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

DATE: Monday, October 14, 2013	CASE NUMBER: C15-2013-0108
Jeff Jack Michael Von Ohlen Motion to Postpo Nora Salinas Bryan King 2 nd the Motion Fred McGhee Melissa Hawthorne Stuart Hampton - Sallie Burchett (OUT) Cathy French (SRB only)	
OWNER/APPLICANT: Jeffrey and Pamela M A	rcher
ADDRESS: 4103 ROSEDALE AVE	
VARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant has requeminimum front street setback requirement of Sect order to erect a detached carport for a single-famil Residence zoning district.	ion 25-2-492 (D) from 25 feet to 7 feet in
The applicant has requested a variance to decreas requirement of Section 25-2-492 (D) from 5 feet to order to erect a detached carport for a single-family Residence zoning district.	0 feet (along the west property line) in
BOARD'S DECISION: The public hearing was clo Ohlen motion to Postpone to November 14, 2013, B 7-0 vote; POSTPONED TO November 14, 2013.	sed on Board Member Michael Von oard Member Bryan King second on a
FINDING:	
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2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requ	ested is unique to the property in that:
(b) The hardship is not general to the area in w	which the property is located because:
	, and will not impair the purpose of

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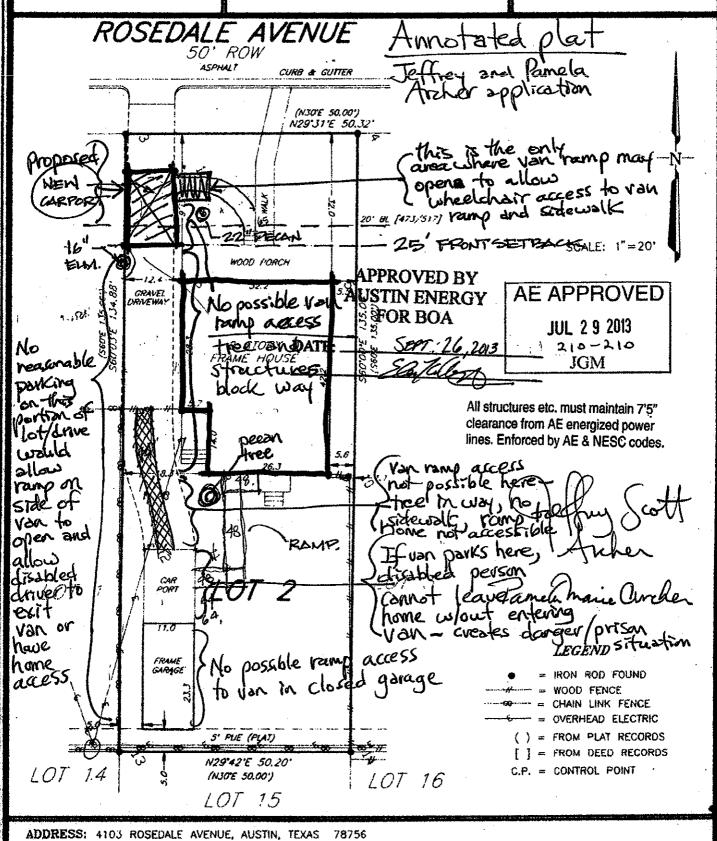
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CASE # (15-20130108)
ROW # [1014287]
TP-0221011202

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

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

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.
STREET ADDRESS: 4103 Rosedale Ave.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - Rosedale
Lot(s) 2 Block 2 Outlot Division Rosedale A
I/We Teffrey and Panels Alchon behalf of myself ourselves as authorized agent for N/A affirm that on Sept. 10, 2013,
N/A affirm that on Sept. 10, 2013,
hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
✓ ERECTATTACHCOMPLETEREMODELMAINTAIN
a detached single-vehicle carport for a
wheelchair-accessible ramp van for a
wheekhair-bound disabled family member. 7' from
in a SF3 district.
(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:

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1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because: The only reasonable location for a carport that allows for wheelstair access is within the front and side setbacks applicable to the lot. HARDSHIP:
2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
the existing primary structure, driveway, caupart, and wheekhair ramp do not offer any alternative locations for parking a wheekhair-accessible ramp van. (b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:
The focation of existing structures, and the absence of an existing wheelchair ramps, do not impose the limitations for locating a suitable pasking structure for a wheelchair—AREA CHARACTER: accessible ramp van, that exists for this lot. 3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:
The proposed corport is minimal in size and would be located
over an existing driveway. It would not significantly affect any visibility or view, and would not increase storm runoff PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.) or add any additional
Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply: 1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

pι	the granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on ablic streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the reets because:
	he granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition consistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
h	ne site because:
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1O7	TE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.
plio (gne	State & Zip Auskin, Tx 78756
rinte	Jeffrey S. Archer Phone 12-453-3571 Date 8 29 2013
	ERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application ne and confect to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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ty,	State & Zip
inte	Jeffrey S. Archer Phone Date 8/29/2013
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ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: C15-2013-0108 LOCATION: 4103 Rosedale Ave

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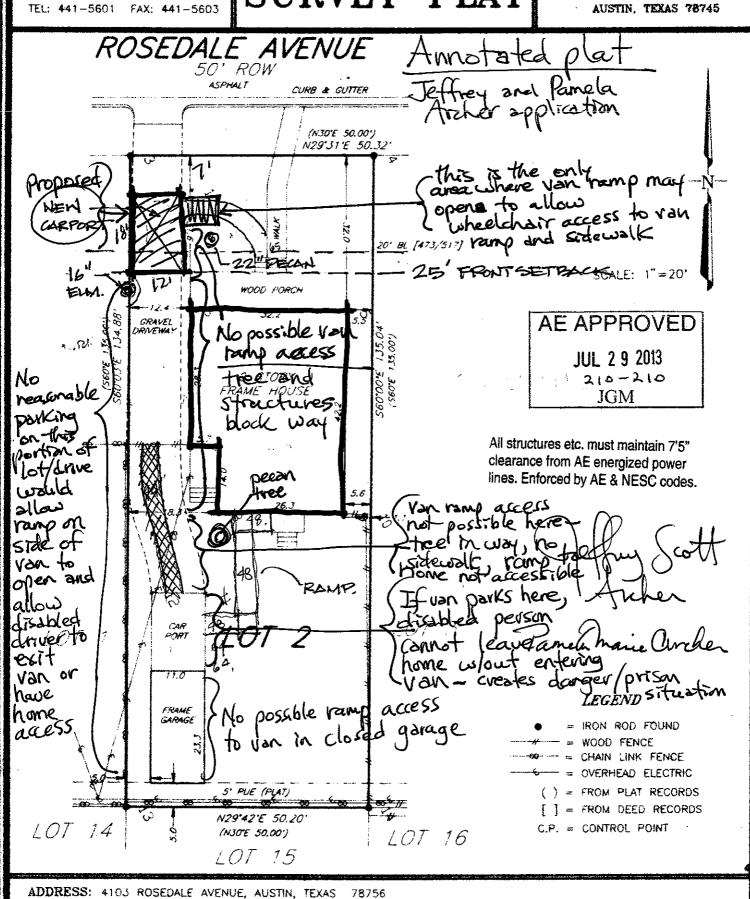
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOT 2, BLOCK 2, ROSEDALE-A, A SUBDIVISION IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF

SAMFORD & ASSOCIATES
LAND SURVEYING
TEL: 441-5601 FAX: 441-5603

GRAVEL DRIVEHAY SURVEY PLAT

4360 S. CONGRESS AVENUE SUITE 106 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78745

ROSEDALE AVENUE

2 STORY

FRAME HOUSE

NEW CARPORT CURB & CUITER

(N30'E 50.00')
N29'31'E 50.32'

20' BL [473/517]

16"

WOOD PORCH

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ADDRESS: 4103 ROSEDALE AVENUE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78756

5' PUE (PLAT)

(N30'E 50.00')

LOT 15

N29'42'E 50.20'

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FRAME GARAGE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOT 1.4

LOT 2, BLOCK 2, ROSEDALE-A, A SUBDIVISION IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF

One Stop Shop 505 Barton Springs Rd (512) 974-2632 – phone (512) 974-9112 – phone (512) 974-9109 – fax

