A variance from the Building Code Board of Appeals may be required for variances from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (no Sign Review Board cases need to call). Please consult a code specialist in the Plan Review Division at 974-2580.

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

CASE # C15-2012-0141
ROW # 10856751

## CITY OF AUSTIN ↑ / ^ ∪ ⊃ APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subd	indeien Te	
	ivision – <u>irav</u>	ris Heights
Lot(s)1&2 Block46	6Outlot_	Division
I/We Michael Hide authorized agent for		_ on behalf of myself/ourselves a
		affirm that on October 15
hereby apply for a hearing befor	e the Board of	Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)	F	
X ERECTATTACH_	_ COMPLETE	E REMODEL MAINTAIN
A 14' x 14' (200 sq/ft) Kang office space.	ga Room Syste	ems studio to be used as a work at hom

(zoning district)

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

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

## **REASONABLE USE:**

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

Our lot forms a triangular shape, and according to Darren Cain (in the residential review department), the shortest side is considered the 'front' of the property for purposes of building setbacks. This would make the side along Kenwood the 'front' instead of the longer Bonham Terrace side which is where the address has been since the house was built in 1926 (It was originally 2 lots with both sides fronting Bonham Terrace). By considering the Kenwood side as the 'front' we would not be able to place any structure in the side yard due to the 25ft setback rule. We are unable to locate the proposed structure in either of the other two corners of the property due to an existing detached garage along the Bonham side, and putting it in the actual front yard (the corner at Bonham and Kenwood) would be unsightly, inconvenient, and detract greatly from the curb appeal of the property and the neighborhood.

Additionally there would be issues with the setbacks in that corner as well due to the high angle of the lot, and overlapping setbacks between the 'front' and 'side' edges.

## **HARDSHIP:**

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

Due to the triangular shape of the lot and existing structures, there is only one reasonable location for the proposed structure. Placing it in front of the house in plain view of the street would diminish the curb appeal of the property and the neighborhood. Building this structure on other properties with similar square footage but on a "traditional" rectangular shaped lot would likely not be an issue. This is a problem for us only because of the irregular shape of our lot, and is a hardship as we are not able to get reasonable use out of our property compared with other property owners in this neighborhood.

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

Most lots in the neighborhood are rectangular in shape and have a clear 'front' yard. The shape of our lot and position of the house leaves those designation	' and 'back'
interpretation, and therefore inhibit the reasonable use of our property.	
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AREA CHARACTER:	
3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the propert impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purp regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:	y, will not cose of the
The proposed location of the structure is behind a 6' privacy fence and work visible from the street or the neighboring property along Kenwood, and significantly alter the appearance of the property, nor restrict any use of the adj	will not
Te .	
PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)	
Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional finding Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required in findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:  1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpret enforcement of the specific regulation because:	25-6 with f it makes
N/A	
<ol> <li>The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of ve public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traff streets because:</li> </ol>	hicles on fic of the
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3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other cinconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:	condition
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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS:





SUBJECT TRACT

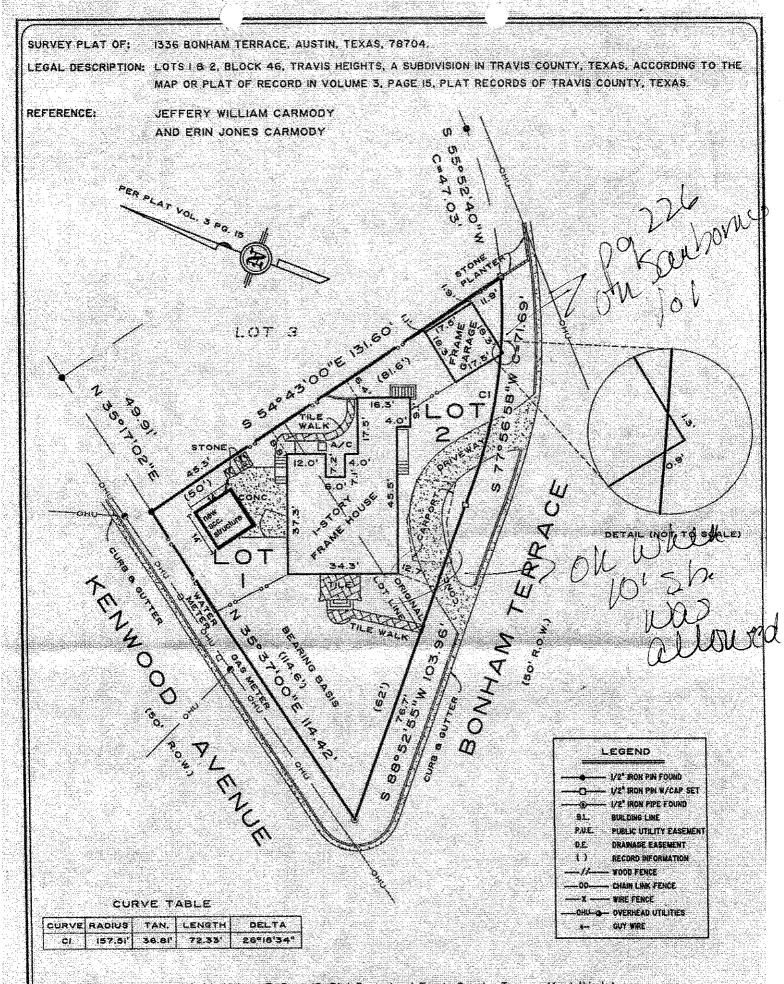
ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: C15-2012-0141 LOCATION: 1336 Bonham Terrace

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Restrictive Covenants recorded in Volume 3, Page 15, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, affect this lot. Easement rights as reserved on plat recorded in Volume 3, Page 15, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, affect this lot. Subject: 1336 Bonham Terrace

From: Jean mather < jeanmather 3@gmail.com>

Date: 10/8/2012 11:43

To: Marc Davis <marc.davis@gmail.com>, Kent Anschutz <Kent@kentanschutz.com>, Russell

Fraser <russell\_fraser@msn.com>
CC: michael.hide@gmail.com

Development Assistance Center City of Austin

The Zoning Committee of South River City Citizens met on August 23 and again on September 26 with Michael Hide of 1336 Bonham Terrace. He had been denied a building permit.

His property forms a triangle at the intersection of Bonham Terrace and Kenwood Avenue. Staff insisted that the address should be on Kenwood since it is the shortest side of the triangle. If so, the setbacks would have to be reconfigured.

At our second meeting on September 26, Michael Hide brought a copy of the original subdivision platt for Travis Heights which explained the difference. The platt clearly shows that the triangle had originally been two lots facing onto Bonham. The original owner had combined them into one. It was clear to the Zoning Committee that the setback on Kenwood would follow the side lot setback provisions. It also explains how Beverly Laws had used the Bonham address for at least 40 years as the neighbors can testify.

The other problem: a corner of the existing garage extends beyond the property line. Michael Hide traced the appraisal district's records and found that the garage was in place in 1926. It should be grandfathered.

Jean Mather, Chair SRCC Zoning Committee 444-4153

