

May 5, 2020

Darryl Dadon 2604 E 6th St Austin TX, 78702

Property Description: LOT 20 OLT 11 DIV A MORSLAND PLACE

Re: C15-2020-0019

Dear Darryl,

Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for the above referenced property, requesting that the Board of Adjustment consider a variance(s) from the following section of the Land Development Code; Section 25-2-899 (E) (Fences as Accessory Uses); To increase the height permitted from 6 feet (required) to 8 feet (requested);

In order to maintain a recently constructed fence along an alley on the East side property line in an "SF-3-NP", Single-Family Residence-Neighborhood Plan zoning district. (Holly Neighborhood Plan)

Austin Energy does not oppose the above variance request provided any proposed and existing improvements follow Austin Energy's clearance criteria requirements, the National Electric Safety Code and OSHA. Any removal or relocation of existing electric facilities will be at owners /applicants' expense.

Mr. Dadon is aware of the position Austin Energy stands in relationship to fences, per a phone conversation May 5, 2020, about the following chapter 1.10.10.2 Fences and Structures - It is permissible to install fences on utility easements provided that the fences can be removed to permit AE crew and equipment access. Mr. Dadon stated that the fence, is completely removable with the current fasteners used, which could easily be removed if an AE crew was to service the light pole.

Please use this link to be advised of our clearance and safety requirements which are additional conditions of the above review action: <a href="https://austinenergy.com/wcm/connect/8bb4699c-7691-4a74-98e7-56059e9be364/Design+Criteria+Manual+Oct+2015.pdf?MOD=AJPERES">https://austinenergy.com/wcm/connect/8bb4699c-7691-4a74-98e7-56059e9be364/Design+Criteria+Manual+Oct+2015.pdf?MOD=AJPERES</a>

If you require further information or have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact our office. Thank you for contacting Austin Energy.

#### Eben Kellogg, Property Agent

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## **BOA GENERAL REVIEW COVERSHEET**

**CASE:** C15-2020-0019 **BOA DATE:** April 13, 2020

**ADDRESS**: 2604 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St **COUNCIL DISTRICT**: 3

OWNER: Darryl Dadon AGENT: N/A

**ZONING:** SF-3-NP (Holly Neighborhood Plan)

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** LOT 20 OLT 11 DIV A MORSLAND PLACE

**VARIANCE REQUEST:** fence height request to 8 ft.

**SUMMARY:** construct an 8 ft. fence

**ISSUES:** utility pole, burglaries, and construction of a swimming pool

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
North	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
South	LI-CO-NP	Limited Industrial Services-Conditional Overlay
East	MF-2-NP	Multi-Family
West	SF-3-NP	Single-Family

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Independent School District

Austin Lost and Found Pets

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Bike Austin

Capital Metro

**Del Valle Community Coalition** 

East Austin Conservancy

El Concilio Mexican-American Neighborhoods

Friends of Austin Neighborhoods

Greater East Austin Neighborhoods Association

Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation

Homeless Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation

**Neighbors United For Progress** 

Parque Zaragosa Neighborhood Association

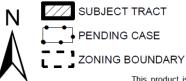
Preservation Austin

**SELTexas** 

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

Tejano Town





NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: C15-2020-0019

LOCATION: 2604 E 6TH STREET

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1"=333'

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## Board of Adjustment General/Parking Variance Application

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

This application is a fillable PDF that can be completed electronically. To ensure your information is saved, <u>click here to Save</u> the form to your computer, then open your copy and continue.

The Tab key may be used to navigate to each field; Shift + Tab moves to the previous field. The Enter key activates links, emails, and buttons. Use the Up & Down Arrow keys to scroll through drop-down lists and check boxes, and hit Enter to make a selection.

The application must be complete and accurate prior to submittal. *If more space is required, please complete Section 6 as needed.* All information is required (if applicable).

