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# **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

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# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING (VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS)

Applicant and/or Authorized Representative:				
Mailing Address:				
City/State/Zip Code:				
Email:				
Telephone Home:	Business:			
OWNER	OF RECORD OF SUBJECT PR	OPERTY		
Owner:				
Address (Mailing):	·····			
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ADDRES	SS/LOCATION OF SUBJECT PR	OPERTY		
Address:	City:	State: _	Zip:	
District(s): Land Lo	ot(s): Block:	Parcel:	<del> </del>	
Zoning Classification: Commission District & Super District:				
CHECK TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTE	:D:			
VARIANCE (From Development S	Standards causing undue hardship	o upon owners of property.)	I	
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To redu	ce or waive off-street parking or lo	oading space requirements	.)	
OFFICIAL APPEAL OF ADMINIS	TRATIVE DECISIONS.			

\*PLEASE REVIEW THE FILING GUIDELINES ON PAGE 4. FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN SCHEDULING DELAYS.\*

Email plansustain@dekalbcountyga.gov with any questions.



#### **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY OWNER**

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to inspect the premises of the Subject Property.

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property and that I authorize the applicant/agent to apply for a

hearing to the ZoningBoard	of Appeals for the requests	as shown in this application.
DATE:	Applicant/Agent Signature:	
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCE	RN:	
(I)/ (WE): (Name of Owners)		
being (owner/owners) of the signed agent/applicant.	e property described below	or attached hereby delegate authority to the above
Notary Public		Owner Signature
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DATE:

Applicant
Signature:

Applicant
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Subject: Variance Request for Rear Yard Setback Reduction - Section 27-2.2.1 – Enclosure of the Porch

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

My name is Maksim Saitgazin, and I am writing to request a variance from Section 27-2.2.1 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, I am requesting a reduction of the side yard setback requirement from 40 feet to 5.7 feet for my property at 328 Walnut St, Avondale Estates, GA 30002. The purpose of this variance is to enclose the porch to create a heated floor space for hosting my aging parents. This project will also increase the square footage of housing, thereby contributing to the overall availability of housing in the community.

## 1. Physical Conditions of the Site

The unique physical conditions of my property present a special case that warrants this variance. The parcel is smaller than typical properties in the area, measuring just 66 feet in width and only 3,500 square feet in total area, compared to the minimum requirement of 5,000 square feet in the Scottdale Tier II district. As a result, complying with the 40-foot side yard setback is particularly challenging. These conditions are inherent to the property and not the result of actions taken by me or previous owners.

# 2. Minimum Variance Necessary

I assure you that this request is for the minimum variance necessary to allow for a reasonable use of my property. I intend to use the existing footprint to accommodate the new residents and ensure that the space remains functional for my family. The 5.7 foot setback will allow for a practical and reasonable enclosure of the porch without

seeking any advantages beyond those available to other property owners in the same zoning district.

#### 3. Public Welfare

The proposed addition will have a positive impact on the neighborhood and community. The reduced setback will not harm public welfare or neighboring properties. In fact, the porch addition will be a modest and tasteful improvement that enhances my property without imposing negative effects on the surrounding area. I have received a letter of support from my neighbor, Mr. Purnell Lester, who resides at 327 N Clarendon Ave, Scottdale, GA 30079. Mr. Lester has expressed that he does not feel the proposed addition will intrude on his privacy or disrupt the character of the neighborhood.

## 4. Ordinance Hardship

A strict interpretation of the zoning laws in this case would create undue hardship. Adhering to the 40-foot setback would severely limit my ability to make meaningful improvements to the property. The house is legally non-conforming and already outside the required setbacks, and without this variance, no further development would be feasible. This variance is essential to allow for the reasonable use of my property and prevent unnecessary hardship.

