subdistrict Status

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Is there a Cut & Fill in excess of 4 ft Is this a Legal Lot? 1704 Flag?

FIEDBACK

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**Building Height (in feet)** 

Yes

PLANNING UNDERWAY/APPROVED TO BEGIN

BARTON HILLS

NONE

# 2634 DEFREDOT TRAIL

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Maximum FAR allowed	0.4
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	39876284104716668507677013144813873854
Existing 1 Fl Area	1192 Floor
Existing 1 Fl Area-Ceiling Ht over 15'	ī
Existing 1Fl Area-Ceilng Ht 15' or less	1192 4130 715 (1007)
Existing Total 1 FI Gross Area	
Existing 2 Fl Area	1369/ +1369 10517
Existing 2 Fl Area-Ceiling Ht over 15'	
Existing 2 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht 15' or less	1369
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Existing 3 Fl Area-Ceiling Ht over 15'	0
Existing 3 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht 15' or less	1 398 how Flow
Existing Total 3rd FI Gross Area	
Existing Basement Gross Area	0 + 209 new +1007
Existing Garage attached	
Existing Garage detached	0 tot 0 tot 0
Existing Carport	0/0/20
Existing Total Sq Ft	
New/Addn 1 Fl Area	3987 1 9.05 × XOTSLY
New/Addn 1 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht over 15'	
New/Addn 1 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht 15' or less	398 1 29.8762842 FAR A
New/Addn Total 1 Fl Gross Area	
New/Addn 2 Fl Area	209 X
New/Addn 2 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht over 15'	, 0
New/Addn 2 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht 15' or less	209
New/Addn Total 2 Fl Gross Area	209
New/Addn 3 Fl Area	0
New/Addn 3 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht over 15'	0
New/Addn 3 Fl Area-Ceilng Ht 15' or less	. 0
New/Addn Total 3 Fl Gross Area	0
New/Addition Basement Gross Area	0
New/Addition Garage attached	0
New/Addition Garage detached	0
New/Addition Carport	0
New/Addition Total Sq Ft	
Total Gross Floor Area	3610



# 2634 DEGREDOT TRAIL

`	9053		27	0	••••	Yes	2006	International Residential Code
; ;	Gross Site Area of Lot	Total Number of Driveways	Dríveway Width 1	Driveway Width 2	Total Number of Sidewalks	Certificate of Occupancy to be Issued	Code Year	Code Type

## PROPERTY DETAILS

Legal Desc	Lot: 9 Block: A Subdivision: THE OAKS OF BARTON	
Zip	78704	
State	TX	
City	AUSTIN	
Suite Number		BARTON
Suite Type		KS OF
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Street Type	TRAIL	Lot: 9 Block: A Subdivision: THE OAKS OF BARTON
	_	ock: A Su
Street		Lot: 9 Blc
	DEERFOOT	
Pre.		
Number Pre.	2634	

## PEOPLE DETAILS

Phonel	(512)784-6375	(512)
Postal	TX 78654-3347	78704
State	ΤΧ	TX 78704
City	Marble Falls	AUSTIN
Address	4866 TRAVIS OAKS DR	2634 DEERFOOT TRL
Organization Name	Bill Stone & Associates LLC (Bill Stone)	(Dylan & Marissa Hester)
Desc.	Applicant	Homeowner

## PROCESSES AND NOTES

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Assigned Staff	Residential Zoning Reviewers Michael Embesi (974-1876)	Brent Hendricks (974-2413)
End Date		Dec 8, 2010
Start Date		Nov 30, 2010
Schedule Date	Dec 9 2010	Dec 8, 2010
Status	Open Open	Approved
Process Description	Pian Review Administration Tree Ordinance Review Residential Revision A then Issuance	Residential Zoning Review

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#### CITY OF AUSTIN

#### **RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "A"**

Br Number 2011 - 6/	1092	6R	)		
Building Permit No	· .		ĺ,		
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Reviewer Edward	Via	jil_	1		

PRIMARY PROJECT	DATA	
Service Address Legal Description	504 East Annie <u>St.</u>	Tax Parcel No. 785584
1	Subdivision Roy C Archer Sect	ionPhase
(attach	Jinal approved copies of subdivision and site plan)	
If this site is not a le	gally subdivided lot, you must contact the Developmen	nt Assistance Center for a Land Status Determination.
Description of Work  X New Residence	Remodel (specify)	
Duplex	Addition (specify)	1
Garageattac X Carport X attacl	ied detached	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Pool	Other (specify)	
Zoning (e.g. SF-1, SF-2.	) SF3 —	
- Height of Principal buil	ding 30 ft. # of floors 2 Height of Other st	ructure(s) N/A ft. # of floors
Austin Water Utility at		No. If no, please contact the tap application, or a service extension request. hiring a septic field you must obtain an approved septic
• · · • · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	rd of Adjustment ruling?Yes X No If yes, atta	sh the P.O.A. documentation
	quire a cut and fill in excess of 4 feet? Yes $X$ No	
•	ed street? X Yes No A paved alley? Yes	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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#### **CITY OF AUSTIN** RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "D" FLOOR AREA RATIO INFORMATION



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GROSS FLOOR AREA AND FLOOR AREA RATIO as defin	ned in the Austin Zoning	Code.	<del> </del>
	<u>Existing</u>	New / Addit	ion
I. 1st Floor Gross Area	•	3	
a. 1st floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground-	•	•	54
floor porches)	sq.ft.	1,796	sq.ft
b. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet.	sq.ft.	122	sq.ft.
c. TOTAL (add a and b above)	sq.ft.	1,918	sq.ft.
II. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note <sup>1</sup> below		1	
d. 2nd floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,	sq.ft _	852	sq.ft.
breezeways, mezzanine or loft)		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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IV. Basement Gross Area	•		
j. Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet		1	
above grade at the average elevation at the intersections of the		Ē .	
minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.	sq.ft	N/A	sq.ft.
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principal structure) —			- 1
VI. Carport (open on two or more sides without habitable space	,	4	sq.ft.
above it subtract 450 square feet)	sq.ft.	Į.	
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VII. TOTAL		2,770	sq.ft.
	sq.ft.	:	
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FLOOR AREA RATIO (gross floor	r area /gross area of lot)	.4616 sc	<u> </u>

It only has one floor within the roof structure b.

c. It does not extend beyond the foot print of the floors below
d. It is the highest habitable portion of the building; and

<sup>1</sup> If a second or third floor meets all of the following criteria it is considered to be attic space and is not calculated as part of the overall Gross Floor Area of the structure,

It is fully contained within the roof structure and the roof has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater

Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.

