# ITEM05/1 BOA GENERAL REVIEW COVERSHEET SPECIAL EXCEPTION

CASE: C15-2023-0044

**BOA DATE:** November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ADDRESS: 1904 Eva St OWNER: Bruce David Johnson Jr <u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>: 3 <u>AGENT</u>: N/A

**ZONING:** SF-3-NP (Bouldin Creek)

#### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** LOT 3 BLK 36 SWEETMAN R L ADDN

**VARIANCE REQUEST:** a) to decrease the front yard setback from 25 feet to 0 feet in order to maintain a covered concrete patio **and** 

b) to decrease the minimum interior side yards setbacks from 5 feet to 0 feet in order to maintain a storage shed, art studio, & garage (south side) and storage sheds (north side)

**<u>SUMMARY</u>**: maintain structures built in the setbacks

**ISSUES:** these structures have existed for over 31 years

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
North	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
South	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
East	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
West	SF-3-NP	Single-Family

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Independent School District Austin Lost and Found Pets Austin Neighborhoods Council Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Bouldin Creek Zoning Committee Friends of Austin Neighborhoods Homeless Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation Preservation Austin SELTexas South Central Coalition





November 1, 2023

Bruce David Johnson 1904 Eva St Austin TX, 78704

Property Description: LOT 3 BLK 36 SWEETMAN R L ADDN

#### Re: C15-2023-0044

Dear Bruce David,

Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for the above referenced property, requesting that the Board of Adjustment consider a variance request from LDC Section 25-2-492 at 1904 Eva St.

**Austin Energy does not oppose the request**, provided that any proposed or existing improvements follow Austin Energy's Clearance & Safety Criteria, the National Electric Safety Code, and OSHA requirements. Any removal or relocation of existing facilities will be at the owner's/applicant's expense.

Please use this link to be advised of our clearance and safety requirements which are additional conditions of the above review action:

https://library.municode.com/tx/austin/codes/utilities\_criteria\_manual?nodeId=S1AUENDECR\_1 .10.0CLSARE

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

#### Cody Shook, Planner III

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**CITY OF AUSTIN** 

Development Services Department Permitting & Development Center Phone: 512.978.4000 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Austin, Texas 78752

## **SPECIAL EXCEPTION** 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 #	C15-2023-0044	ROW #	13219512	Tax #	0402010703
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### Section 1: Applicant Statement

Street Address:	<u>1904 Eva</u>							
Subdivision Lega	I Descripti	on:						
LOT 3 BLK 3	36 SWEET	MAN R L ADI	ON					
Lot(s):				Bloc	k(s):			
Outlot:								
Zoning District: 7	'8704 <b>SF-</b>	3-NP (Bould	in Creek I	NP)			Coun	cil District: 3
I/We Bruce Davi	<u>d Johnsor</u>	n, Jr.				on bel	nalf of mys	elf/ourselves as
authorized ag	ent for							_ affirm that on
Month June	0	, Day <sub>5</sub>	o, Year	2023	O, here	eby app	oly for a he	aring before the
Board of Adjus	stment for	consideration	to (select	approp	riate opti	on be <b>l</b> o	<b>w</b> ):	
O Erect C	Attach	O Complete	ORem	odel	O Main	itain	Other:	Setback
Type of Struct	ure: Stora	ige shed & studio	o & garage (s	outh side	e); storage	sheds (r	orth side)	

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

Special Exception LDC 25-2-492 from interior side setbacks of 5 feet to 0 feet (north & south sides)

#### **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**

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

LDC 25-2-493 from interior side setbacks of 5 feet to 0 feet on the north and south sides

#### Hardship

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

These structures have existed for over 31 years, without incident. I have gotten a Life and Safety Permit and Passed the inspection, and, was sent the Report, the Certificate of Occupancy, bedause the stuctures are sound and safe.

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

These structures have existed for over 31 years without incident.

#### **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:

It has existed for 31years without incident.	