### For Office Use Only

Case #	ROW #		Tax #	
Section 1: Appl	icant Statement			
Street Address: 2604	E 6th St Austin TX 7870	)2		
Subdivision Legal Des LOT 20 OLT 11 DIV	cription: / A MORSLAND PLACE			
I/We Darryl Dadon			on behalf of mys	elf/ourselves as
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Type of Structure:	Fence as Accessory Us	e		

Portion of the City of Austin Land Development Code applicant is seeking a variance from:

Fence as Accessory Use pursuant to Section 25-2-899(E) of the Code. I am requesting a variance from the Land Development Code section 25-2-899 Fences as Accessory Uses for a SF-3-NP residential property for a fence height along the back portion of the property from average of 7 ft. to 8ft.

### **Section 2: Variance Findings**

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 supporting documents.

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.

I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings:

#### Reasonable Use

Reasonable Use	
The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:	
We are constructing a pool and have undergone the permitting process for the pool with the	)
City. I am not sure if this section applies because this situation falls within the City's ordinan-	се
as a permitted use under fence as Accessory Unit. But Austin Code enforement has indicate	∍d
we also need approval from the City of Austin as they own the alley and is adjacent to the	
fence.	

#### Hardship

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

  There is a utility pole located right outside of the 8ft fence that a child or person could use to jump over a 6ft tall fence. And we have had burglars jump over our existing 6ft fence on the side of the property. The height of 8ft should prevent a child or other person from using the utility pole to jump over the fence to access the pool that is under construction. Also, there is a change in grade of at least two feet within 50 feet of the boundary between adjoining properties
- b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because: Again, I am not sure this section applies since the use falls within the City Ordiance. None of the surrounding properties have an electric utility pole located right urside of their fence, and none of the surrounding properties to oue knowledge have a swimming pool, active electrical lines with wire man suspenders which could enable an individual to climb.

#### **Area Character**

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 8ft fence will not change the character of the back alley. Many of the properties have solid,

	all fences facing the back alley and our fence is not much taller. Almost every property has a simiar Cedar picket fence for security along the alley.
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Reque a varia Apper	ng (additional criteria for parking variances only) est for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant ance to a regulation prescribed in the City of Austin Land Development Code Chapter 25-6, adix A with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it is 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 reasonably require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
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:
3.	The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsisten with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
4.	The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:
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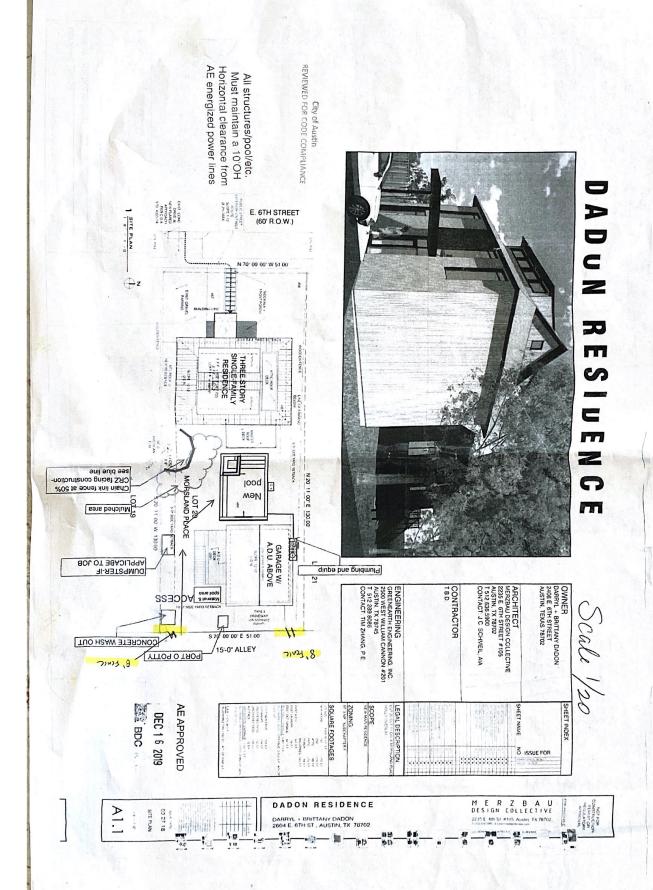
## **Section 3: Applicant Certificate**