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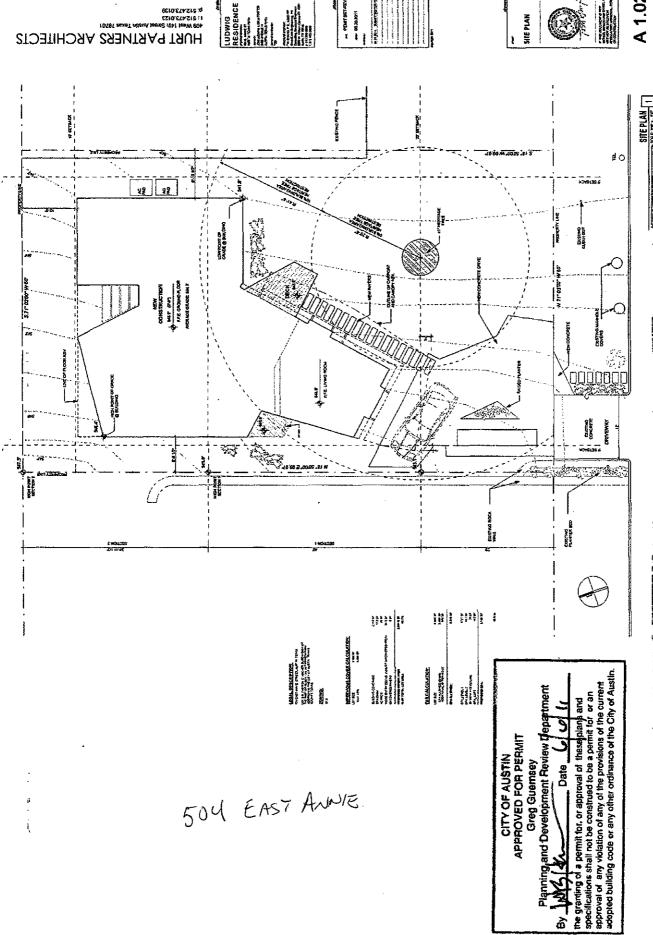
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<sup>a. It is fully contained within the roof structure and the roof has a slope of 3 to 12 or greater
b. It only has one floor within the roof structure</sup> 

It does not extend beyond the foot print of the floors below It is the highest habitable portion of the building; and

Fifty percent or more of the area has a ceiling height of seven feet or less.



#### **CITY OF AUSTIN** RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION "D" FLOOR AREA RATIO INFORMATION

TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBL STANDARDS ORDINANCE BOUNDARY AREA.

plicant's Signature		Date_04 Feb 20	11			
ROSS FLOOR AREA AND FLOOR AREA RATIO as defined in the Austin Zoning Code.						
	Existing	New /	Addition			
I. 1st Floor Gross Area		<u> </u>				
a. 1st floor area (excluding covered or uncovered finished ground-						
floor porches)	sq.ft.	3357	sq.ft.			
b. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor area with ceiling height over 15 feet.	sq.ft.	69	sq.ft.			
c. TOTAL (add a and b above)	sq.ft.	3426	sq.ft			
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II. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Gross Area See note below						
d. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area (including all areas covered by a roof i.e. porches,	sq.ft.	766	sq.ft.			
breezeways, mezzanine or loft)	sq.ft.	0				
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f. TOTAL (add d und e above)	oq.,	700				
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h. 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor area with ceiling height > 15 feet	e.		_			
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IV. Basement Gross Area						
j. Floor area outside footprint of first floor or greater than 3 feet						
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minimum front yard setback line and side property lines.	sq.ft.	0	sq.ft.			
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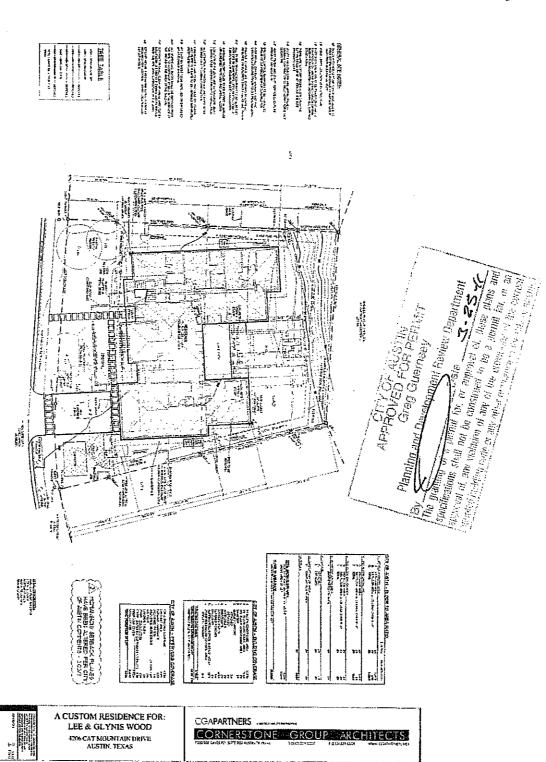
b. It only has one floor within the roof structure

It does not extend beyond the foot print of the floors below ¢.

