AGENDA

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

April 11, 2023 at 7:15 PM

4040 South Berkeley Lake Road Berkeley Lake, GA 30096

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. March 21, 2023
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. PZV 23-02 498 Lakeshore Drive Variance to expand a non-conforming structure (Sec. 78-141) and increase the building coverage by 7.2% (Sec. 78-197(11))
 - 2. PZTA 23-03 Amendment to Sec. 78-196, R-100 District, to adopt regulations pertaining to raising poultry

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. PZV 23-04 3960 Peachtree Industrial Blvd Variance to reduce the front setback from 75 feet to 55 feet along North Berkeley Lake Rd and 75 feet to 65 feet along Peachtree Industrial Blvd (Sec. 78-272(5)) and reduce the side setback from 25 feet to 10 feet (Sec. 78-272(7))
- VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- VII. DISCUSSION SESSION
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE 4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING PRE-DRAFT MINUTES MARCH 21, 2023 7:15 PM

Those in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

Commission Members: Dan Huntington, Chair

Pekka Ignatius, Vice-Chair

George Kaffeazakis

Rand Kirkus Robin Sansone

City Administrator: Leigh Threadgill

Citizens Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Huntington called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM. A quorum of the commission along with City Administrator, Leigh Threadgill, were present at the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Huntington asked if there were any suggested changes to the agenda.

Ignatius moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Sansone seconded and all voted to approve the agenda.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 14, 2023

Kirkus moved to approve the minutes of the February 14th meeting. Kaffezakis seconded and all voted to approve the minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

 PZV-23-01 – 586 Lakeshore Drive variance to expand a non-conforming structure and encroach 20 feet into the 65-foot front setback and 2.5 feet into the 12.5-foot north side setback.

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Kirkus acknowledged this was discussed last month and tabled. Huntington recognized the applicant to review the application.

Carl Lietz, 586 Lakeshore Drive, reviewed the variance request and noted that the neighbors, George and Camille Kennedy, were in attendance. Lietz also recognized the architect, Clark Tate, who can answer any questions. Lietz explained that there is an existing non-conforming garage that is built within the front setback. The garage is proposed for modification in its current location to remove the pitched roof and replace it with a roof more consistent with the slope of the house. He stated that an addition is proposed some of which will encroach into the front setback, though much of it will be tucked behind the existing non-conforming garage. Lietz explained that 304 square feet of the addition is within the front setback. Of the 304 square feet, 240 square feet is behind the garage. He further stated that there is an encroachment of the eaves of the proposed addition into the side setback. At the last meeting, to his recollection, the discussion centered around the encroachment of the eaves. Lietz stated that the eaves are important from a design standpoint and harmonious with the architecture of the remainder of the house and would like the commission to consider the request as submitted to allow the addition with both front and side setback encroachments.

Kaffezakis stated that there has been a gradual erosion of the viewshed over the years. It is still a beautiful place to live. The non-conforming garage will be improved by this plan which will have a positive impact on the viewshed. The concern is creating a new non-conformity with regard to the side setbacks.

Ignatius commended the quality of the application and plans and stated that he was willing to approve the request as originally submitted. At the last meeting, there was substantial discussion about how to modify the plans to avoid the eave encroachment. The thought that has already been put into this improvement is substantial and has achieved a good solution without modifying plans to avoid the eave encroachment.

Sansone asked about the impact to the neighbor's view of the lake resulting from the proposed improvements. There was further discussion.

George Kennedy, 590 Hilltop Lane, stated that it will impact the view, but the tradeoff to improve the garage is worth it. He continued to discuss other issues regarding runoff that will need landscaping. Kennedy stated that he has no objection and believes the proposal will be an improvement aesthetically.

Camille Cottrell, 590 Hilltop Lane, stated that the original house at 586 Lakeshore Drive was a small fishing shack for a weekend retreat. The proposal is a modern sensibility from Frank Lloyd Wright, and you have to have the eaves. To make the house livable for a family would require expansion, and the architectural design compliments her house which she appreciates.

There was discussion about the roof heights at different points.

There was further discussion about the eaves and side setback encroachment.

Ignatius moved to approve the variance request as submitted. Kirkus seconded the motion. Huntington, Ignatius, Kirkus and Sansone were in favor, Kaffezakis was opposed. The motion passed 4-1.

V. NEW BUSINESS

2. PZTA-23-03 - Amendment to Sec. 78-196, R-100 Permitted Uses, to provide rules regarding the keeping of poultry.

Threadgill reviewed the background and the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to adopt rules pertaining to the raising of poultry in the R-100 district and noted that this item was for discussion only and would need to be considered at a public hearing prior to the commission passing on a recommendation to the city council.

There was discussion about the impact of chicken waste on water quality.

There was consensus among the commission that the prohibition regarding chickens should be re-instated with no need to amend the zoning ordinance.

3. Administrative Items – Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Appointment of Secretary

Kaffezakis moved to nominate Huntington as chair. Sansone seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kaffezakis moved to nominate Ignatius as vice-chair. Huntington seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kaffezakis moved to appoint Threadgill as secretary. Sansone seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion pass.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

VII. DISCUSSION

There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Huntington adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitt	ed,	
Leigh Threadgill		
City Administrator		

City of Berkeley Lake Staff Analysis

CASE NUMBER: PZV-23-02, 498 LAKESHORE DR.

RELIEF REQUESTED: EXPAND NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE

INCREASING BUILDING COVERAGE TO 22.2%

EXISTING ZONING: R-100, RESIDENTIAL

PROPOSED USE: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

APPLICANT: MARTIN BRINTON

498 LAKESHORE DR

BERKELEY LAKE, GA 30096

OWNERS: MARTIN AND JANINE BRINTON

SAME AS ABOVE

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2023 P&Z COMMISSION

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The applicant proposes to expand the existing non-conforming house located at 498 Lakeshore Drive by 672 square feet to add a three-car garage. This expansion will result in an increase in the already non-conforming building coverage. Currently the building coverage is 17.12%, but the addition to the front of the house will result in a 22.2% building coverage.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1.) The existing house is located at 498 Lakeshore Drive on a 0.31-acre lot and was built in 1987 according to Gwinnett County property records.
- 2.) At 13,503 square feet, this lot does not meet the minimum lot size requirement of 28,050 square feet, and the existing house does not meet the rear setback standard nor the building coverage standard. Finally, the impervious areas on the lot do not comply with the lot coverage standard.
- 3.) Sec. 78-141 requires a variance to be issued for an extension or enlargement of a non-conforming structure.
- 4.) The applicant has proposed to add approximately 672 square feet to accommodate a three-car garage on the front of the house.
- 5.) With the increase in building area, the building coverage, which is already non-conforming, will be increased and require a variance to Section 78-197(11).
 - a. Allowable Building Coverage = 15%
 - b. Existing Building Coverage = 17.12%
 - c. Proposed Building Coverage = 22.2%
- 6.) In order to offset the increase in building coverage, the applicant proposes replacing some of the impervious materials on the property with pervious materials for a reduction in lot coverage from 40.2% to 34.3%.

7.) Properties to the north and south are zoned R-100 and the location of single-family residences. Lake Berkeley is adjacent to the west and the right-of-way of Lakeshore Drive is adjacent to the east.

STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL:

In considering whether to grant or deny this variance request, the commission must evaluate the application based on the criteria specified in Section 78-366 (a)(1) of the zoning ordinance:

- a) Applications for variances.
 - (1) All applications for variances shall be submitted initially, in writing, to the planning and zoning commission of the city, which shall consider these requests at its next called meeting. The planning and zoning commission may authorize such variance from the terms of this zoning chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest. The spirit of this chapter shall be observed, the public safety, health and welfare secured and substantial justice done. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or have authorized representation. Such variances may be granted in individual cases if the planning and zoning commission finds that:
 - a. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular property in question because of its size, shape or topography; and
 - b. The application of this chapter to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship; and
 - c. Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and
 - d. Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner; and
 - e. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public nor impair the purposes or intent of this chapter; and
 - f. The variance is granted for a use of land or building or structure that is not prohibited by this chapter.

SITE PHOTOS



LOCATION MAP









Application for Variance

For Office Use Only	
Application #/ V/AV 23-02	
Check #: Cash:	
Date Paid: 01/10/2023	
P&Z hearing date: 11 10 23 4 11 23	
Action:	
Appeal filed:	
Council hearing date:	-
Account 100.34.1390.2	
Variance App § 450.00	

Part 1: Applicant Information

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APPLICANT IS: 🗡 Owner	☐ Agent	☐ Attorney	
NAME MARTY + JAN	INE BRINTO	√ DATE_	3-14-23
MAILING ADDRESS _498 LAK	SHOPE DrIVE	<u> </u>	
CITY BEFFELEY LAKE	STATE GA		ZIP 30096
TELEHONE 678 591 6741			
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Part 2: Property Owner Informa			
NAME(S) SAME AS PAR	1		
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE		ZIP
TELEPHONE	MOBILE		FAX
E-MAIL			
Part 3: Property and Use Inform	ation		
PROPERTY ADDRESS 498 LA	KESHORE Driv	PARCEL ID	
PARCEL SIZE 13504 SF		ZONING	
EXISTINGUSE R-100 Resid			
I am requesting relief from code so	*	for the	e purpose of:
Adding A 3rd c	AR gARAge to	PXISTING	STRUCTURE
NOTICE: The granting of a Variance does	not affect any requirement	for a Building Permit fo	r proposed construction.