my knowledge and belief.	application are true al	nd correct to the best of
Applicant Signature:		Date: _03-12-2020
Applicant Name (typed or printed): Darryl Dadon		
Applicant Mailing Address: 2604 E 6th St		
City: Austin	State: Texas	Zip: <u>78702</u>
Phone (will be public information): 512-705-1711		
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 4: Owner Certificate		
I affirm that my statements contained in the complete my knowledge and belief.	application are true a	nd correct to the best of
Owner Signature:		Date: 03-12-2020
Owner Name (typed or printed): Darryl Dadon		
Owner Mailing Address: 2604 E 6th St		
City: Austin	State: Texas	Zip: <u>78702</u>
Phone (will be public information): 512-705-1711		
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 5: Agent Information		
Agent Name:		
Agent Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone (will be public information):		
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 6: Additional Space (if applical	ble)	
Please use the space below to provide additional information referenced to the proper item, include the Section and		

## **Additional Space (continued)**

We received the Notice, and wanted to contest the violation. The Notice describes the violation as
-"[a] fence that exceeds an average height of 6 feet is prohibited in a residential zoned district, the
maximum fence height is 7 feet," and that "the fence measured over 6 feet." The notice has given
us 14 days to comply or request a variance. However, we do not believe we are in violation of the
city code, so we are respectfully contesting the Notice.
Under section §25-2-899(E), our fence height is permitted as an "Accessory Use". Section (E)
states:
(E) A solid fence along a property line may be constructed to a maximum height of eight feet if
each owner of property that adjoins a section of the fence that exceeds a height of six feet files a
written consent to the construction of the fence with the building official, and:
(1) there is a change in grade of at least two feet within 50 feet of the boundary between
adjoining properties; or
(2) a structure, including a telephone junction box, exists that is reasonably likely to enable a child
to climb over a six foot fence and gain access to a hazardous situation, including a swimming
pool.
The portion of our fence for which we received this notice is constructed to a maximum height of
eight feet. We have provided copies of our adjacent neighbor's consent to the 8ft fence. From the
front of the adjoining properties to the back of the adjoining properties, there is a change in grade
of at least two feet within 50 feet of the boundary between adjoining properties. In addition, there
is an electrical pole that exist directly outside of the fence, and the proximity of the utility pole
could reasonably enable a child to climb over a six foot fence and gain access to various hazards
on the property. Additionally, our property is under construction as we are constructing and we are
constructing a pool, and we have permitting this work with the City so we will need to secure from
children that may be able to climb over a 6 foot fence using the utility pole. Additionally, the fence
is part of an automatic sliding gate, which could seriously injure or even kill a person who was
climbing over a six foot fence, using the utility pole, if they became trapped while the gate was
opening. For these reasons it is imperative to secure the property, and the height of our fence is
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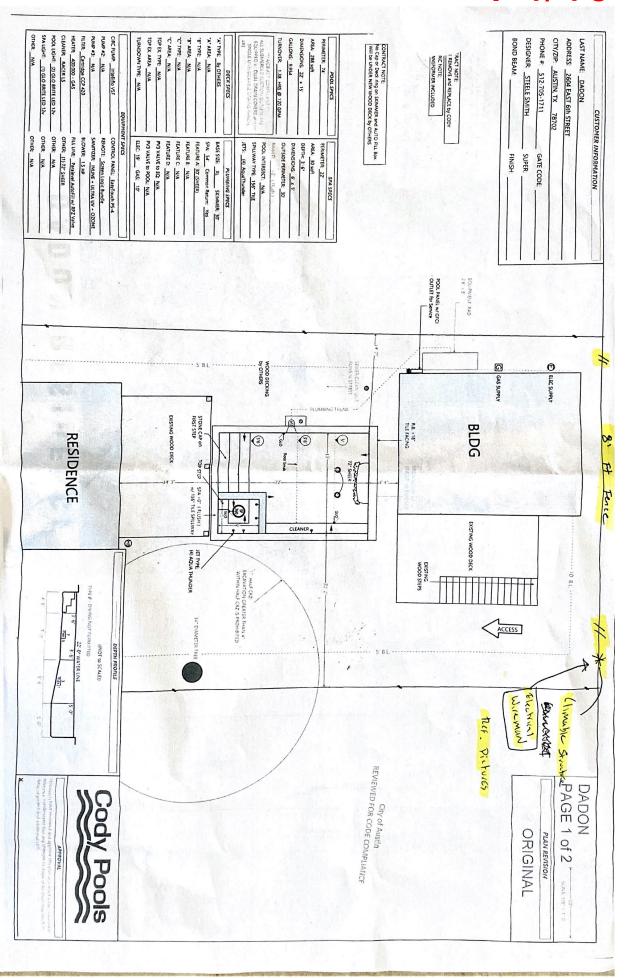
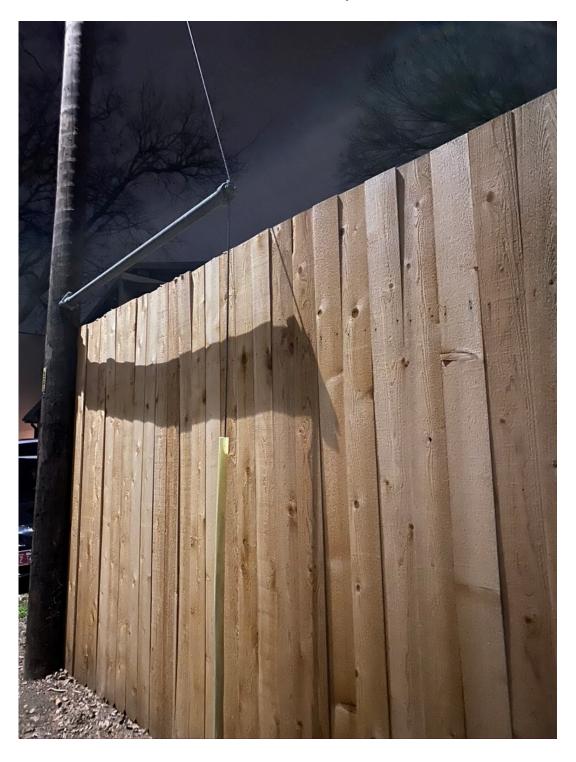