**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 in the City of Austin Land Development Code Chapter 25-6, Appendix A 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:

 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 inconsistent 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:

### Section 3: Applicant Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete app my knowledge and belief. $\nabla$	lication are true and	l correct to the best of
Applicant Signature:		Date: Sep 20, 2023
Applicant Name (typed or printed): Bruce David Johnson	, Jr	
Applicant Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone (will be public information):		
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 4: Owner Certificate		
I affirm that my statements contained in the complete app my knowledge and belief.		Correct to the best of Date: <u>Sept 20 2023</u>
Owner Name (typed or printed): <u>Bruce David Johnson, Jr</u>		
Owner Mailing Address:		
City:		Zip:
Phone (will be public information):		
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 5: Agent Information		
Agent Name:		
Agent Mailing Address:		
City:		Zip:
Phone (will be public information):		
Email (optional – will be public information):		

### Section 6: Additional Space (if applicable)

Please use the space below to provide additional information as needed. To ensure the information is referenced to the proper item, include the Section and Field names as well (continued on next page).

I seek the Special Exception Variance for these structures on my property:

\* the open shed on the north midline (see Survey and photos of lot)

\* the open shed on the north rear line

\* the garage on the south rear line

#### 25-2-476 - SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

(A) The Board of Adjustment shall grant a special exception for an existing residential structure, or portion of an existing structure, that violates a setback required under <u>Chapter 25-2</u> (*Zoning*) if the board finds that the special exception meets the requirements of this section.

(B) The Board shall grant a special exception under Subsection (A) of this section if:

(1) the residential use for which the special exception is sought is allowed in an SF-3 or more restrictive zoning district;

(2) the building official performs an inspection and determines that the violation does not pose a hazard to life, health, or public safety; **and** 

(3) the Board finds that:

(a) the violation has existed for:

- (i) at least 25 years; or
- (ii) at least 10 years, if the application for a special exception is submitted on or before June 6, 2017;
- (b) the use is a permitted use or a nonconforming use;

(c) the structure does not share a lot with more than one other primary residence; **and** 

(d) granting a special exception would not:

(i) alter the character of the area;

(ii) impair the use of adjacent property that is developed in compliance with city code; or

(iii) grant a special privilege that is inconsistent with other properties in the area or in the district in which the property is located.

(C) A special exception granted under this section:

(1) applies only to the structure, or portion of a structure, for which the special exception was granted and does not run with the land;

(2) may not authorize an increase in the degree of noncompliance or excuse compliance with minimum health and safety requirements; **and** 

(3) may not authorize a remodel or addition to the existing structure, except to the extent required by the building official to meet minimum life and safety requirements.

(D) A structure granted a special exception under this section shall be treated as a non-complying structure under <u>Chapter 25-2</u>, Article 8 (*Noncomplying Structures*).

Source: Ord. 20110526-098; Ord. 20121108-091; Ord. 20130822-126; Ord. No. 20160519-057, Pt. 2, 5-30-16.



# City of Austin ITEM05/8 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

### BUILDING PERMIT NO 2023-095374 BP

**ISSUE DATE :** 09/19/2023

BUILDING ADDRESS: 1904 EVA ST

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** LOT 3 BLK 36 SWEETMAN R L ADDN

#### **PROPOSED OCCUPANCY:**

R- 435 Renovations/Remodel Life Safety - Special Exception Variance for setback encroachments that have existed more than 25 years without issues. Wood frame & metal workshop, wood shed and covered patio on dirt, and wood frame over concrete blocks. Expired Permit Number: 1985 027643 BP

**BUILDING GROUP/DIVISION:** 

**SPRINKLER SYSTEM:** 

**CODE YEAR:** 

**FIXED OCCUPANCY:** 

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 

**CODE TYPE:** 

**NON FIXED OCCUPANCY:** 

CONTRACTOR: Johnson BruceDavid BDJJLMP

### THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE HAS BEEN INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE FOR THE GROUP AND DIVISION OF OCCUPANCY LISTED ABOVE.

NEITHER THE ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE NOR THE INSPECTIONS MADE SHALL LESSEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY OF ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION

OWNING, OPERATING, CONTROLLING OR INSTALLING ANY APPLIANCE OR MATERIAL UPON THE PREMISE, OR DOING ANY WORK WHATSOEVER ON SUCH PREMISE.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY BY REASON OF THE INSPECTION OR REINSPECTION OF THE PREMISE; OR THE ISSUANCE OF THIS "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY"; OR BY ANY REASON OF ANY APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.



For Todd Wilcox, Building Official

BUILDING CODE REVIEWER :