(512) 974-9779 - fax



Austin Energy Building Service Planning Application (BSPA)

This form to be used for review of Building Permit only For use in One Stop Shop Only

Responsible Person for Service Request Jeffrey Archer
Email <u>jeffarchera yahoo cam</u> Fax Phone 512)423-3947 hm (512)453-3571
Residential Commercial New Construction Remodeling
Project Address 4103 Rosedale Aue Austin, Tx. 78756 OR
Legal Description Lot Block
Who is your electrical provider?
☐ Overhead Service ☐ Underground Service ☐ Single-phase (1∅) ☐ Three-phase (3∅)
Location of meter
Number of existing meters on gutter (show all existing meters on riser diagram)
Expired permit #
Comments Carport
BSPA Completed by (Signature & Print Name) Date Phone
Approved Yes No Date Phone

Application expires 180 days after the date of approval (Any change to the above information requires a new BSPA)

All structures etc. must maintain 7'5" clearance from AE energized power lines. Enforced by AE & NESC codes.

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City of Austin Residential Permit Application Residential Review, 2nd floor, One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs, Austin, TX 78704 (512) 974-2747

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			Project Information
Project Address: 4103 Rosedalo	Aue.	Reference ID 2 (v	www.traviscad.org): 217679
Legal Description: LOT 2 BL		EDALE"	Δ ^{††}
Zoning District or PUD: 67-3		Lot Size (square fee	(t): \$ 6747
Neighborhood Plan Area (if applicable):		Historic District (i	if applicable):
Is this site within the Residential Design and Note: Boundaries are defined under Title 25-2 Subcha	Compatibility Standards Opter F of the Land Development O	rdinance Boundary	Area? N
Does this site currently have water availabilit If no, contact Austin Water Utility to apply for water/v	y? (Y) N	wastewater ava	ailability?
Does this site have a septic system?	Y (N)	If yes, submit a co	ppy of approved septic permit to construct
Does this site require a cut or fill in excess of If yes, contact the Development Assistance Center for	four (4) feet? a Site Plan Exemption.		Y (N)
Does this site front a paved street?	Y N		nt to a paved alley? Y (N)
Does this site have a Board of Adjustment (B Does this site have a Residential Design and	Compatibility Commission	Case # (RDCC) waiver?	(if applicable) Y N
If yes, provide a copy of decision sheet. Note: A perm Does the project impact a tree protected by or	nit cannot be approved within 1	0 days of approval of a	a variance from BOA.
Y N	rdinance? This include <u>s</u> ca	nopy and/or critica	1 100t 20the impacts to hearby nees.
Note Af yes, application for a tree permit with the City Is this site within one hundred-fifty (150) fee	Arborist may be required.	year floodnlain?	Y N
Note: Proximity to a floodplain may require addition	al review time.		
Market and the second of the s			Description of Work
Existing Use: vacant single-family	esidential duplex resid	ential two-far	mily residential other
Proposed Use: vacant single-family re	esidential duplex resid	ential two-far	mily residential other
Project Type: new construction	addition addition/remo	odel remode	el/repair other
	oms proposed: 🔑 # 0		# of baths proposed: 2
Will all or part of an existing exterior wall be Note: Removal of all or part of a structure requires a		oject? Y	N
Project Description: (Note: Please provide thorough	description of project. Attach a	dditional pages as neces	sary)
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CONSTRUCT NEW FREE	STANDING, OF	EN GARB	POT FOR HANDIGAP
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Trades Permits Required: electric	plumbing me	chanical (HVAC)	concrete (right-of-way)
	Service of Constitution (Constitution)		Job Valuation
Total Job Valuation: \$ 3000	Portion of Total Job Valu		Portion of Total Job Valuation Dedicated
	to Addition/New Constru Bldg: \$ 2000 Ele	cuon: 5 c: \$	to Remodel/Repair: \$
Note: The total job valuation should be the sum total of all valuations noted to the right. Labor and	Plmbg: \$ Med	h: \$	Bldg: \$ Elec: \$ Plmbg: \$ Mech: \$
materials only, rounded to nearest dollar. Permit fees are based on adopted fee schedule.	Primary Structure:	\$	rining: 5 Mech. 5
_	Accessory Structure:	\$ 3000	