The following supplemental documentation must be submitted with this application:

- ∠ Letter of Intent describing the proposed construction, development or improvements.
- Site Plan showing all existing and proposed improvements on the property.
- ☑ Survey of the property

Variance Application: Part 3: Property and Use Information (continued)

Applicant: Please provide written responses to the following items in order to support the request. Attach a separate sheet if necessary:

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property; OR if this request is for the expansion of a non-conforming structure, explain whether granting the variance would result in an increase in the non-conforming aspects of the structure.

BULLOJAG COVERAGE WILL INCREASE From 17,12% to 22,2% RECEVEST 15 for relief from section 178,197 Subjection 11. Current NON CONFORMANCE 15 2,12%.
RECEVEST 15 for AN INCREASE to 7.2%

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

THE LUT SIZE IS 13,504 S.P. ABOUT 1/2 the STANDARD
LOT SIZE OF 28,000 SF. The SMALL LOT SIZE MAKES
the bull-DING coverage ordinance difficult to achere to
the 15% rule.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

the Lot is substandard in size at 13504 SF.
THE OUTLOING COVERAGE RESULST IS reasonable compositioning
this Lot is Less than 1/2 the size reasonable 28,000 RP,
minimum

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner? If YES, explain.

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13 Less than 12 of the MINIMUM LOT SIZE reavirement,

5) What, if any, detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted.

NONE that I Am AWARE OF.

6) Is the proposed use of land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes

I hereby make application to the City of Berkeley Lake, Georgia for the above referenced property. I do hereby affirm that the information provided here, above and contained in all material I submit for the purposes of supporting my request for a Variance, to the best of my knowledge is true, complete and accurate, and I understand that any inaccuracies may be considered just cause for invalidation of this application and any action taken as a result of this application. I understand that it is my/our responsibility to conform to all City of Berkeley Lake ordinances in full and obtain any additional permits as may be required and that failure to do so will result in enforcement action taken by the City.

Applicant's Signature

Date

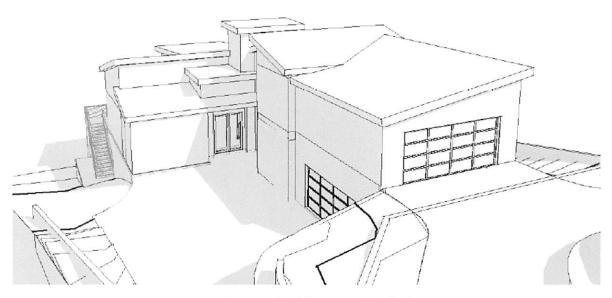
Owner's Signature

Date

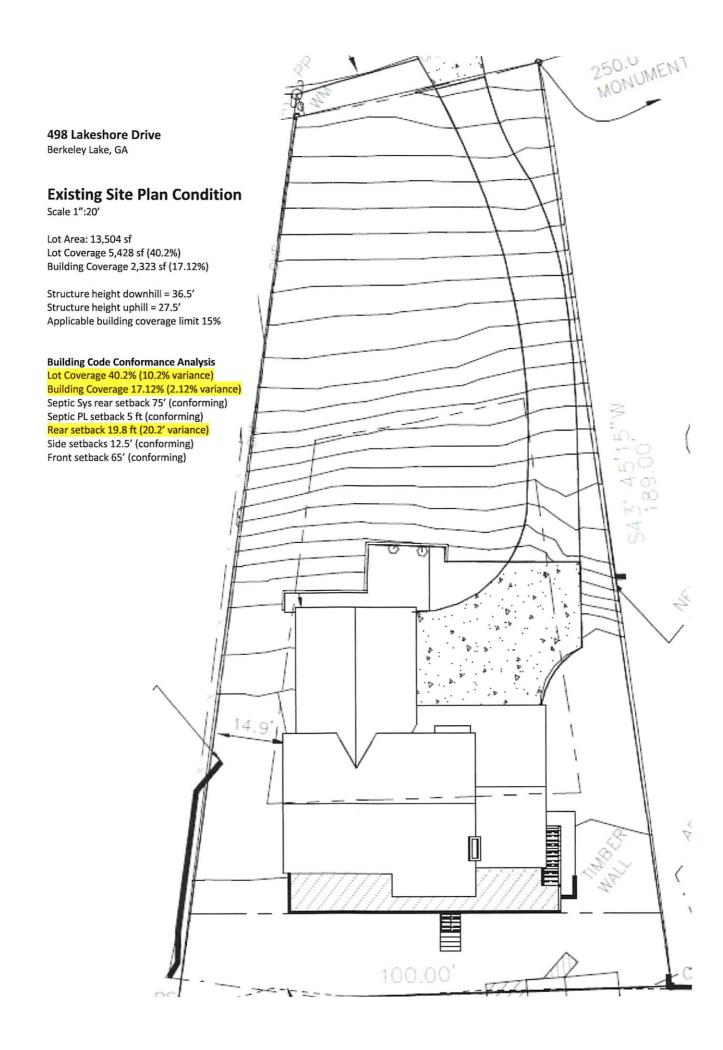
3/14/23

Janine and Mary Brinton 498 Lakeshore Drive Berkeley lake, GA

Submitted for review: March 12, 2023 Berkeley Lake Planning and Zoning Meeting -April 11, 2023



Proposed Lot Coverage Rendering (roofline not determined)



498 Lakeshore Drive

Berkeley Lake, GA

Proposed Site Plan

Scale 1":20'

Lot Area: 13,504 sf Lot Coverage 4,627 sf (34.3%) Building Coverage 2,995 sf (22.2%)

Structure height downhill = not to exceed 45'
Structure height uphill = not to exceed 35'
Applicable building coverage limit 15%

Drive path detail

Car tire path - poured concrete strips 400 sf Center drive - Pavers /pervious polymer sand 300 sf

Lower garage access surface

Impervious poured perimeter 156 sf Pavers / pervious polymer sand 1,257 sf

Upper garage access surface

Impervious poured retaining wall perimeter Plantings/ beds perimeter surfaces Grass filled block pervious paver drive

Other impervious elements

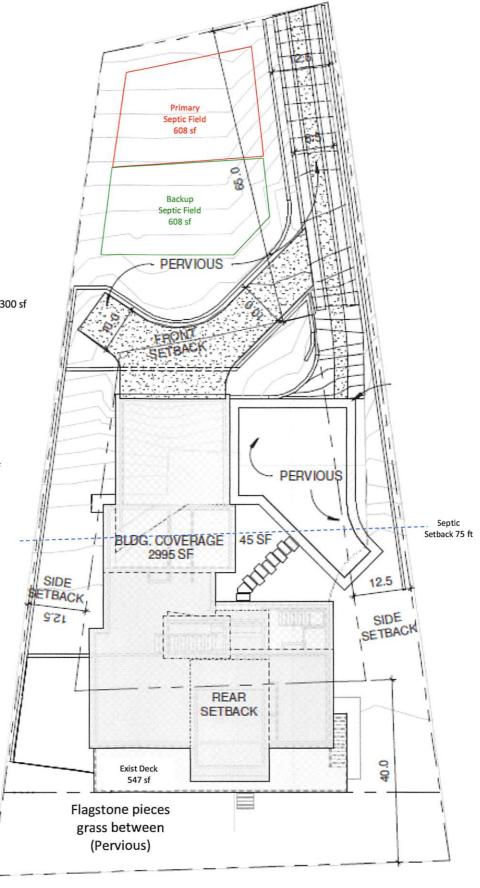
Front door walkway - Flagstone / mortar 45 sf Main level rear wood patio/stairs 547 sf 8" wide concrete retaining wall = 510 lf Roof overhangs 530 sf

Other pervious elements

Grade level rear patio -Flagstone /grass

Building Code Conformance Analysis

Lot Coverage 34.3% (4.3% variance)
Building Coverage 22.2% (7.2% variance)
Septic Sys rear setback 75' (conforming)
Septic PL setback 5 ft (conforming)
Rear setback 19.8 ft (20.2' variance)
Side setbacks 12.5' (conforming)
Front setback 65' (conforming)



City of Berkeley Lake Staff Analysis

CASE NUMBER: PZTA-23-03, O-23-247

CODE SECTIONS: 78-196

PURPOSE: AMENDMENT TO SEC. 78-196, PERMITTED USES, IN THE

R-100 DISTRICT TO ALLOW THE RAISING OF POULTRY

UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 2023 P&Z COMMISSION

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley Lake adopted O-188-15, an amendment to Chapter 10, *Animals*, on September 17, 2015. This amendment repealed many city code sections and adopted by reference the Gwinnett County Animal Control Ordinance, which does not provide specific regulations governing the keeping of poulry. Gwinnett County animal control regulations pertaining to livestock (which expressly includes fowl) are attached.