It is the highest habitable portion of the building; and

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		Existing	New Addition
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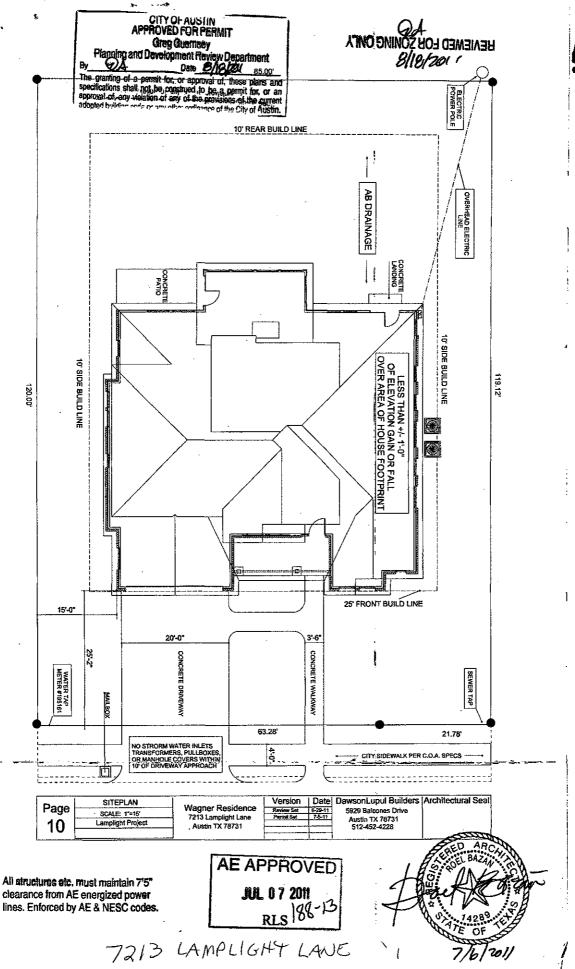
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### Exhibit Ex19 A)

#### ☐ CHAPTER 25-1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.

#### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS; MEASUREMENTS.

§ 25-1-21 DEFINITIONS.

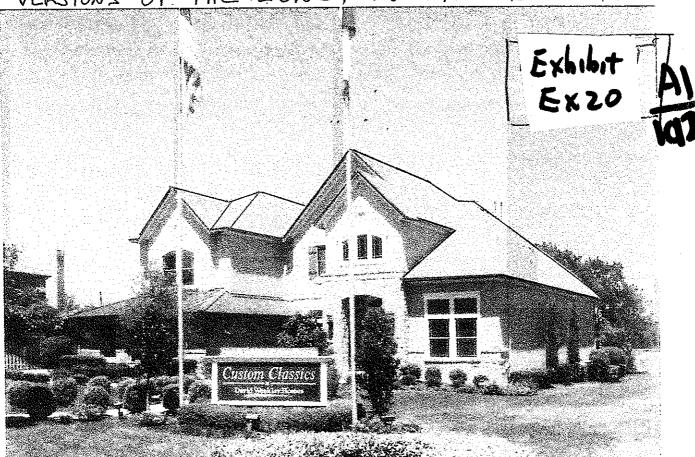
Unless a different definition is expressly provided, in this title:

[Definitions relevant to our Board of Adjustment Interpretation Appeal are shown.]

- (37) ENCLOSED means a roofed or covered space fully surrounded by walls, including windows, doors, and similar openings or architectural features, or an open space of less than 100 square feet fully surrounded by a building or walls exceeding eight feet in height.
- (39) FLOOR AREA RATIO means the ratio of gross floor area to gross site area.
- (43) GROSS FLOOR AREA means the total enclosed area of all floors in a building with a clear height of more than six feet, measured to the outside surface of the exterior walls. The term includes loading docks and excludes atria airspace, parking facilities, driveways, and enclosed loading berths and off-street maneuvering areas.
- [Section 3.3 of the McMansion Ordinance in attached Exhibit Ex4 modifies the above definition of Gross Floor when it is used for purposes of that Ordinance.]
  - (44) GROSS SITE AREA means the total site area.

Source: Sections 13-1-22, 13-2-1, 13-2-401, 13-2-435, and 13-5-61; Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 990805-46; Ord. 000309-39; Ord. 000406-85; Ord. 010329-18; Ord. 010607-8; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 041202-16.