		Building and	Site Area
Area Description Note: Provide a separate calculation for each distinct area. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Measurements are to the outside surface of the exterior wall.	Existing Sq Ft	New/Added Sq Ft	Total Sq Ft
a) 1 st floor conditioned area	1285	0	1285
b) 2 nd floor conditioned area	924	0	924
c) 3 rd floor conditioned area	0	0	0
d) Basement	0	0	0
e) Covered Parking (garage or carport)	184	176	360
f) Covered Patio, Deck or Porch /	310	0	316
g) Balcony	0	70	0
h) Other STORAGE	250	0	259
Total Building Coverage (exclude b, c & d from total)	2044	176	2220
i) Driveway	700	<-176>	524
j) Sidewalks	260	0	260
k) Uncovered Patio /	40	0	40
1) Uncovered Wood Deck (counts at 50%)	96	0	96
m) AC pads	9	O	3
n) Other (Pool Coping, Retaining Walls)		,	
Total Site Coverage	1105	(-176)	929
o) Pool			
p) Spa	<u> </u>		

Site Development Information
Building Coverage Information Note: Building Coverage means the area of a lot covered by buildings or roofed areas, but excludes ground level paving, landscaping, open recreational facilities, incidental projecting eaves, balconies, and similar features. Pools, ponds, and fountains are not included in this measurement. (LDC 25-1-21)
Existing Building Coverage (sq ft): 2044 % of lot size: 30%. Proposed Building Coverage (sq ft): 2220 % of lot size: 30%.
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Impervious Cover Information Note: Impervious cover is the total horizontal area of covered spaces, paved areas, walkways, and driveways. The term excludes pools, ponds, fountains, and areas with gravel placed over pervious surfaces that are used only for landscaping or by pedestrians. (LDC 25-1-23)
Existing Impervious Cover (sq ft): 3149 % of lot size: AMMINION AT %. Proposed Impervious Cover (sq ft): MINION Of lot size: AMMINION AT %.
Proposed Impervious Cover (sq ft): MINIMAN of lot size: AND MANAGED 47%.
Setbacks Are any existing structures on this site a non-compliant structure based on a yard setback requirement? Y N N N N N N N N N N N N
Does any structure (or an element of a structure) extend over or beyond a required yard? Y N N N N N N N N N N N N
Is front yard setback averaging being utilized on this property? (LDC 25-2, Subchapter F, Sec. 2.3) Y N
Height Information (LDC 25-1-21 or 25-2 Subchapter F, Section 3.4) Parking (LDC 25-6 Appendix A & 25-6-478)
Building Height: 14 ft Number of Floors: 2 # of spaces required: 2 # of spaces provided: 2
Right-of-Way Information Is a sidewalk required for the proposed construction? (LDC-6-353) *Sidewalks are to be installed on any new construction of a single family, two-family or duplex residential structure and any addition to an existing building that increases the building's gross floor area by 50 % or more.
Will a Type I driveway approach be installed, relocated, removed or repaired as part of this project? Y N
Width of approach (measured at property line): 12 ft Distance from intersection (for corner lots only): ft
Are storm sewer inlets located along the property or within ten (10) feet of the boundaries of the property? Y N

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Gross Floor Area

This section is only required for projects located within the Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Ordinance Boundaries as defined and illustrated in Title 25-2 Subchapter F of the Land Development Code. The Gross Floor Area of each floor is measured as the area contained within the outside edge of the exterior walls.