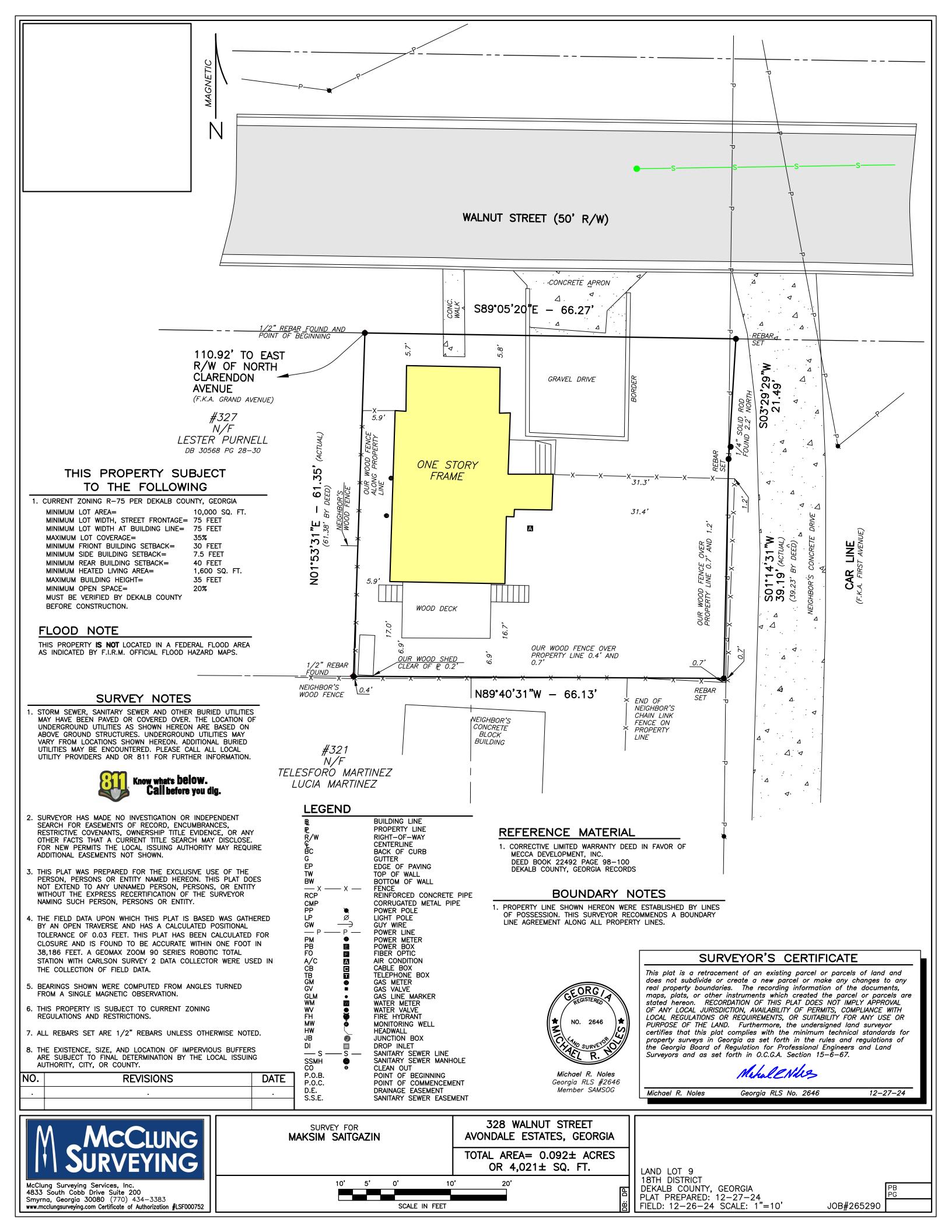
# 5. Alignment with the Spirit of the Law

I believe my request is in alignment with the spirit of the law as outlined in the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed porch enclosure supports the goals of maintaining traditional suburban land use patterns while fostering increased connectivity and accessibility. Additionally, the project will preserve and enhance the existing greenspace, contributing to the overall quality of the neighborhood.

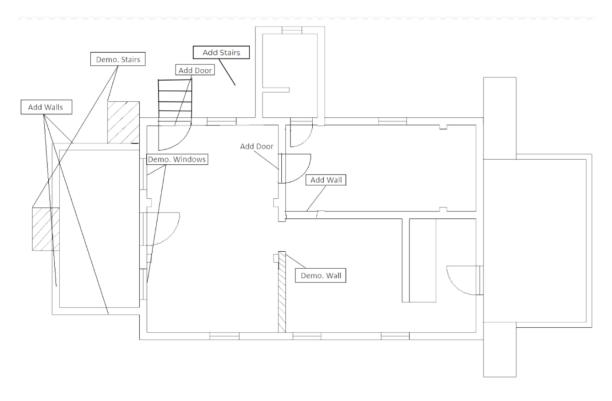
In conclusion, I appreciate your time and consideration of my variance request. I am committed to working collaboratively with the Zoning Board to ensure that this project aligns with the broader goals and policies of DeKalb County.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Maksim Saitgazin



# A 1.4 Proposed Plan: Scale 1" = 6.25'



#### **Purnell Lester**

327 N Clarendon Ave, Scottdale, GA 30079 Scottdale, GA 30079

12/20/2024

# **Zoning Board or Planning Commission**

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

I, Purnell Lester, owner of the property located at 327 N Clarendon Ave, Scottdale, GA 30079, am writing to express my support for the variance request submitted by my neighbor, Maksim Saitgazin, for the property at 328 Walnut St, Scottdale, GA 30079.

I understand that the request involves enclosing the porch, and after discussing the matter with Mr. Saitgazin, I have no objections to the proposed change. I believe that this request will not have a negative impact on my property or the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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