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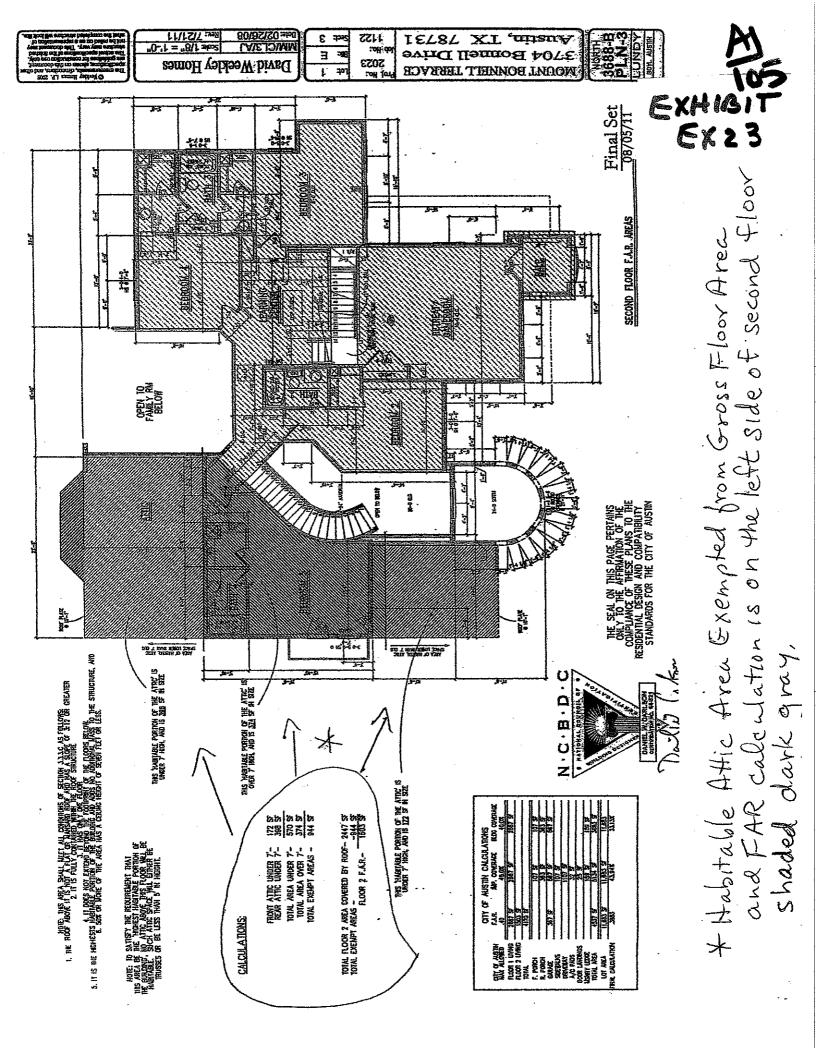
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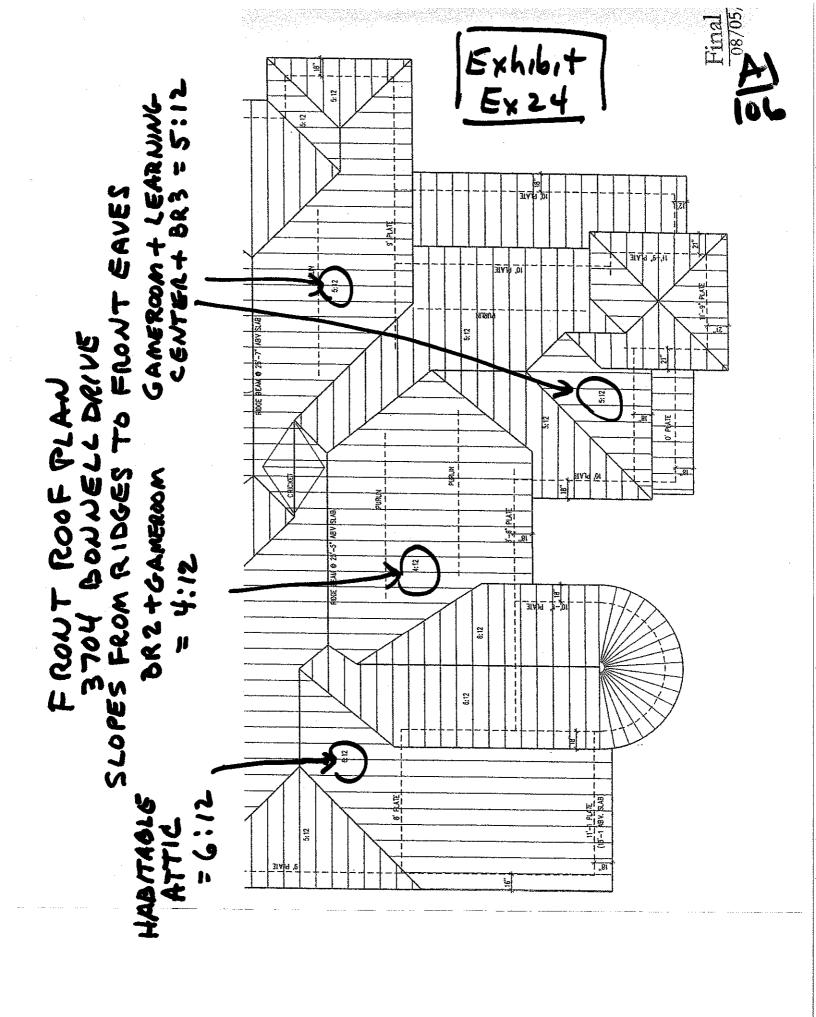


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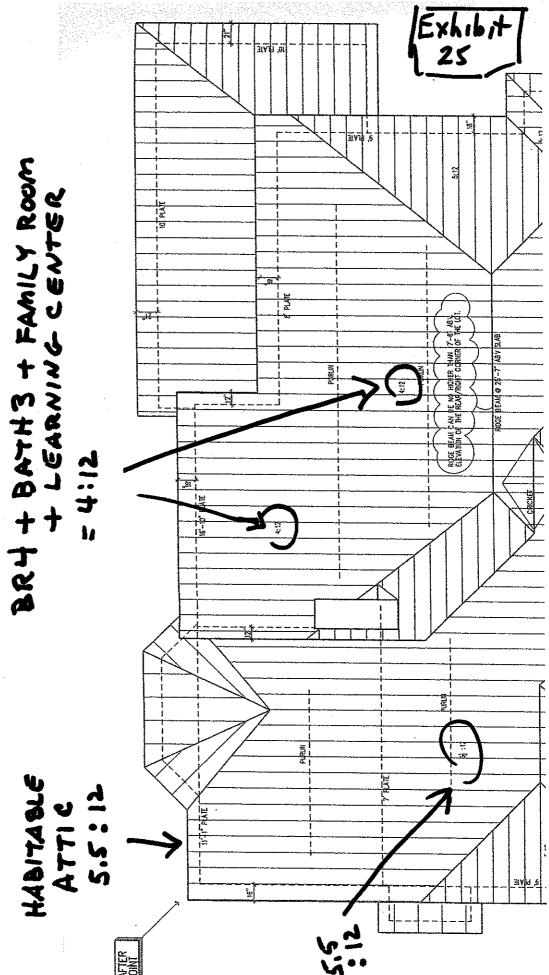
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#### **EXHIBIT Ex26**

Copies of letters from neighbors and HPWBANA objecting to earlier plans for 3704 Bonnell Drive when the plans were being reviewed by the RDCC.



Case Number: 2011-031138R Address: 3704 Bonnell Drive Contact: Sylvia Benavidez

Public Hearing: July 6, 2011

**Residential Design & Compatibility Commission** 

We object.

Date: June 28, 2011

Sarah Lynn Hill and John Deigh 3701 Mount Bonnell Road

We own and reside at 3701 Mount Bonnell Road, and we share a back lot line with the property in the application. We oppose the variance because, as indicated by its F.A.R. of 43%, the proposed house is too large for the size of the lot, as well as in comparison to other nearby homes, and we are concerned about preserving the integrity of the neighborhood.