Gwinnett County regulates livestock further in the Unified Development Code by zoning district. Specifically, livestock (which includes fowl) for personal use is allowed in the four single-family residential zoning districts according to the following supplemental use standards. *In non-agricultural zoning districts: the raising and keeping of livestock for personal pleasure or utility on a parcel which contains the dwelling of the owner of the livestock is permitted, provided that the parcel is at least 3 acres in area and all animal quarters are located no closer than 100 feet to any property line. While the city's Animal Ordinance references the Gwinnett County Animal Ordinance, it does not extend to the supplemental use standards found in the Gwinnett County Unified Development Ordinance. Therefore, the requirements above do not pertain to Berkeley Lake.*

Interest in raising chickens has come up from time to time among citizens of Berkeley Lake. Prior to 2015, there was a prohibition on keeping chickens that was instituted in 2006 following a code enforcement issue with roosters causing a public nuisance in River Mansions. The code change in 2015 inadvertently and unintentionally removed the prior 2006 prohibition. With the increase in citizen interest, staff recommends adopting specific standards that will govern raising poultry.

PROPOSAL:

Staff surveyed codes from around the county and metro Atlanta area to ascertain how other local governments regulate the raising/keeping of poultry. The following cities/counties were reviewed: Alpharetta, Auburn, Brookhaven, Dacula, Duluth, Gwinnett County, Johns Creek, Norcross and Peachtree Corners. Regulations varied across the cities/counties that were examined, but there are common themes which deal with minimum lot size, setbacks, enclosures, number of animals, prohibition of roosters, prohibition of slaughter and sanitation/drainage considerations. The proposed regulations, Sec.78-196(8), are intended to provide for situations where poultry may be allowed while mitigating the impact on surrounding areas.

Sec. 78-196. Permitted uses.

In residence district R-100, the following uses are permitted:

- (1) Single-family detached dwellings, except mobile homes and modular homes.
- (2) Customary accessory buildings and uses. See section 78-89.
- (3) Boathouses, docks and boat landings on lots adjoining Lake Berkeley proper, subject to the provisions of section 78-89(g).
- (4) Public outdoor recreation.
- (5) Religious institution.
 - a. Located on a major or connecting street or a state highway on a site of not less than three acres.
 - b. The buildings are located not less than 100 feet from any street or any side property lines.
 - c. A buffer strip at least 25 feet wide is provided along the side and rear property lines but not extending into the required front yard, planted to meet the requirements of Chapter 42 Natural Resources, Article VII Buffers, Landscape and Trees, Division 2 Buffer Regulations.
- (6) Public buildings and land uses.
 - Such use shall be located on a major collector street or state highway on a site of not less than
 one acre.
 - b. Buildings shall be located at least 50 feet from all property lines.
 - c. Where abutting property that is zoned residential, a buffer at least 25 feet wide shall be provided. Buffers shall be planted to meet the requirements of Chapter 42 Natural Resources, Article VII Buffers, Landscape and Trees, Division 2 Buffer Regulations.
 - d. Such uses shall require city council approval.
- (7) Open air market, subject to city council approval.
 - a. Such use must be located in conjunction with an existing religious institution.
 - b. Such use shall be located on and have access from a major collector street or state highway on a site of not less than one acre.
 - c. At least two off-street parking spaces per vendor booth shall be provided on site.
 - d. Vendor booths shall be set back at least 50 feet from all property lines.
 - e. A site plan, drawn to scale, shall be submitted indicating the location of vendor booths and offstreet parking.
 - f. The market shall not operate more than 120 hours a year.
 - g. Operating hours, including set-up, break-down and clean-up, shall be limited to not more than five hours a day once a week and shall occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
 - h. Such use shall follow Georgia Department of Agriculture guidelines, rules and regulations.
 - i. Vendor booths shall be set up and taken down on the day that the market operates.
 - j. The market manager/organizer shall obtain a city business license/occupation tax certificate prior to beginning market operation.

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k. Such use shall require a permit to be granted by city council. Requests for permits shall be made on applications available in the office of the city clerk. Permits shall expire on December 31 of the year in which they were issued.

(Ord. No. O-118-10, § 1, 10-21-2010; Ord. No. O-143-12, 4-26-2012)

- (8) Poultry. The raising and keeping of poultry for egg-laying or as a pet subject to the following:
 - a. The lot contains at least 0.75 acres (32,670 square feet).
 - b. The lot contains the dwelling of the owner of the poultry.
 - c. The poultry is located in the rear yard in a fenced enclosure or coop no closer than 25 feet to any side or rear property line and 40 feet from the shoreline of Lake Berkeley.
 - d. All places wherein poultry are kept shall maintain drainage or detention sufficient to prevent standing water in yards or pens and to prevent waste products from entering storm drains, lakes, rivers or streams, sewer lines or neighboring property.
 - e. The number of poultry or other fowl shall not exceed five per lot.
 - f. Roosters are prohibited.
 - g. Slaughtering is prohibited.

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. O-118-10, § 1, adopted Oct. 21, 2010, repealed § 78-196 in its entirety and enacted new provisions to read as herein set out. Prior to amendment § 78-196 pertained to similar subject matter. See Code Comparative Table for derivation.

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Sec. 10-10. Livestock.

- (a) All livestock shall be properly housed with adequate food and adequate water and confined within a fenced enclosure. The fenced enclosure shall be maintained in such a manner as to keep any average livestock animal from escaping the enclosed compound and causing damage, accidents or injury to any person or property. Owners of such livestock shall be liable for any damage, accidents or injuries. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, repair or replacement of anchor post assemblies whenever they show signs of weakness, refastening loose wires to posts, splicing broken wires when necessary, and keeping the fence wires properly stretched. Those who provide boarding/pasturing space and/or services for hire shall have the responsibility for enclosure maintenance as described in this subsection.
- (b) No person shall tie, stake or fasten any livestock within any street, highway, road, alley, sidewalk, right-of-way, or other public place within the county or in such manner that the animal has access to any portion of any street, highway, road, alley, sidewalk, right-of-way, or other public place.
- (c) Owners or possessors of livestock impounded for violation of this chapter or any state and/or federal laws, will be charged in accordance with actual costs of impoundment plus impounding and boarding fees.
- (d) Impounded livestock shall be held for a period of ten days. If such impounded animals are not claimed by the owner during that period of time, the animals may be given to persons willing to accept them, in the discretion of the department of community services. Section 10-46(a) pertaining to profit shall not apply to any person(s) accepting livestock from the county. Person(s) accepting livestock from the county are allowed to sell the animal or harvest the animal for consumption. Any livestock that was captured by the use of tranquilizers or darting drugs are not allowed to be harvested for consumption.

(Ord. No. AW-2020(GCID: 2020-1254), Exh. B, 12-15-2020)

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City of Berkeley Lake Staff Analysis

CASE NUMBER: PZV-23-04, 3960 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD.

RELIEF REQUESTED: REDUCTION IN FRONT SETBACK FROM 75' TO 55'

> ALONG N. BERKELEY LAKE RD. AND FROM 75' TO 65' ALONG PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD. AS WELL AS REDUCTION IN SIDE SETBACK FROM 25' TO 10'

EXISTING ZONING: C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL

USE DISTRICT

PROPOSED USE: **EVENT HALL**

APPLICANT: MICHAEL GOUBAITIS

255 NORCROSS ST, SUITE A

ROSWELL, GA 30075

OWNERS: SEYED LAVASSANI

3970 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD., SUITE 200

BERKEKLEY LAKE, GA 30096

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2023 P&Z COMMISSION

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The applicant proposes to build a 17,000-square-foot event hall at 3960 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, an undeveloped parcel at the intersection of North Berkeley Lake Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Berkeley Village. The building envelope that was shown on the original development plans, which is currently a grassed area at the site, was based on conditions that have changed. Both North Berkeley Lake Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard have been widened to accommodate infrastructure improvements, shrinking the distance from the right-ofway to the original front building line to 55' and 61.5' feet respectively. The applicant is proposing to keep the 55-foot setback along North Berkeley Lake Road and observe a 65-foot front setback along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, a 20 and 10-foot variance respectively.