	Existing	New	Exemption	Total	
1 st Floor	1285			1285	•
2 nd Floor	924			924	
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Accessory building(s) (detached)	259			250	
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Is this project claiming a "parking area" ex Is this project claiming a "ground floor por Is this project claiming a "basement" exem Is this project claiming a "habitable attic" Is a sidewall articulation required for this pooes any portion of the structure extend be	rch" exemption a option as describe exemption as des project?	is described unde ed under Article scribed under Ar	er Article3? 3?	Y Y Y Y	ZZBBZZ
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Parking Area exemption: Up to 450 square feet of a parking area may be deducted if it is a detached rear parking area that is separated from the principal structure by not less than 10 feet; or 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 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. Up to 200 square feet may be deducted if it is an attached parking area used to meet the minimum parking requirement; or a garage that is less than 10 feet from the rear of the principal structure, provided that the garage is either detached from the principal structure; or 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 Article 3. An applicant who receives a 450-square foot exemption may receive an additional 200-foot exemption for the same site under Article 3, but only for an attached parking area used to meet minimum parking requirements

Ground Floor Porch exemption: A ground floor porch, including a screened porch, may be exempted, provided that the porch is not accessible by automobile and is not connected to a driveway; and the exemption may not exceed 200 square feet if a porch has habitable space or a balcony above it.

Basement exemption: A habitable portion of a building that is below grade may be exempted if the habitable portion does not extend beyond the first-story footprint and is below natural or finished grade, whichever is lower; and it is surrounded by natural grade for at least 50% of its perimeter wall area and 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.

Habitable Attic exemption: A habitable portion of an attic may be exempted 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.

			Contact Information
Owner	7.6	Applicant or	Jeffrancher
	Jeffrey S. Archer	Agent	Jett Archer
Mailing	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Mailing	N 41 ₹ 1
Address	4103 Rosedale Ave. 78756	Address	4103 Rosedale Aue 78756
Phone (51)	2)453-3571(hm)	Phone Cell:	(512) 423-3947, 453-3547(hm)
Email	je ffarchera vahoo, com	Email	ieffarcher Dya hoo . com
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Is this site registered as the owner's homestead for the current tax year with the appraisal district?

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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, 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, 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 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 and compliance with current code may be required.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability, the information provided in this application is complete and accurate.

I further acknowledge that, should any information contained herein prove incorrect, the building official may suspend or revoke any resulting permit and/or license.

I also understand that if there are any trees greater than 19 inches in diameter located on the property and immediately adjacent to the site, I am required to complete a Tree Ordinance Review Application by contacting (512) 974-1876 or cityarborist@austintexas.gov. This initiates the tree permitting requirement needed to proceed with the development review process.

Erosion and Sedimentation Controls are required per Section 25-8-181.

I acknowledge that a sidewalk will be required on any new construction of a single family, two-family or duplex residential structure and any addition to an existing building that increases the building's gross floor area by 50 % or more.

I acknowledge if my plans are subject to a technical review it will not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of any violation of any of the provisions of the current adopted building codes or another ordinance of the City of Austin.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

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PERMIT CASE # 2013-000118 BA

This document is to supplement the application for a building permit for a proposed carport at 4103 Rosedale Ave., Austin 78756, by Jeffrey and Pamela Archer.

The case is scheduled for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment on October 14, 2013.

1. These photos show a standard ramp van for a wheelchair user, with a side-opening ramp, parked in the location of the proposed carport. This is the only location on the lot on which the ramp can reasonably be parked and the ramp used. The location is exposed to the elements and located under several mature trees, including a large pecan tree on our lot that sheds limbs, nuts, leaves, and tassels all year around, including occasional limbs that are large enough to cause serious damage or injury, and several mature ash trees in the adjacent neighbor's lot are near the end of their lives, shed limbs frequently, and are likely to fall over at some point, as at least one of them has done on recent years.



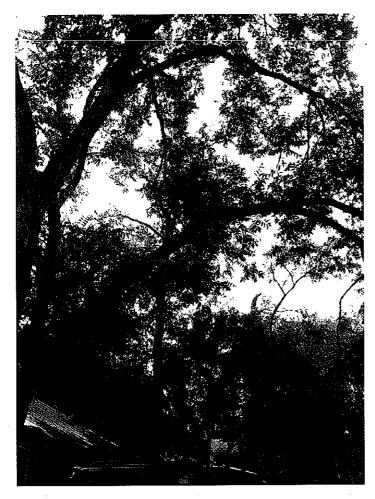
Street view:



Side view from front yard:



Trees over parked ramp van:



2. The van ramp requires about 10 feet of side clearance from the van door for reasonable and safe access to the van by a person using a wheelchair, as shown below:

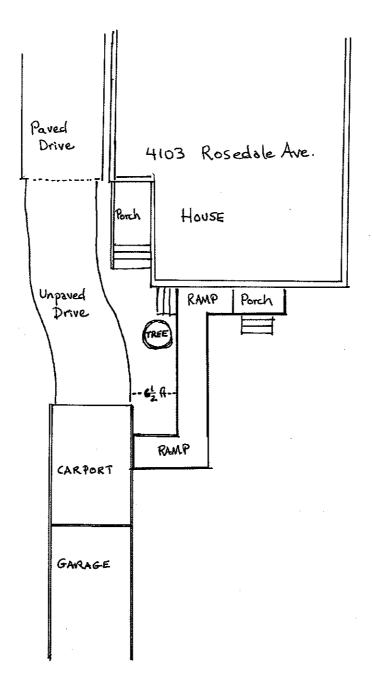




- 3. The photos below show that the van ramp cannot be opened or used at any location on the entire length of the driveway other than the proposed location for the carport.
- A. The distance between the van and the house and front porch is only about 4 to 4-1/2 feet.



B. The space between the driveway and the ramp that leads from the existing one-car carport at the rear of the house is insufficient for the ramp to open and a wheelchair user to exit. The distance between the side of the van and the existing wheelchair ramp is about 6-1/2 feet. In addition, a large mature pecan tree at the rear corner of the house blocks a portion of the space next to the driveway.



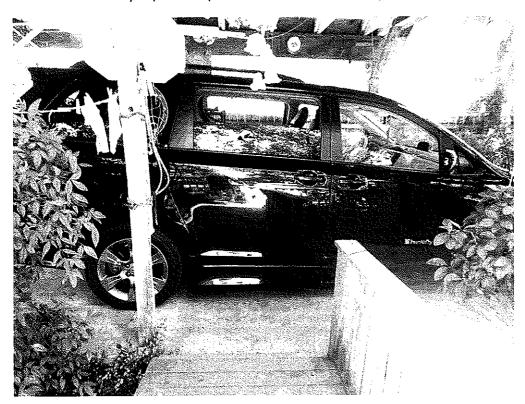






3. It is impractical and hazardous to park the ramp van in the existing carport. Because of the location of the permanent ramp leading from the carport to the rear door of the house, there is only one precise location in which the van can be parked to enable the van's ramp to line up with the house ramp.

A. If the van is not parked in the precise required location, the motorized ramp could hit the ramp's safety railing or the carport supports, resulting in expensive damage to the van ramp and ramp mechanisms, and stranding the disabled driver of the van. A disabled driver of a ramp-equipped van has more limited visibility to park with precision than an able-bodied person driving a smaller vehicle.



B. When the van is parked in the existing carport to line the van's side ramp up with the house ramp, the van is not fully covered by the carport —the front portion, including the windshield and hood, is exposed to the elements and to limbs, nuts, leaves, and tassels shed by several large pecan trees, including one located directly above the carport and rear portion of the driveway. This factor negates the primary purpose of a carport, particularly for a disabled person who cannot manually clean or defrost the windshield or remove limbs or debris.





C. When the ramp van is parked in the existing rear carport, the van itself blocks access to the driveway from the house, which is the only means to leave the house for a person using a wheelchair. When the van is parked in the rear carport, there is only 2 feet at most to squeeze between the parked van and the carport supporting post (not counting the van's rear view mirror, which is also partly in the way). This is insufficient for a wheelchair or any large person to pass, and is difficult for even an average person. The disabled person could not leave the property without entering the van, driving it to the front of the driveway or other location, and exiting there and leaving the van unprotected. This is both unsafe and ridiculously inconvenient. The disabled person would not be able to leave the property in an emergency or simply to travel by wheelchair in the neighborhood, check the mail, etc. To move the van requires opening the van ramp, entering the van up a steep ramp, transferring into the driver's seat, securing the wheelchair in the van, rotating the driver's seat, starting and operating the vehicle, parking in another available location, and going through the reverse process. Because of the complex hand controls and electronic driver's seat, it is difficult and slow for anyone else to move the van, and if it were not returned to the exact required location to operate the ramp, the disabled person could not access it at all or otherwise leave the property.