Lynn spoke in opposition to the application at the May 4 hearing and again at the June 1 hearing. On June 1 the hearing was again postponed, to July 6. On June 20 our neighborhood association (HPWBANA) had a board meeting at which the applicants distributed copies of a revised plan, and John and the applicants discussed their respective viewpoints before the

Since the May 4 hearing we have made a good faith effort to understand the original proposed and preliminary plans, the revised proposed plan and the new "non-variance" plan, as well as the information in the application for variance. Our neighbor Tom Shelton has joined us in this effort.

Based on Travis County tax records, the size of the empty lot is 11,586 square feet. A new home of 4,634 square feet (40% of the lot size) could be built there without a variance, but the owner wants a two-story 5,007 square foot house, which would have a F.A.R. of 43%. Also, based on the proposed plan, two rooms on the first floor, with about 450 square feet of floor space, have a ceiling height of 20 feet. So the true "volume" or "mass" of the proposed house appears to be comparable to a two-story 5,400+ square foot house (a house with a F.A.R. exceeding 46.5%).



The applicants prepared F.A.R. calculations for 15 homes within a 300 foot radius of the empty lot, and their calculations show that all 15 homes have a F.A.R. of 38% or less. In fact, 12 of the homes have a F.A.R. of less than 30%, two have a F.A.R. of 33%, and one has a F.A.R. of 38%. For a visual illustration of this we color-coded a plat map from the Travis Central Appraisal District, which shows the location of the different properties in relation to the empty lot. We also created a chart that compares the size of the empty lot, and the square footage of the proposed house, to the lot and home sizes of each of the 15 nearby properties. (See attached map and chart.) We believe the map and chart show that the proposed house would not be "compatible in scale and bulk" with the existing homes in the neighborhood.

We think that if the applicants believed the proposed home to be compatible in scale and bulk with the Bonnell Drive streetscape they could easily have provided a model or artist's rendering to show how the home would look on the lot, between the existing homes on either side. They have not done so. Instead they have provided photographs of neighboring homes along with a photograph of the empty lot. Also, Lynn has asked Jim Einhaus more than once about the height of the homes on either side of the lot, and his answer was that he did not know. If he does not know this he cannot know if the proposed home is compatible with those existing homes.

The empty lot is rectangular in shape, and the application shows the owner is leveling the land before building begins, so the shape and slope of the land are not causing construction issues that require a variance. Also, the variance is not about changing the placement of the house to preserve trees. The sole issue seems to simply be one of volume and square footage of the house. Despite repeated meetings, the owner doesn't seem interested in changing the plans to comply with the city's standard.

The applicants in their applications, at the hearings, and at the HPWBANA board meeting have argued that they have preliminary or "non-variance" plans (that they do not want to use) that have a F.A.R. no greater than 40%. As we understand it, their current argument is that one



change to the non-variance plan (adding a window to the front of bedroom 5) increases the F.A.R. to an unacceptable percentage. But they say this change does not affect neighbors so the homeowners should be allowed to build the proposed plan in the current application.

However, the premise of this argument is false. Their "non-variance" plan does *not* have an acceptable F.A.R.

On May 31 we discussed the applicants' preliminary plan materials and their methodology for calculating the F.A.R. with John McDonald, Supervisor in the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Mr. McDonald explained that the applicants understated the F.A.R. of their preliminary plan, in part because they incorrectly treated bedroom 5 as attic space. Today, John discussed their new "non-variance" plan with him, and he told John that in this plan as well they are incorrectly treating bedroom 5 as attic space. According to Mr. McDonald, Bedroom 5 is part of the second floor in all of the applicants' plans, and as such its square footage cannot be ignored in any of them.

For the July 6 hearing the applicants claim their "non-variance" plan has a F.A.R. of less than 40%. They claim that in this plan the area under the eaves surrounding bedroom 5 plus the area of bedroom 5 can be ignored because it is habitable attic space that meets all of the requirements of section 3.3.3.C of the Ordinance.

But this argument is incorrect because – as confirmed by Mr. McDonald – bedroom 5 is part of the second floor, not part of an attic, so the F.A.R. is at least as much as the proposed plan.

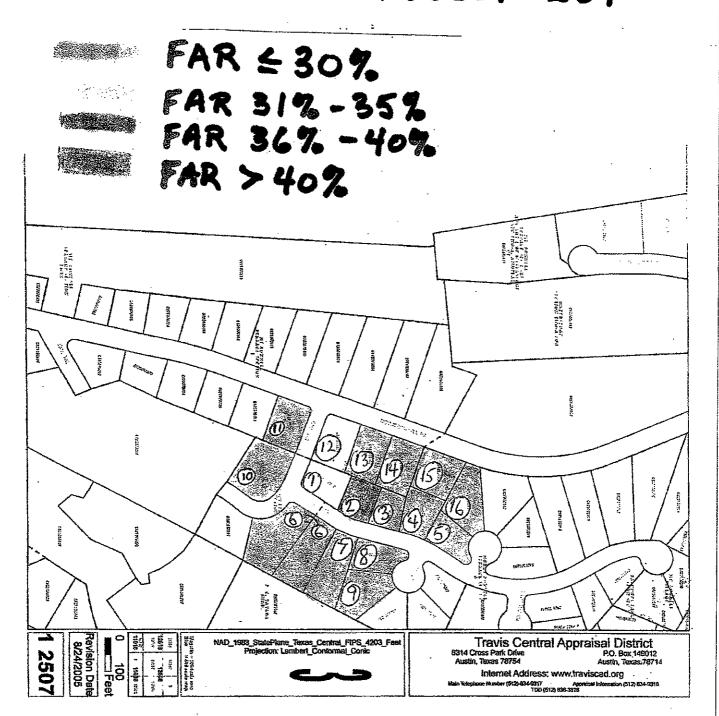
However, even if bedroom 5 were treated as attic space, it would not be true that the space could be ignored — for it fails to meet one of the conditions in the Ordinance for ignoring habitable attic space. The condition it fails to meet is that the space "adds no additional mass to the structure." (See section 3.3.3.C.5.) Adding this space, regardless of how it is treated, adds mass to the structure. (See attached photographs.)