In addition, when originally proposed in the March 6, 2005, Preliminary Plat of the Berkeley Village Development plan, the building envelope did not include setbacks from interior lot lines, only setbacks along the exterior border of the project boundary likely pursuant to a variance granted at the time of zoning approval stating "Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Ordinance and the fact that this property may be used by, conveyed to or owned by separate owners in the future, a variance is granted and it is the interpretation that for all purposes under the Ordinance, this property shall be deemed to be one lot." The final plat that was recorded in July 2007 shows the creation of four tracts, but still shows no setbacks along interior property lines. More recently, the subject tract, Tract A, was recombined with Tract C to expand the area of Tract A to enable the proposed development. This recombination plat, recorded December 14, 2022, shows the required setbacks off interior lot lines. The side setback variance is to allow a reduction from 25 feet to 10 feet off the interior lot lines.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1.) The subject property,3960 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, is part of the Berkeley Village commercial development and is subject to a conditional zoning ordinance dated December 9, 1999.
- 2.) It is approximately 1.36 acres in size and is zoned C-1, neighborhood commercial.
- 3.) At the time the zoning was instituted, a specific permitted use list was adopted to apply to the development. This use list includes assembly hall.
- 4.) One of the zoning conditions in the December 1999 ordinance is that "the owner or user of the property shall strive to create an upscale project, consistent with the quality of other topnotch commercial and office projects in Gwinnett County."
- 5.) The applicant proposes to build a 17,000-square-foot event center for hosting weddings, conferences and other gatherings. Based on the renderings submitted with the application, the building appears to be two stories.
- 6.) The maximum height allowed in the C-1 district is two stories or 40 feet, whichever is less.
- 7.) At the time of initial development approval, the North Berkeley Lake Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard rights-of-way were narrower than they are today.
- 8.) At some point after development approval, both roads were widened to provide adequate space for the construction of pedestrian and drainage infrastructure. As a result, the building envelope that was originally approved no longer met the 75-foot front setback requirement of the C-1 district, Sec.78-272.
- 9.) The applicant is requesting a variance to the front setback requirement to allow the proposed building to sit 65 feet from the Peachtree Industrial Blvd. right-of-way and 55 feet from the North Berkeley Lake Rd. right-of-way.
- 10.) Additionally, the applicant is requesting a variance to the side setback requirement of the C-1 district subject to language in the December 1999 ordinance that states the entire development should be treated as one lot.
- 11.) Specifically, the applicant is requesting a 10-foot interior (side) setback requirement.
- 12.) The intersection of N Berkeley Lake Rd. and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. lies to the north, along with commercial properties in the City of Duluth. The right-of-way of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard is adjacent to the west, along with the city's greenspace. The right-of-way of N Berkeley Lake Rd. lies to the east, along with commercial properties in the City of Duluth. Property to the south is part of the original Berkeley Village development and the location of offices and neighborhood commercial uses.
- 13.) Since the approval of the subject development in the late 90's, the city has annexed additional commercial properties that are subject to the Peachtree Corners Overlay District requirements. Specifically, this overlay provides for architectural standards that may achieve the zoning condition from 1999 to create an upscale project.
- 14.) However, no such objective architectural standards apply to this important gateway location, other than the zoning condition mentioned in #4 above.
- 15.) Based on the proposed site plan and aerial, there are 41 parking spaces on this property.
- 16.) Required off-street parking for places of assembly without fixed seating is 1 space per 200 square feet devoted to patron use, which results in a maximum of 85 off-street parking spaces required.
- 17.) Use of parking on adjacent properties within 400 feet of the proposed building entrance can be used provided there is a duly executed shared parking agreement submitted prior to building permit issuance.

STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL:

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 - c. Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and
 - d. Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner; and
 - e. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public nor impair the purposes or intent of this chapter; and
 - f. The variance is granted for a use of land or building or structure that is not prohibited by this chapter.

SITE PHOTOS



From the Corner on the North Berkeley Lake Road Side



From North Berkeley Lake Road

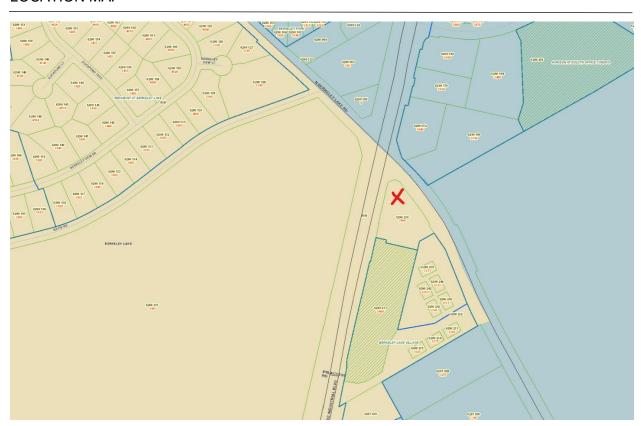


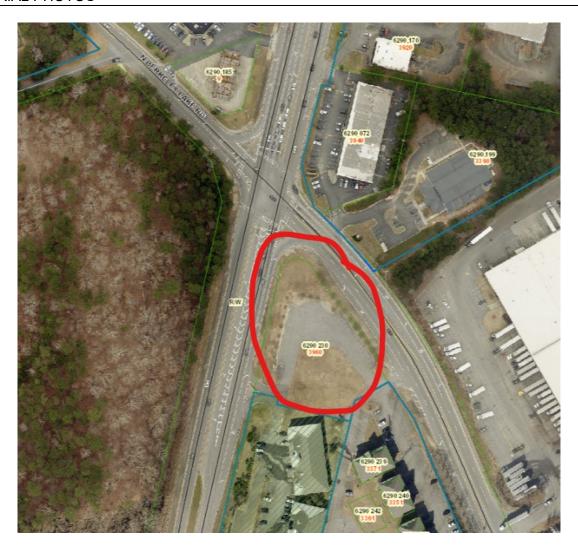
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From Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

LOCATION MAP







General location of proposed building pad.



Application for Variance

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Part 1: Applicant Information

APPLICANT IS: ☐ Owner ☐ A	gent	☐ Attor	ney	
NAME VINCENT MICHAEL GUOBAITIS			DAT	E 02-10-2023
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CITYROSWELL	STATE	GEORGIA		ZIP30075
TELEHONE	MOBILE _	470-926-090	5	FAX
E-MAIL MICHAEL.GUOBAITIS@GMAIL.CO				
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MAILING ADDRESS 3970 PEACHTREE IN				
CITY BERKELEY LAKE	STATE	GEORGIA		30096
TELEPHONE	MOBILE 4			
E-MAIL_POLYGON@MED4YOUPHARMAC	CY.NET			
Part 3: Property and Use Information PROPERTY ADDRESS 3960 PEACHTREE INDUSTRI			PARCEL ID	6290 230
PARCEL SIZE 1.36 ACRES				
EXISTING USE RETAIL			2011110	
I am requesting relief from code section) for t	the purpose of:
REDUCING THE SETBACK TO 55' ALONG BLVD, AND 10' ALONG THE SIDE PROPE PAD FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE	RY LINES FO			
NOTICE: The granting of a Variance does not	affect any requi	rement for a B	uilding Permit	for proposed construction.

The following supplemental documentation must be submitted with this application:

- ☑ Letter of Intent describing the proposed construction, development or improvements.
- ☑ Site Plan showing all existing and proposed improvements on the property.
- Survey of the property

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Variance Application: Part 3: Property and Use Information (continued)

Applicant: Please provide written responses to the following items in order to support the request. Attach a separate sheet if necessary:

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property; OR if this request is for the expansion of a non-conforming structure, explain whether granting the variance would result in an increase in the non-conforming aspects of the structure.

The developer seeks to construct a building to be utilized as a venue space within the footprint of the existing grass building pad and expand where allowed for the driveway and fire access. Due to the location and shape of the property line, the 75' front setback will be located deeper within the existing grass building pad which would decrease the available space for the structure. A similar issue arises for the 25' setback along the sides as well.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

The 75' front setback reduces the available building space within the existing grass building pad. In addition, the 25' side setback reduces the available building space within the existing grass building pad.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

Before the property owner purchased a portion of Tract A and resubmitted the plat, the original final plat for the development located the setbacks approximately 62' from the lot line. When you go back to the original development's site plan, it be seen that the intent was to take the 75' setback from the original ROW line. The original development also called for a bank which would have been located at the setback line shown on that site plan. After the development was completed, the additional ROW was dedicated for the sidewalk along North Berkeley Lake and is reflected in the original final plat. With the variance, we seek to establish the setback lines near the location of the setback lines shown in the original final plat which would allow for greater utilization of the existing building pad for the proposed building.

No.
) What, if any, detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted.
There will be no apparent detriments or impairments to the public.
There will be no apparent detriments or impairments to the public.

6) Is the proposed use of land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes, the property is zoned C-1 for commercial use. A venue space would fall in line with the description of use found in Sec 78-269 (1). In addition, the venue space, which would be better described as an assembly hall, would be consistent with the development's zoning conditions (3(d)).

I hereby make application to the City of Berkeley Lake, Georgia for the above referenced property. I do hereby affirm that the information provided here, above and contained in all material I submit for the purposes of supporting my request for a Variance, to the best of my knowledge is true, complete and accurate, and I understand that any inaccuracies may be considered just cause for invalidation of this application and any action taken as a result of this application. I understand that it is my/our responsibility to conform to all City of Berkeley Lake ordinances in full and obtain any additional permits as may be required and that failure to do so will result in enforcement action taken by the City.

Applicant's Signature	Date 02/10/2023	
Owner's Signature	Date 2/10/2023	
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personally appeared before me and produced
a Developer as identification.

My commission expires 19 05 1 2026





DMD ENGINEERING AND TESTING, INC

255 Norcross St, Suite A Roswell, Georgia 30075 Phone: 470-448-4146

michael.guobaitis@gmail.com

March 13, 2023

To whom it may concern,

For your consideration, the property owner for 3960 Peachtree Industrial Blvd is requesting a variance to reduce the setback along Peachtree Industrial Blvd from 75' to 65', a variance to reduce the setback along North Berkeley Lake Rd from 75' to 55', and a variance to reduce the inner parcel side setback from 25' to 10'. The property owner wishes to construct a 17,000 SF venue space to be used for weddings, conferences, etc., within the space of the existing building pad, known as Tract A, at the Berkeley Lake Village development. The property owner of Tract A recently submitted a new plat which combined a portion of Tract C to Tract A for the purpose of expanding the buildable footprint. Per section 78-272 (5) and (7) of the City of Berkeley Lake Zoning Ordinance, the setback requirement for the front is 75' and for the side is 25' from the property line. Before the property owner submitted the latest plat, the original final plat for the development located the setbacks approximately 62' from the lot line with no inner parcel side setbacks. When you go back to the original development's site plan, it can be seen that the intent was to take the front 75' setback from the original ROW line. Since the development was completed, additional ROW was dedicated for the inclusion of a sidewalk which also modified the shape of the lot line. When applying the front 75' setback and a side 25' setback from the current lot lines, it can be seen that a significant portion of the existing building pad is not buildable. It is believed that the intent of the existing building pad was to allow for future building expansion based on the original development plans. For this reason, the property owner is seeking a variance to shift the setbacks back to the original location shown on the final plat for better utilization the existing space provided.

