CASE # (15-2014-0162-ROW 11244067

Roll 021700042 **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: 1301 West 29 <sup>th</sup> Street                       |
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| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision – Amended plat of Lts 1,2,&3 Wooldridge  |
| Lot(s) 3A Block Outlot Division   |
| I Jim Bennett as authorized agent for _William Reid                     |
| affirm that on _10/13/14 hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of |
| Adjustment for consideration to:  |
| ERECT – ATTACH – COMPLETE – REMODEL <u>– MAINTAIN</u>                   |
| An existing residence providing a total impervious cover of 50.15       |
| in a SF-H-NP district. (zoning district)                                |

The Austin Electric Utility Department (Austin Energy) enforces electric easements and the setback requirements set forth in the Austin Utility Code, Electric Criteria Manual and National Electric Safety Code. The Board of Adjustment considers variance to the Land Development Code, and a variance granted by the Board of Adjustment does not waive the requirements enforced by Austin Energy. Please contact Christine Esparza with Austin Energy at 322-6112 before filing your application with the Board of Adjustment if your request is for a reduction in setbacks or height limits.

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

## **REASONABLE USE:**

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
the ordinance does not give consideration of Historical structures and conditions that

may warrant the preservation and continuing character.

## HARDSHIP:

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

Due to the slope of the site and the necessity to install french drains and other infrastructure to direct the flow of the drainage away from the house and to preserve the landscape gardens on the site.

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

The historical structure, the topography of the site, and the landscape gardens are not general to the area..

## **AREA CHARACTER:**

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

| The use of the site is residential and the improvement which were approved by T | he |
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| Historical Commission will insure the continuance of the                        |    |
| area.   |    |

**PARKING:** (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

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

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

| City, State & Zip  | 2.  | The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because: |
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| 4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:  NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.  APPLICANT CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  Signed Mail Address Date:  OWNERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  Signed Mail Address  City, State & Zip Mail Address  City, State & Zip |     |  |
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| 2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because: |
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| <ol> <li>The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:</li> </ol>                            |
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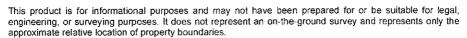
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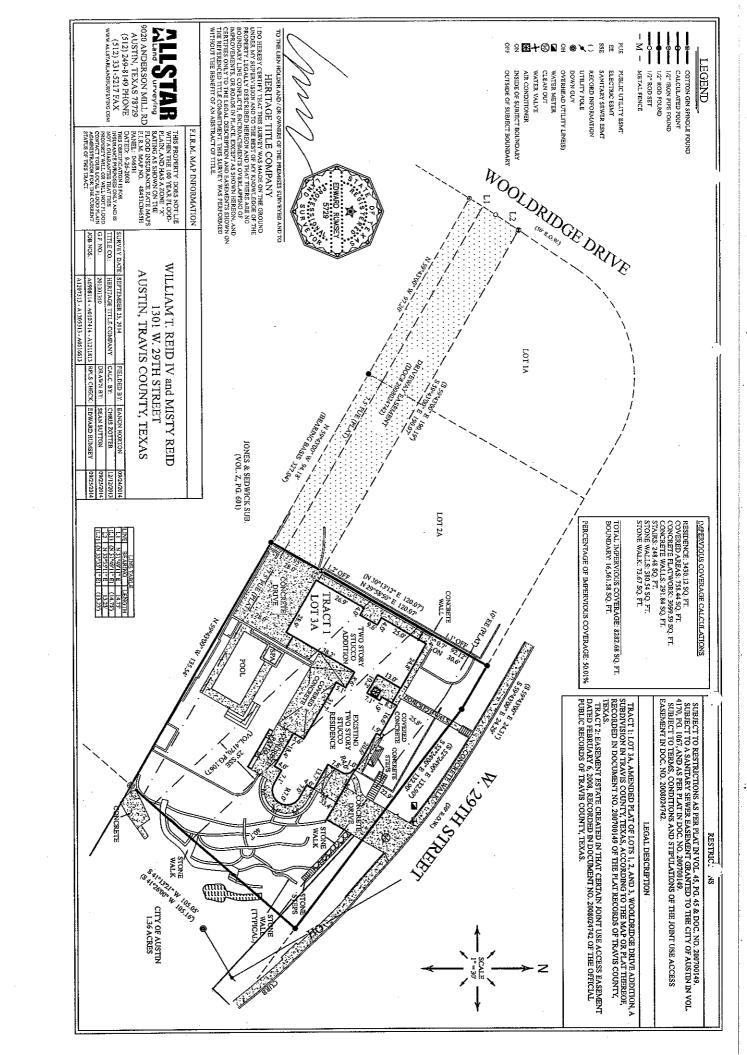
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October 27, 2014

William T. Reid, IV 1301 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78703

Re:

Bohn House, 1301 W. 29th Street

Dear Mr. Reid:

Thank you for contacting us about the preservation of the original, historic landscape features at the Bohn House, including the koi pond and walls, driveway, sidewalk and other historic features that are integral to the historic context and original appearance of the house and its grounds. It is very important to maintain and preserve all historic building and landscape features that were in place at the time the house was designated as a historic landmark, and it is especially important in the case of the Bohn House, which is has a design and landscape plan integral to the style of architecture.

We truly appreciate your diligence in restoring the Bohn House and for your sensitive design for preserving the historic landscape.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if we can assist in any other way.

Sincerely,

Steve Sadowsky

Historic Preservation Officer