The applicants' proposed and "non-variance" plans are versions of a Weekley model called the Lundy. The attached photographs, which we took at the model home site in Round Rock where we met with the applicants, show a 4-bedroom version of the Lundy (Model 1) and a version of the Lundy in which a fifth bedroom has been added on the second floor over the master bath (Model 2). Model 2 matches, in its placement of the fifth bedroom, the version in the applicants' plans. As inspection of these photographs shows, adding this fifth bedroom to the second floor adds mass to the structure.

A version of the Lundy that has been expanded to include a fifth bedroom on the second floor is obviously more massive than the 4-bedroom version and so it cannot satisfy the requirement of section 3.3.3.C.5. This means the square footage of bedroom 5 cannot be ignored. As a consequence, the "non-variance" version has a F.A.R. that is at least as great as the F.A.R. of the proposed plan.

#### FAR CALCULATIONS FOR HOUSES" ALL WITHIN 300' OF SUBJECT LOT

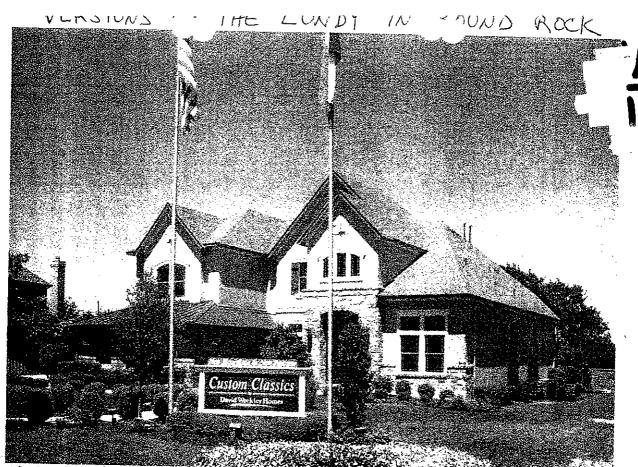


MAP



Home size of	proposed home	compared to other	homes	16% bigger	This is empty fot	83% bigger	23% bigger	47% bigger	34% smaller	46% bigger	43% bigger	26% bigger	6% bigger	18% bigger	4% smaller	86% bigger	50% bigger	20% smaller	33% bigger
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			F.A.R.	33%	43%	28%	29%	27%	17%	17%	27%	23%	20%	27%	33%	17%	21%	38%	21%
	F.A.R.	Square	Feet	4,301	5,007	2,735	4,066	3,414	7,626	3,418	3,510	3,987	4,735	4,245	5,207	2,685	3,343	6,278	3,773
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\*Lot 6 is on a double-lot with 45,943 square feet. The applicant calculated a FAR of 29% for this property based on the size of one of the lots. Otherwise, the Lot Areas, F.A.R. Square Feet and F.A.R. percentages are taken from page C1/46 of the application submitted for the June 1 RDCC hearing. Using this information, Lynn Hill calculated the comparisons of the lot areas and home sizes that are shown above.



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June 29, 2011

Sylvia Benavidez
Austin Residential Zoning Review
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704

Re:

3704 Bonnell Drive (Case 2011-031138 PR)

Ms. Benavidez.

Please pass along to the RDCC that the Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HPWBANA) has voted 6 to 3 to oppose the variance request at 3704 Bonnell Drive (Case 2011-031138 PR).

We appreciated the opportunity to include the landowner and a neighbor at our recent meeting on Monday, June 20 to better understand the issues surrounding this request. We also appreciated the surrounding neighbors sending us their opinions via letter and email.

Ultimately, the NA believes that the lot owner has other viable options for the property. We feel the project could be completed with the landowner's desires in mind while staying within the limits of the ordinance. In addition, widespread opposition by the neighbors was an important factor in our decision. In general, the neighbors expressed concern about the size of the project. Most of the surrounding homes are under 4,000 sq.ft. In addition, the proposed FAR of the proposed project is much greater than those of the surrounding homes.

One point brought up at the meeting was that a home of similar size could be built within the ordinance and without requiring a variance. While we acknowledge that this may the case, the majority of the board felt that it was offset by the precedent that would result if the variance were granted.

We respectfully ask the Commission to deny the variance request.

A representative from HPWBANA will attend the Commission's meeting on July 6, 2011. A copy of this letter will be sent to those who attended our neighborhood meeting.

Sincerely,

Andrea Torres, HPWBANA President

4601 Highland Terrace 78731

512-302-4294

andreatorres 11@yahoo.com



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Number: 2011-031138R: Address: 3704 Bonnell Drive

Contact: Sylvia Benavidez

Public Hearing: July 6, 2011: Residential Design & Compatibility Commission

I Object: Holton Burns (Homeowner 3710 Bonnell Drive)

Holton Burns: My Address: Homeowner 3710 Bonnell Drive, Austin, Texas 787831

Send to:

City of Austin Sylvia Benavidez P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767-8810

Dear Silvia,

1. I; Holton Burns am the record owner of the property (3710 Bonnell Drive in Austin, Texas) and have a vested financial interest to maintain my property's intrinsic value. Building a Mc Mansion next door to my home will deteriorate that "value" whether it is due to lost view, feeling cramped, stuck with a high imposing structure next door or a combination of such as a result of a builder being granted a variance to city code.

2. The neighborhood is not a Mc Mansion area, each property is suited to the homes built

on it, come and see for yourself if you have any doubt.

3. The city has passed ordinances to protect properties from development which aggravates the feel and relationship of one structures set back vs. another structures setback in order to prevent opposition to development and leave shadows imposed upon a neighbors home among other qualified reasons of the ordinance.

4. I am asking the city to carefully review the plans of 3704 Bonnell Drive and then conclude that the home exceeds and impacts current regulations and the neighbors who

border to subject tract.

5. As a north neighbor of subject tract with the city to the South and East portions of my lot will no longer be afforded a city view, nor be granted direct sunlight in the middle morning.

6. I will likely end up looking at a drawn curtain rather than down the Balcones Valley out towards downtown Austin which was "the" reason why I bought the home I currently

7. I share a side property with 3704 Bonnell Drive and hope the city will pay increased attention to that fact. I am not someone on the other side of the public street or around the corner I am next door to this petition for variance.