Additional information regarding the hardship and community impacts of the variance have been provided within the Variance Application. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Vincent M Guobaitis, PE

Vincent Duobaitis



Variance Application Authorization of Property Owner

This form is to be used when the applicant is someone other than the property owner.

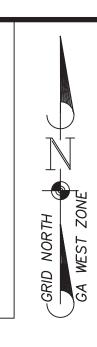
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or it may be printed and completed in handwriting.

Part 1: Applicant Information

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Name	VINCENT MICHAEL GUOBAITIS (DMD ENG	INEERING AND	TESTING)	
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City ROSWELL		State	GEORGIA	ZIP 30075
Telephone 770-9	98-5521	Mobile	470-926-0905	
Part 2: Property	Owner Information			
Name (s)	SEYED LAVASSANI			
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City BERKELEY LA	AKE	State	GEORGIA	ZIP 30096
Telephone 404-3	87-2797	Mobile	404-387-2797	
	I am the owner of the property ider	ntified in Part	: 3 of this documer	
Signature of Owner	3.4 Jany	Print Name of	Owner SEYED	LAVASSAN,
Personally appeared be	fore me this day of	Feb	20.23	
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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:

This plat is a retracement of an existing parcel or parcels of land and does not subdivide or create a new parcel or make any changes to any real property boundaries. The recording information of the documents, maps, plats, or other instruments which created the parcel or parcels are stated hereon. RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION, AVAILABILITY OF PERMITS, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS, OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY USE OR PURPOSE OF THE LAND. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.

01-13-2023

No.2644

Neil A. McWhorter, GA RLS # 2644 K.E.Q., Inc. Certificate of Authorization Number LSF000275

SCALE: 1"= 50

- 1. Field Data: This survey was conducted using GPS, static and real time kinematic methods. A relative positional precision, for horizontal measurements, of less than 0.07' + 50ppm at the 95% confidence interval was achieved.
- 2. Field Measurements were taken with a Leica TS12, and Carlson BRx7, dual frequency receiver base station and rover on 05-11-2022 and were adjusted using the Least Squares Method.
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- 5. Plat Precision: 1'/156,057'
- 6. The public records referenced hereon reflect only those records necessary to establish the boundaries hereon, and reference to the same does not and is not intended to constitute a title search or title opinion. 7. This property is not located in a Flood Hazard Area as indicated on
- F.I.R.M. No. 13135C0068G, dated 03-04-2013. 8. Building setbacks and buffers may or may not be shown hereon. They are governed by the local jurisdiction and should be confirmed prior to land
- 9. No underground utilities were located during the course of this topographic survey. Only above ground evidence of utilities is shown hereon. It is recommended that the horizontal location, and depth of all underground utilities be confirmed prior to planning and construction

REFERENCES:

- 1. Final Plat for Berkley Lake Village by Development Consultants Group dated 5-15-07, revised 7-12-07 and recorded in Plat Book 121, Page 35.
- 2. Deed Book 58853, Page 747.

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	N 12°15'11" E	71.96'
L2	N 77°07'45" W	2.42'
L3	N 12°52'15" E	207.88'
L4	N 64°54'59" E	33.56'
L5	S 70°24'50" E	30.82'
L6	S 32°45'31" E	53.85'
L7	S 16°50'13" E	26.96'
L8	S 34°24'57" E	34.07'
L9	S 60°31'06" W	82.97'
L10	N 12°51'28" E	8.70'
L11	N 77°07'45" W	161.53'
L12	S 12°52'59" W	38.76'
L13	N 77°06'48" W	53.31'
L14	S 12°51'28" W	44.63'
L15	N 77°07'45" W	161.56'
L16	N 12°52'59" E	14.57'

Tract A Location and Zoning Information

3960 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Berkeley Lake, GA 30096

PIN: 6290 230

Zoning:

AREA SUMMARY Tract A = 1.16 Acres Part of Tract C = 0.20 Acres

Total Area = 1.36 Acres

Area Remaining in Tract C (Parent Parcel) = 3.238 Acres (Area per Ref. #1)