EXHIBIT A

Photos of Electric Utility Pole



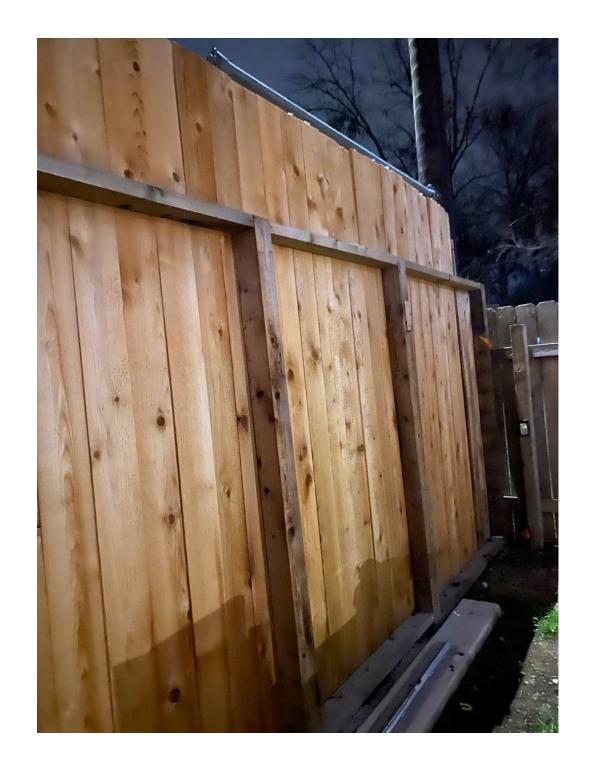


EXHIBIT C

Photos of Sliding Electric Gate