8. In particular the proposed house would be incompatible in size with the other properties

in the neighborhood and it will dwarf my own home.



- 9. 3704's design as proposed is 83% larger than mine and we share roughly the same size lot!
- 10. The disparity in size between the homes which wrap around and share the border of this lot will be striking particularly when compared with mine.

#### ROBERT BONE 3503 Bonnell Court, Austin, TX 78731 512-374-9550 . rbone@law.utexas.edu



June 16, 2011

City of Austin Sylvia Benavidez PO Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

RE: Case Number 2011-031138PR - 3704 Bonnell Drive

Sylvania Benavidez, Contact (512-974-2522)

Public Hearing July 6, 2011

Residential Design and Compatibility Commission

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in opposition to the request for a variance for the above-listed property. The lot in question is diagonally across from the house my wife and I own, at 3503 Bonnell Court. My wife Elizabeth Schultz submitted a separate letter comprehensively reviewing the reasons for our opposition. I write separately to make clear that I too oppose the request and to add some thoughts of my own.

Elizabeth's letter describes the impact that granting the application will have on the neighborhood. The proposed home is simply out of proportion to the lot, and its FAR makes clear just how poorly it fits the Bonnell Drive neighborhood.

Most important, the applicants have offered no sufficient reason to grant the variance. At the previous hearings, they cited the view of the UT Tower and a desire for rooms for a growing family and visiting relatives. If that's enough to qualify for a variance, then the FAR requirement is meaningless. Everyone who wants to build a large home on a small lot could offer comparable reasons, and the McMansion ordinance would be rendered ineffectual. This can't be what the City of Austin intended.

I urge you to deny the application.

Robert G. Bone

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cc: HPWBANA



Contact: Sylvia Benavidez, 974-2522 Public Hearing: May 4, 2011	□ I am in fåvor ☑I object
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#### ELIZABETH SCHULTZ 3503 Bonnell Court, Austin, TX 78731 512-374-9550 . easdirect@gmail.com



City of Austin Sylvia Benavidez PO Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

RE: Case Number 2011-031138PR

3704 Bonnell Drive

Sylvania Benavidez, Contact (512-974-2522)

Public Hearing July 6, 2011

Residential Design and Compatibility Commission

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in opposition to the request for variance for the above-listed property pending before the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission. The lot in question is diagonally across from the house my husband and I own, at 3503 Bonnell Court. The neighborhood is characterized by pleasant homes and spacious, treed yards. The hillside setting provides a sense of spaciousness, and also affords privacy. The houses are typically sited with sensitivity to the land.

My husband and I moved to our Bonnell Court home a year-and-a-half ago when we relocated from Boston, Massachusetts. When we were house-hunting, people told us, with pride in their city, that Austin's "McMansion" ordinance restricted the construction of oversized homes on undersized lots. This sounded to me like a sensible restriction – one that would preserve Austin's neighborhoods, and maintain consistent and appropriate size and scope in residential construction.

Since buying our house, we have learned that restrictions also apply to cutting and trimming trees. This also makes sense to me, both esthetically and ecologically. The restrictions also seem consistent with the "McMansion" ordinance – preserving Austin's greenscape for current and future generations to enjoy.

The lot in question is under-sized for the neighborhood. Frequently, people who visit us or with whom we have conversations on the street comment to the effect that the lot is really too small to build much of a house on.



In fact, we now find that only one lot among the fifteen cited in the application for variance is smaller. On the other hand, if the variance is granted, only three houses would be larger. To me, this would seem to be the essence of "oversized house on undersized lot."

The lot itself is pleasantly treed and sloping. It's my understanding that in order to construct the house, extensive excavation would basically chop a chunk out of the lot. Retaining walls would be required on one, if not all three sides. The house would be constructed on the newly-leveled lot. This scoop-and-plunk approach is inconsistent with a neighborhood in which the houses generally make creative use of their hillside sites.

I have attended both meetings of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission that dealt with this matter. During neither did I hear the owner or the builder present any compelling reason for the committee to grant the variance.

What the owners have said is that they love the views of the city which the lot affords, and they love the very large house they want to build there.

Most people who've bought or built a house understand this. When my husband and I were house-hunting, there were several other properties we might have considered, but our bank-account was several hundred-thousand dollars too small. These owners want to build a huge house, but their lot is several thousand square feet too small.

Surprisingly, the owners don't seem concerned that by building such a large house on such a small lot, they will be altering for the worse the grace and spaciousness that typify Bonnell Drive.

As for their claim that unless they get the variance, they'll be denied maximum enjoyment of the view the lot affords, I imagine that every one of the neighbors could tell a story about having a better view of the city and the UT Tower if only they could cut down a tree or two, or extend their deck, or add an additional story to their house. But we live in a community, and by upholding the community's values, we all benefit.

The owners purchased the lot several months ago. The language on their deed has not changed since then, and the city regulations stipulating the ratio of house-to-lot have not become more restrictive. In buying a too-small lot for their too-big house, they assumed the risk that they would not be able to build. The neighborhood doesn't owe them their "dream house" any more than the city of Austin does.

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Upholding the letter and spirit of the McMansion ordinance and the ordinances protecting greenery seems good for Austin. Certainly in this case, it would be good for preserving the character and aesthetics of a neighborhood. So far, the owners have shown little interest in compromise. I urge you to deny their application for variance.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Schultz

CC: HPWBANA



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Case Number: 2011-031138R: Address: 3704 Bonnell Drive:

Contact: Sylvia Benavidez

Public Hearing: July 6, 2011; Residential Design & Compatibility Commission

I Object---

Tom Shelton-My address 3703 Mt.Bonnell Rd.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I share a back lot line with the property in the application and I have cast a vote of "no" regarding the variance on the FAR restriction. I have spent close to a month and a half trying to learn as much about the situation as possible, educating myself on reason for the law, meeting with owner/builder several times, gathering information from Sylvia Benavidez, meeting with several neighbors, and have found absolutely no other reason for the owner's request other than he wants to build a very large home on the 2nd smallest lot in the neighborhood.