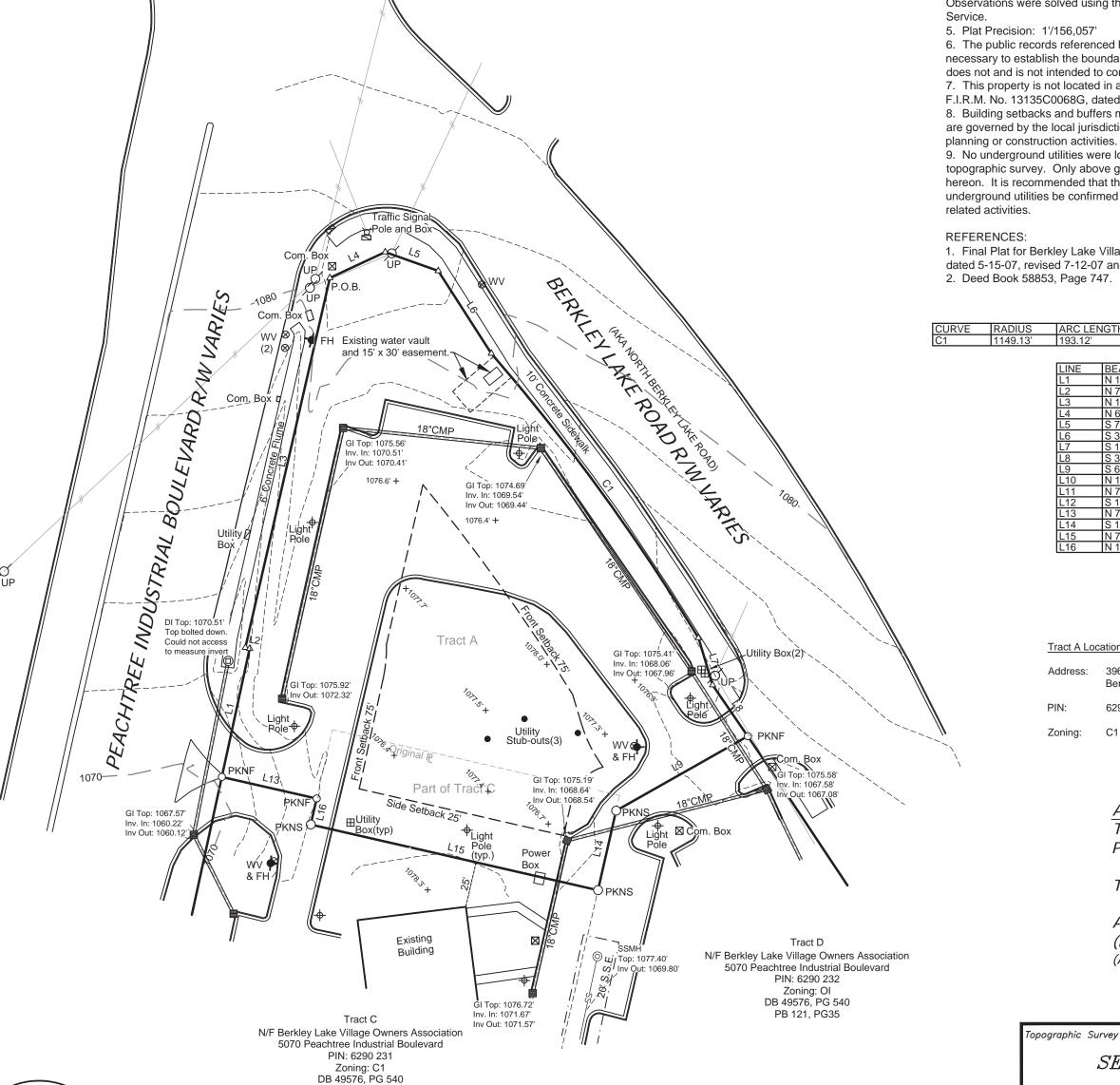
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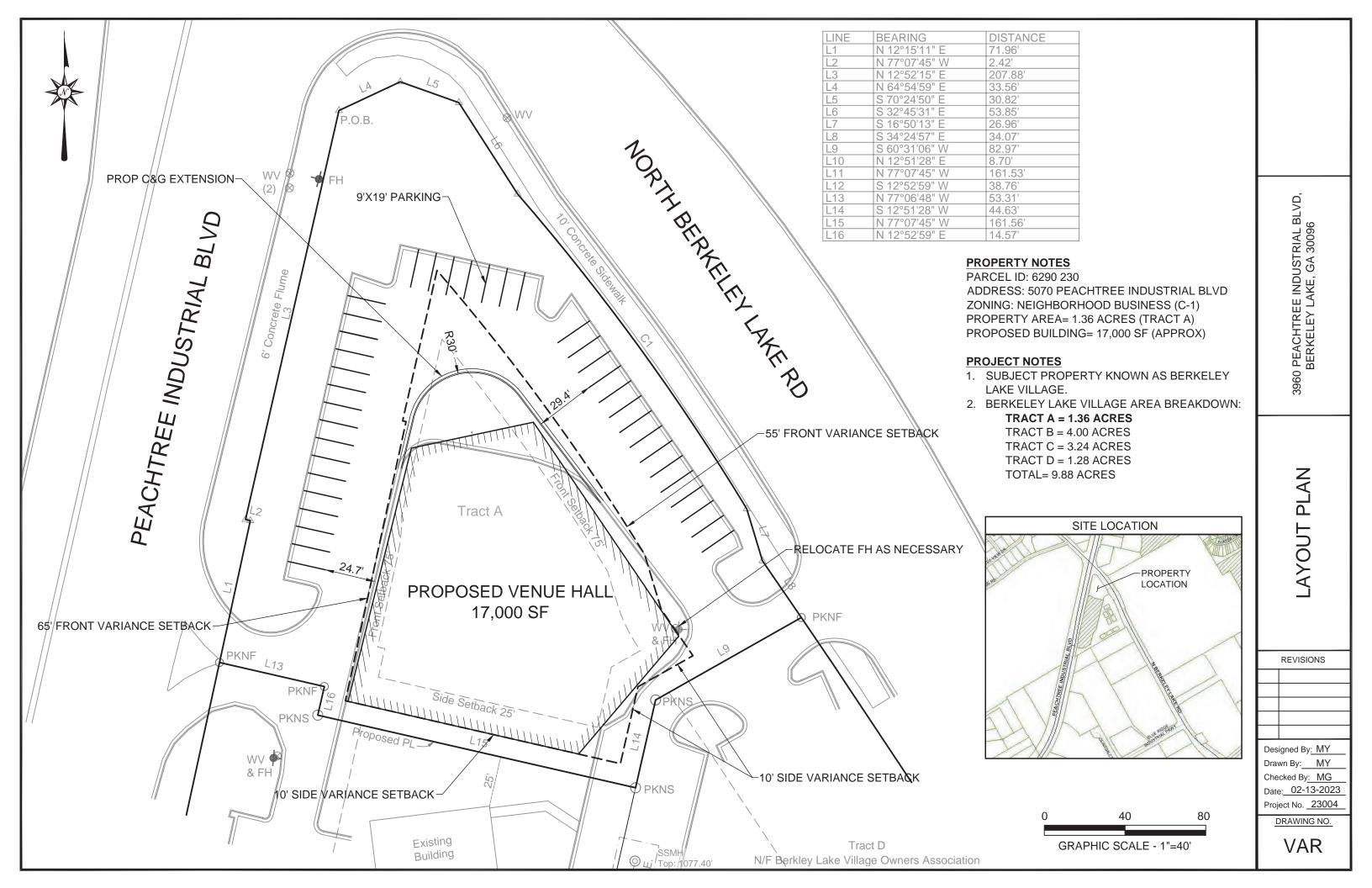
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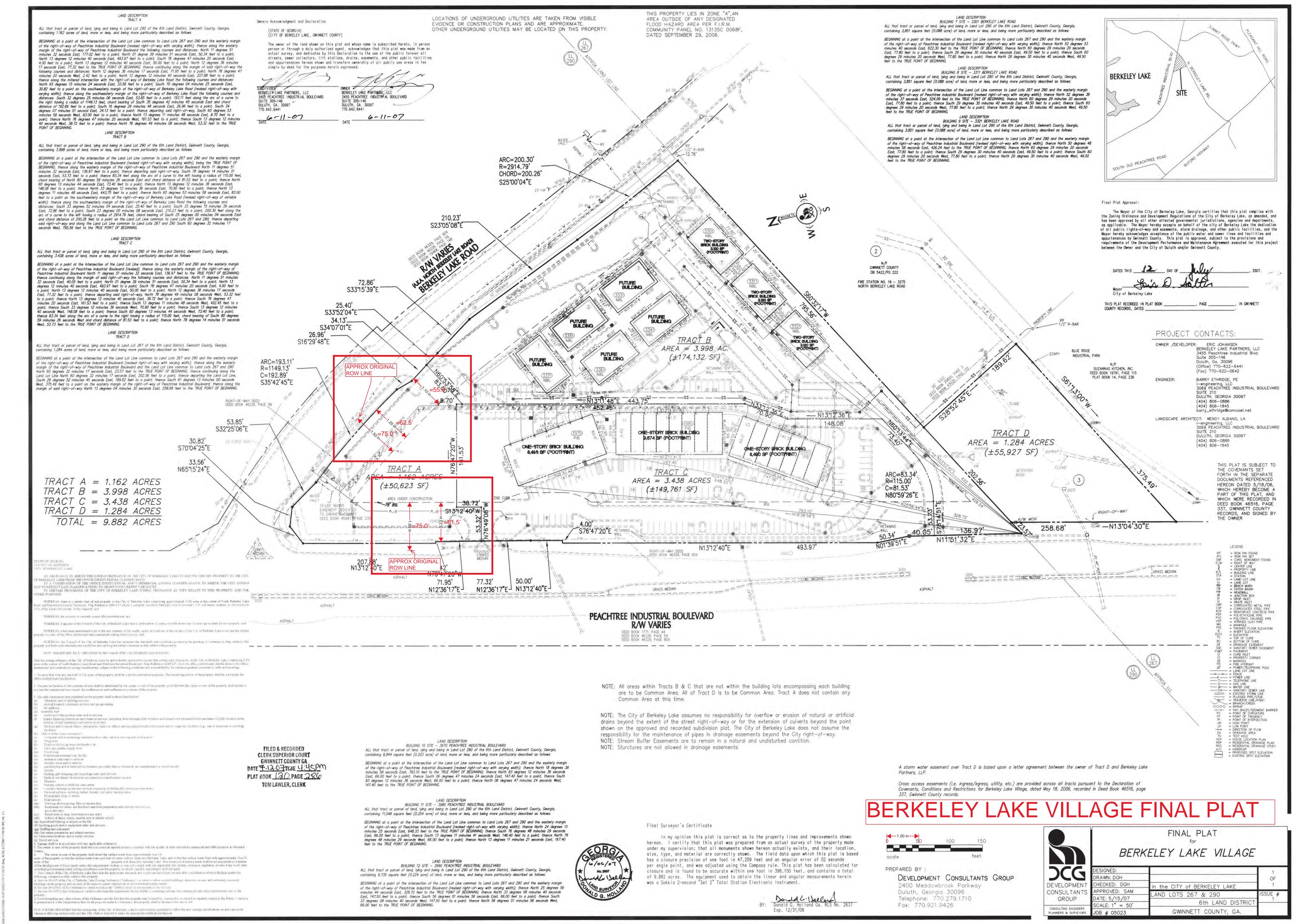


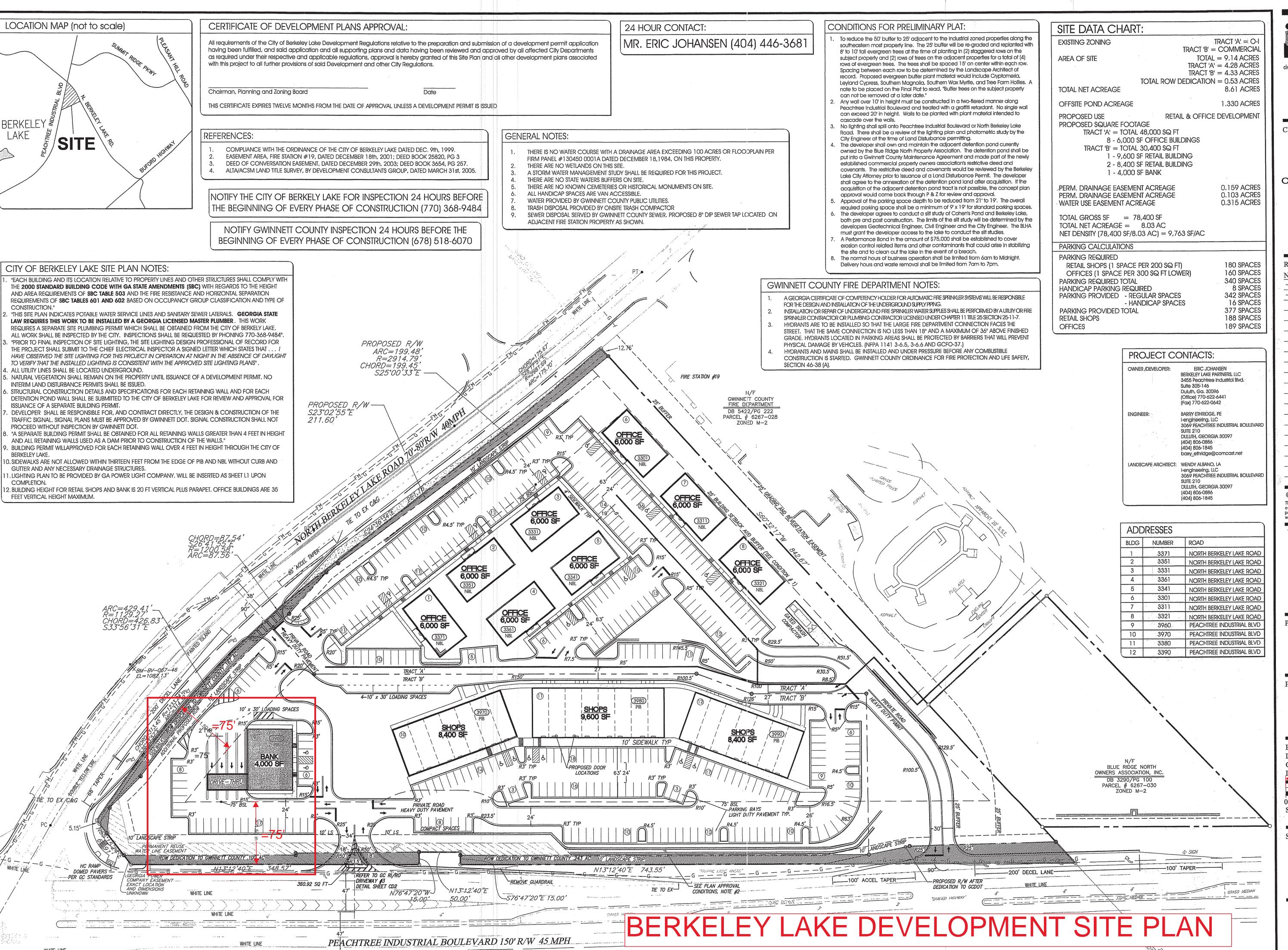
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CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE
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PARCEL 197
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORIGA

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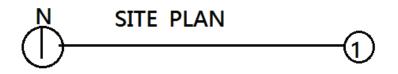
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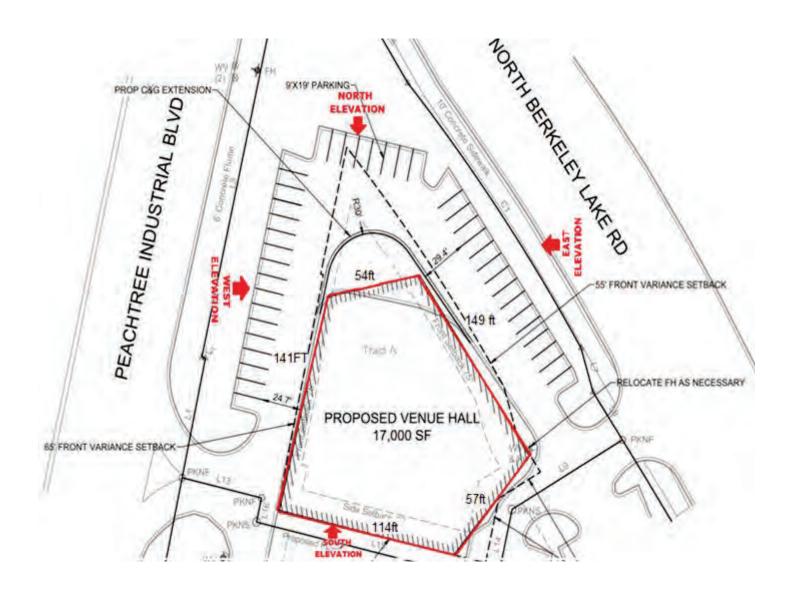


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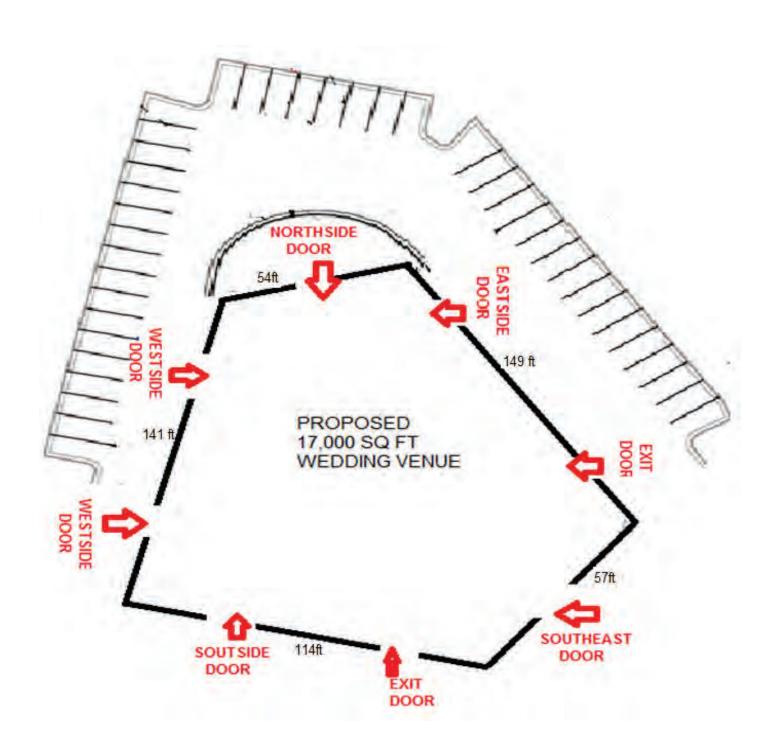
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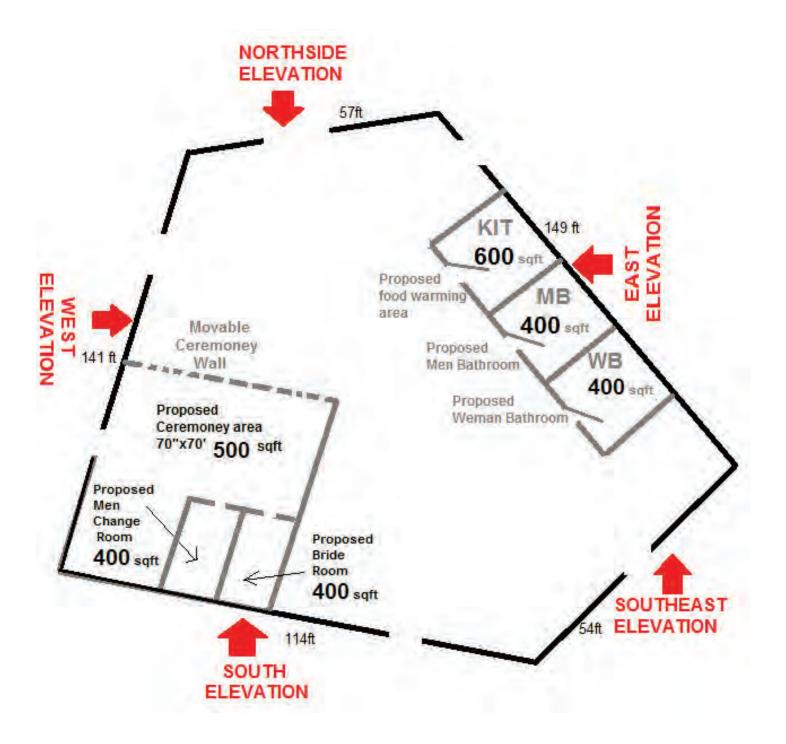
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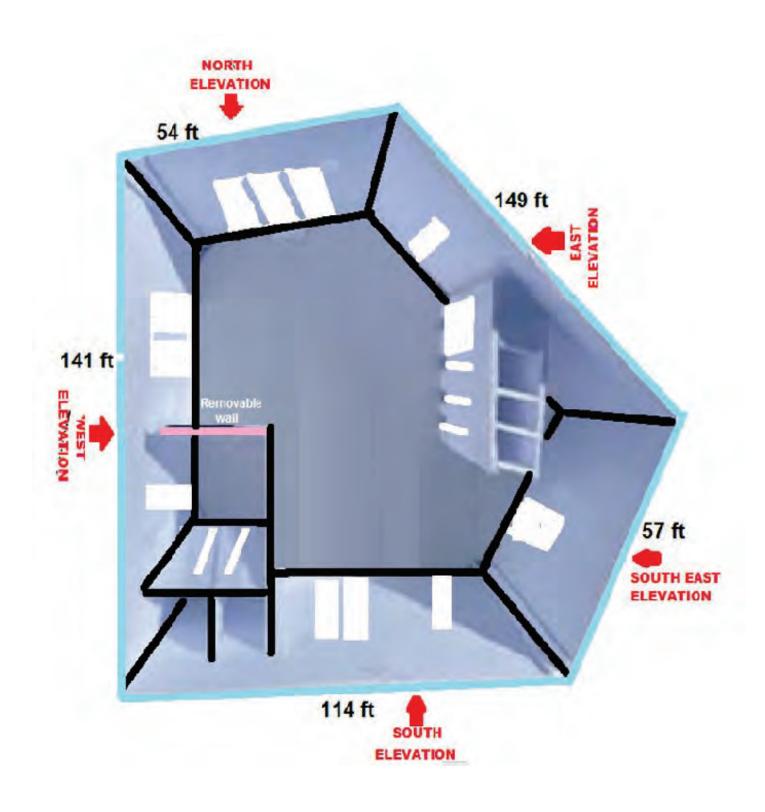
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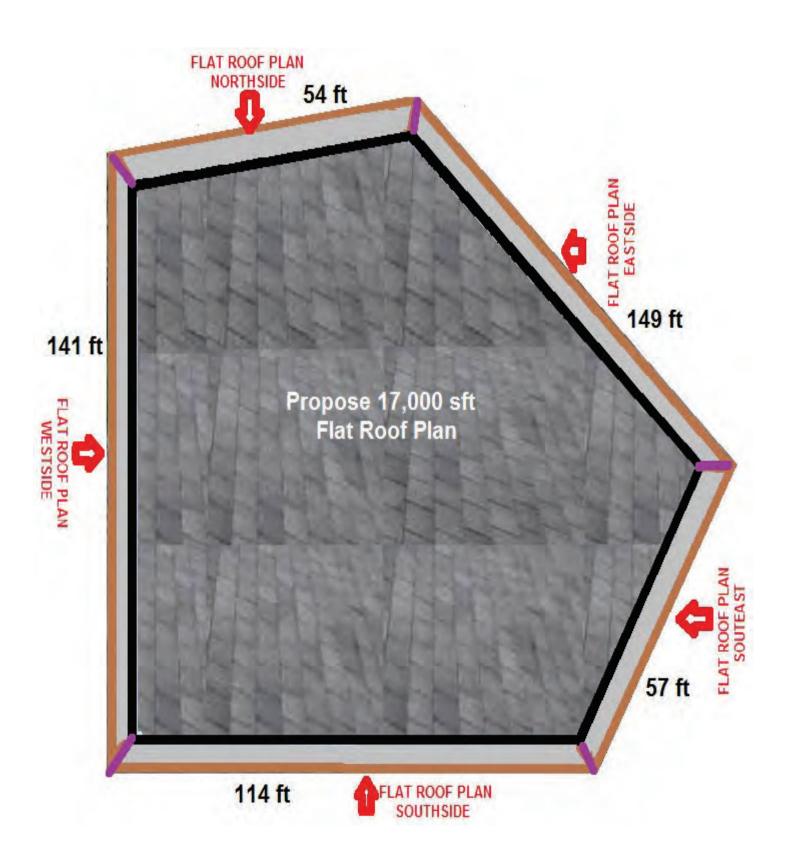
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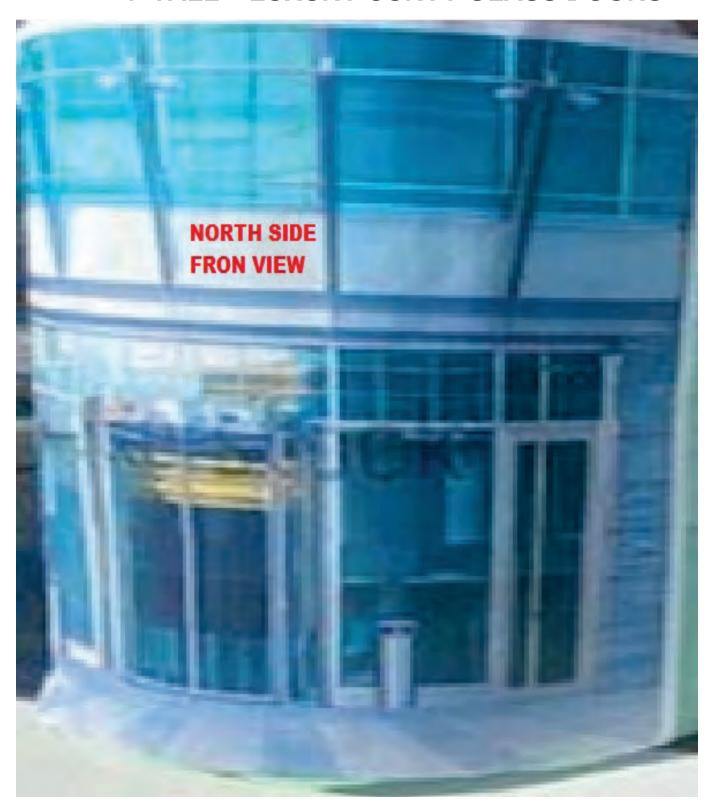
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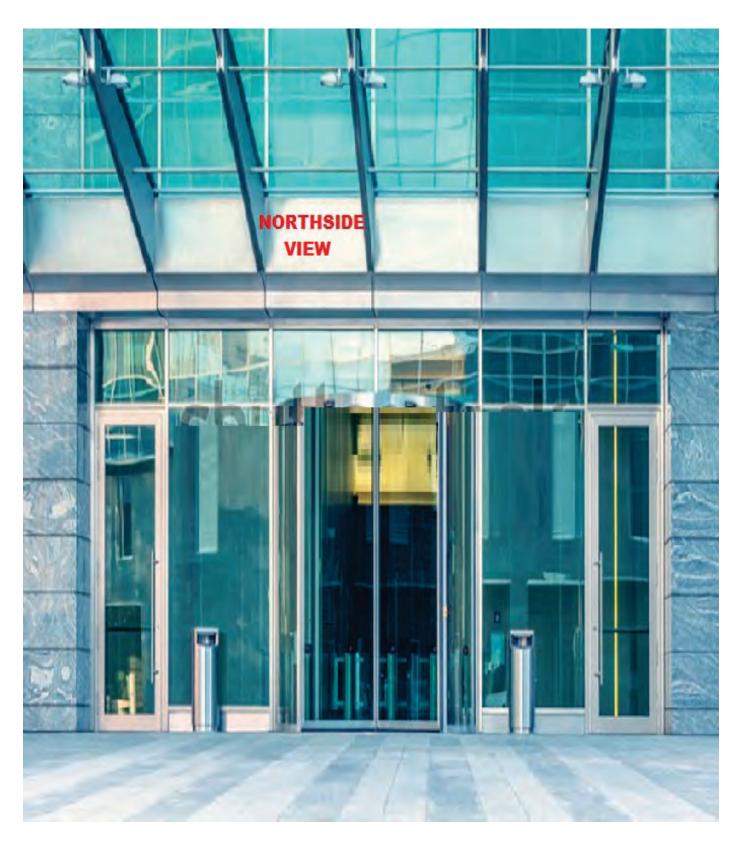