If the owner had been looking to build slightly closer to the property line to save several oak trees for example -- I would be wholeheartedly for his exception to the Ordinance. I don't know why the McMansion law exists if not for cases like this.

There are 15 homes within 300 feet of the property that is the subject of the variance request however, there are 4 homes that form a sort of "U" around the proposed lot that would be most impacted by the construction-myself (3703 Mt. Bonnell Road), the home of Lynn Hill/John Deigh, the home of Holton Burns (directly next door to the lot), and Cornelia and Tom LeMond (3705 Bonnell DR.) The LeMonds live directly across the street from the lot, Lynn/John and I share the back lot line, and Mr. Burns lives directly next door. And we all object to the application for the variance.

I think it is very important to mention Holton Burns. He is out of the country working on a project and obviously has not been able to attend either of the two hearings or meet with the neighbors but is very concerned with this matter and has voted "no" by email. Mr. Burns could end up being the most affected as he is the direct next door neighbor. By the simple gesture of dropping a note off with his current house-sitter, I was able to get his email and have emailed him 7-10 times regarding this matter.

At the RDCC hearing, the owner Mr. Clark has specifically mentioned Lynn Hill as being really the main opponent of the proposed variance. Except for the RDCC form letter being sent to Mr. Burns from the City, I am very curious as to whether the owner has made any effort to contact Mr. Burns (as I have) seeing as he may be more affected than Lynn Hill and perhaps, a more vocal opponent of the variance. As I mentioned above, Mr. Burns home, my home, the LeMonds, and Lynn/John's home are the four that directly form a "U" shape around the vacant lot.

For some factual perspective, it was shocking to take a look at the sheet provided by builder to the City Commission regarding the surrounding homes and their square footage, their lot size, and their FAR's.

- 1. The proposed home is the 2nd smallest lot of the 15 lots yet would have the 4th largest square footage.
- 2. My house for some perspective is on a lot approximately 40% larger, and has four bedrooms. The proposed home would have 5 bedrooms and would be a whopping 50% larger than mine!
- 3. The house built on 2 combined lots down the street from proposed home only has a 29% FAR. And this is calculated on the square footage of just one lot, not two!
- 4. None of the 15 homes have a FAR in excess of 40%. In fact, 80% of the homes have a FAR of less than 30%, and only one has a FAR as large as 38%.

As the commission knows by now, there have been numerous meetings between the owner/builder/designer and Lynn Hill, John Deigh and I. I think all sides have been very cordial and truly been interested in the viewpoints of both sides. We have looked at many house plans and even traveled to Round Rock to see a model home similar the one proposed home. However, the end result of every single meeting is exactly the same. The owner wants us to vote "yes" so he can have a huge home on this small lot and so he can also have a view of the UT tower and perhaps a pool.

My personal viewpoint from all these meetings could best be described as confusion. I'm wondering why all the neighbors are being asked to vote "yes" on the variance when all of these issues could have totally been avoided from the start and could still quickly and easily still be solved.

While it is in what I think is a nice neighborhood, this lot has been vacant a long time due to its unique size. I still can't understand why with a large family (and wanting pool also) that this small lot was chosen. And for a view of the UT tower, why weren't height restrictions, FAR restrictions looked into before the purchase?

I wouldn't dare presume to tell anyone what lot to buy, what house to build, etc. But I just can't understand this proposed house on this lot when you can venture to the surrounding neighborhoods of Tarrytown and Old Enfield to see hundreds, if not thousands of wonderful homes built on lots of this size. There are too many to count 3 or 4 bedroom bungalow style, ranch style, stone houses, cottage style homes that look fantastic and actually fit the lot. I thought the reason for this ordinance and for deed restrictions were to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood as I so often see it

Not only could all this have been avoided but another thing that could solve this whole matter and it's an issue which never, ever seems to be brought up at the meetings with owner---simply re-draw the plans to match all the requirements. It was strange to be standing in the model home and being asked to vote yes when all the rooms in the model home dwarf the size of the rooms in my own house!



At the last hearing, the RDCC mentioned that letters such as this can be very helpful. Time is very limited at the hearings so I wanted to address a few comments that have been made towards my neighbors.

First, the owner of proposed house said "he thinks that basically we don't want a house being built on the lot." This could not be further from the truth. We just feel strongly about the rules set up to preserve the neighborhood. We don't feel like there should be an exception unless for a good reason…one besides just wanting a huge house.

Second, the owner mentioned at the RDCC meeting "how he saw this lovely lot, how he has four kids and one on the way, how he went to UT and wants a view of the tower, how he wants to be a great neighbor" and so on. I won't put words into my neighbors mouths (and Holton on one side is out of the country) but this was very upsetting to me particularly when we don't all have time to speak. Each and every one of us had that same first impression when we saw our future lot, I also went to UT and love the tower, and we all have families and friends that we are excited when they can share our house with us. I just think it's wrong for any one neighbor should claim that they have some sort of moral high ground above the rest of the neighbors for purposes of applying for a variance.

Third, in his June 1 presentation to the commission, the owner has told the commission he has bent over backwards to accommodate us and spent all this time trying to meet with us, and he has tried to do everything he can, and so on. I found these comments extremely surprising (and sort of rude towards one particular neighbor) as the above ones. My neighbor Lynn Hill (and to a lesser extent, myself) have:

--Met with Sylvia Benavidez and other city employees downtown to understand FAR and other development issues

--Hired and met with Geologist to find out impact the cut on land will disturb the balcones fault line

--Traveled up for about 3 hours one evening out to Round Rock to see a model home of what they propose to build

--Met with owner and or builder on lot to see the height of home/impact on trees

--Countless hours speaking to other neighbors

--Corresponded on about ten emails back and forth with neighbor out of country Holton Burns

--Researched deed restrictions with survey and title companies, and with the Travis County Clerk's real property public database

Sorry for the length but I knew the commission had wanted the viewpoint of some of the other neighbors and I thought some of the personal comments at the hearing had not painted a full picture of the situation.

Thank you,

Tom Shelton

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