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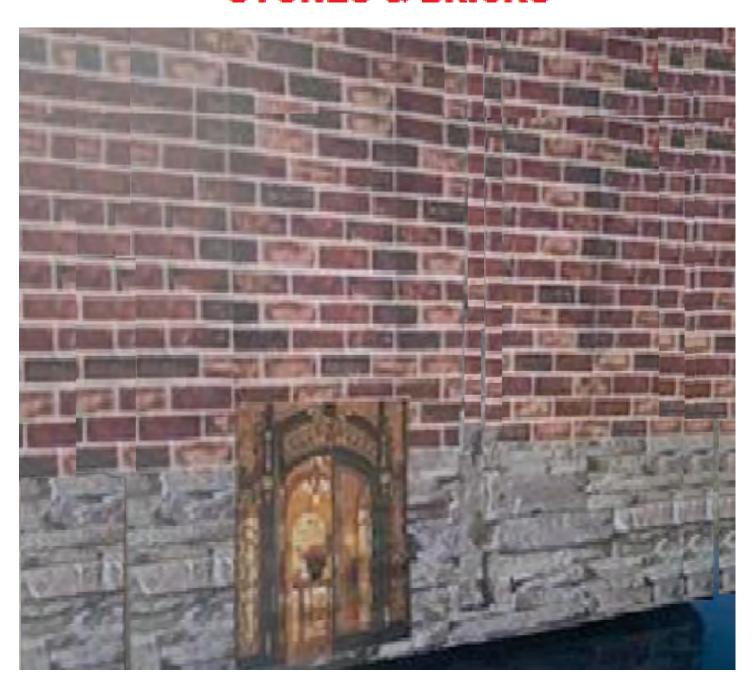


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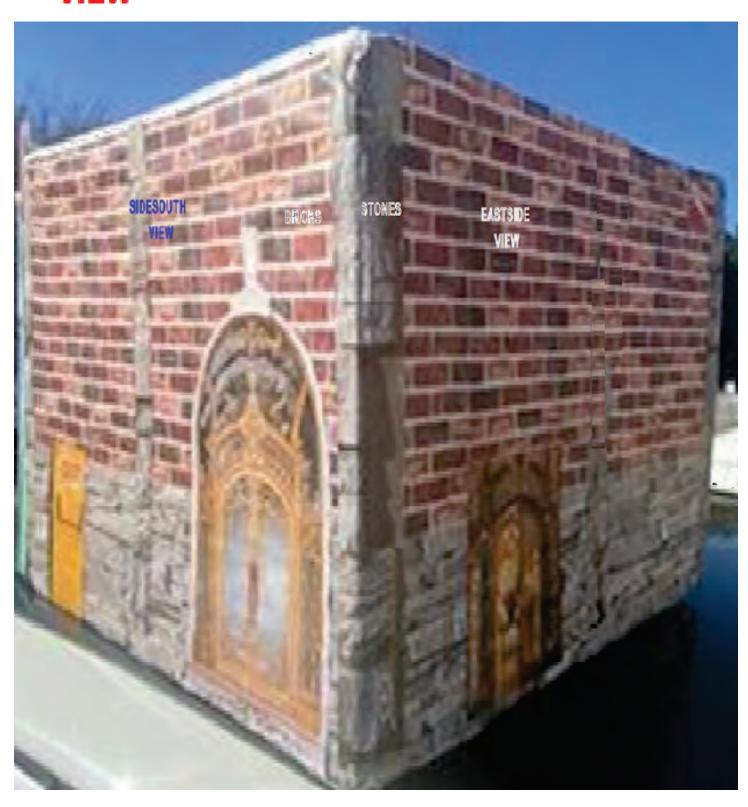
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