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Board of Adjustment

Case Number: BOA-23505

Hearing Date: 03/28/2023 1:00 PM

Case Report Prepared by:

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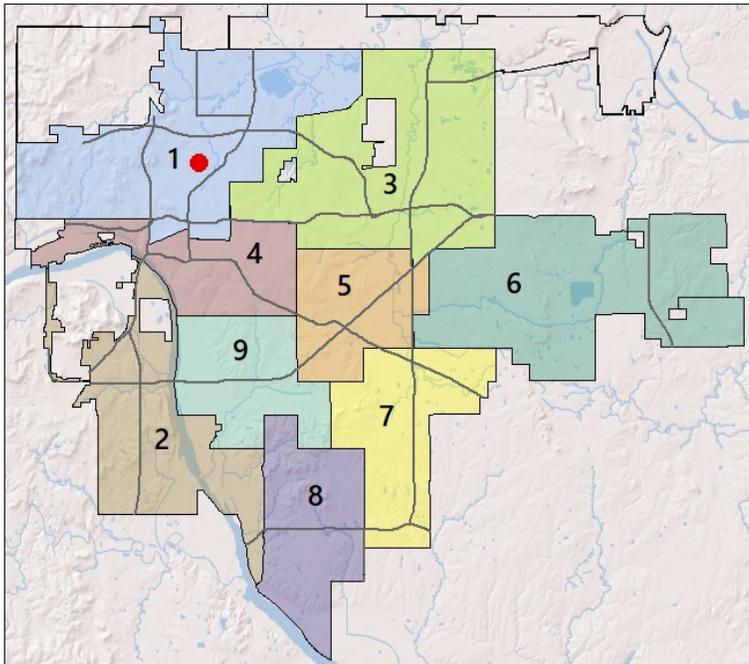
Owner and Applicant Information:

Applicant: Felisha Mims

**Property Owner: MIMS, FELISHA
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Action Requested: Special exception to allow on accessory dwelling unit in an RS-3 district. (Sec. 45.031-D) Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to exceed 500 square feet and 40% of the floor area of the principal residential structure (Section 45.030-A, 45.031-D.6)

Location Map:



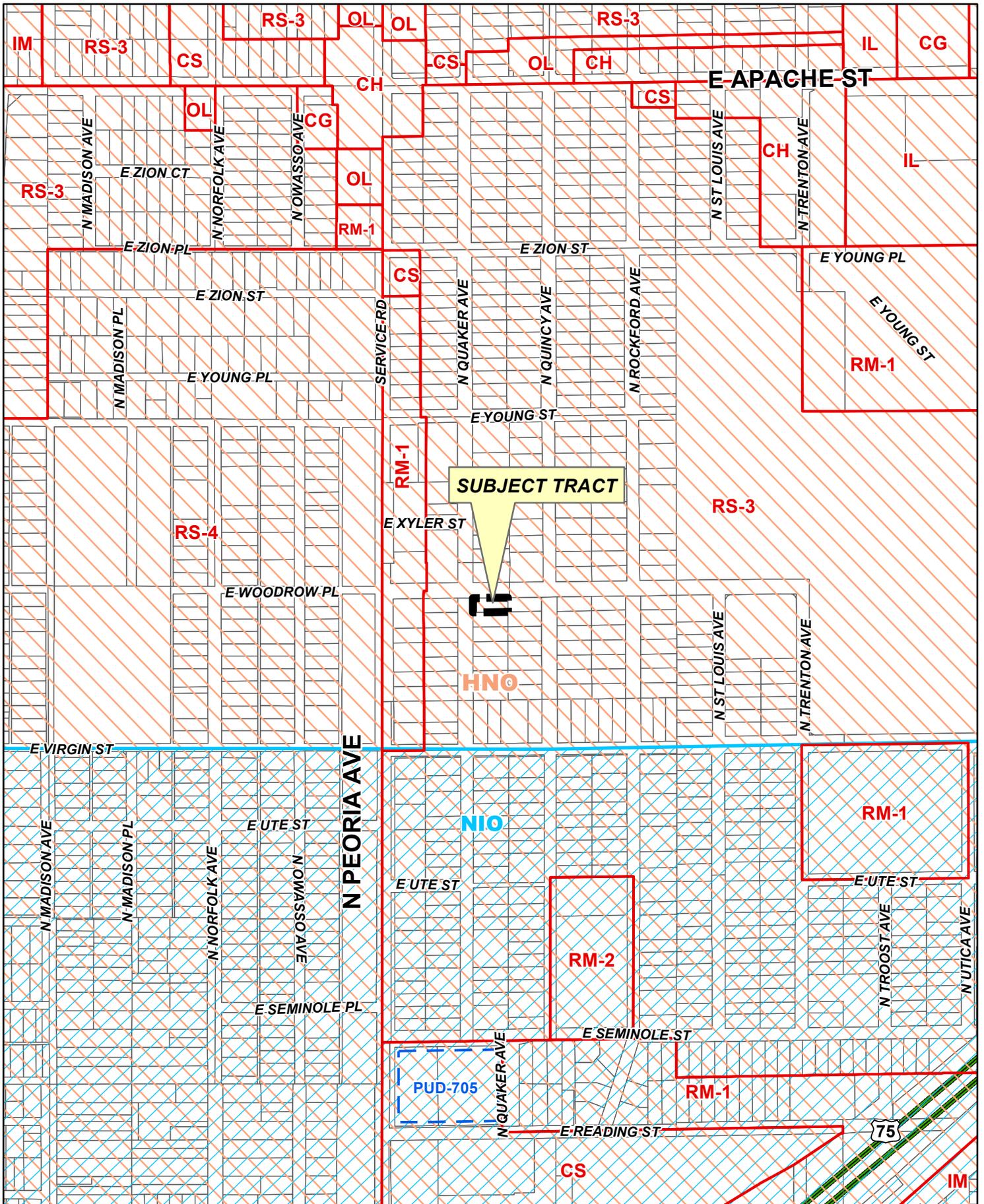
Additional Information:

Present Use: Residential

Tract Size: 0.19 acres

Location: 2145 N. Quaker Ave.

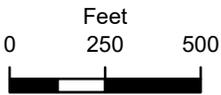
Present Zoning: RS-3

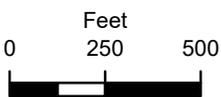


SUBJECT TRACT

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 Subject Tract

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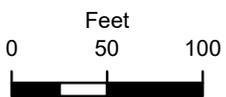


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LOCATION: 2145 N. Quaker Ave.

ZONED: RS-3

PRESENT USE: Residential

TRACT SIZE: 8232.87 SQ FT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LT 1 BLK 3, WOODROW PARK ADDN CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RELEVANT PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Tulsa Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject property as part of an “Existing Neighborhood” and an “Area of Growth”.

An **Existing Neighborhood** is intended to preserve and enhance Tulsa’s existing single-family neighborhoods. Development activities in these areas should be limited to the rehabilitation, improvement or replacement of existing homes, and small-scale infill projects, as permitted through clear and objective setback, height, and other development standards of the zoning code.

The purpose of **Areas of Growth** is to direct the allocation of resources and channel growth to where it will be beneficial and can best improve access to jobs, housing, and services with fewer and shorter auto trips. Areas of Growth are parts of the city where general agreement exists that development or redevelopment is beneficial. As steps are taken to plan for, and, in some cases, develop or redevelop these areas, ensuring that existing residents will not be displaced is a high priority. A major goal is to increase economic activity in the area to benefit existing residents and businesses, and where necessary, provide the stimulus to redevelop.

STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP: None provided.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The applicant is requesting Special exception to allow on accessory dwelling unit in an RS-3 district. (Sec. 45.031-D) Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to exceed 500 square feet and 40% of the floor area of the principal residential structure (Section 45.030-A, 45.031-D.6)

A Copy of Section 45.030 and 45.031 is included in your packet. As a note to the Board the property is currently licensed as a Short-term rental, a copy of Sec. 40.375 (Supplemental regulations for Short-term rentals) is also included in your packet.

Facts staff finds favorable for variance request:

- None.

Facts Staff find unfavorable for the variance request:

- Property is currently allowed 500 square feet for accessory buildings and is seeking allowance for an additional 500 square feet. Under the current request the aggregate floor area of the accessory building would exceed that of the principal residence.

SAMPLE MOTION:

Move to _____ (approve/deny) a Special exception to allow on accessory dwelling unit in an RS-3 district. (Sec. 45.031-D)

- Per the Conceptual Plan(s) shown on page(s) _____ of the agenda packet.
- Subject to the following conditions (including time limitation, if any):
_____.

The Board finds that the requested Special Exception will be in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Code and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

Move to _____ (approve/deny) a Variance to allow the floor area of detached accessory buildings to exceed 500 square feet and 40% of the floor area of the principal residential structure (Section 45.030-A, 45.031-D.6)_____.

- Finding the hardship(s) to be_____.
- Per the Conceptual Plan(s) shown on page(s) _____ of the agenda packet.
- Subject to the following conditions _____.

In granting the **Variance** the Board finds that the following facts, favorable to the property owner, have been established:

- a. That the physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the subject property would result in unnecessary hardships or practical difficulties for the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out;*
- b. That literal enforcement of the subject zoning code provision is not necessary to achieve the provision's intended purpose;*
- c. That the conditions leading to the need of the requested variance are unique to the subject property and not applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification;*
- d. That the alleged practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship was not created or self-imposed by the current property owner;*
- e. That the variance to be granted is the minimum variance that will afford relief;*
- f. That the variance to be granted will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair use or development of adjacent property; and*
- g. That the variance to be granted will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of this zoning code or the comprehensive plan."*



Subject property taken from E. Woodrow Pl.



Subject property taken from N. Quaker Ave.

supporting structure (excluding any guy lines) to the nearest point on the residential zoning district boundary line, excluding R-zoned freeways.

Section 45.030 Accessory Buildings and Carports in R Districts

45.030-A Accessory Building Size

1. RE and RS-1 Districts

In RE and RS-1 districts, the total aggregate floor area of all detached accessory buildings, including accessory dwelling units, and accessory buildings not erected as an integral part of the principal residential building may not exceed 750 square feet or 40% of the floor area of the principal residential structure, whichever is greater. [1]

2. RS-2, RS-3, RS-4, RS-5 and RM Districts

In RS-2, RS-3, RS-4, RS-5 or RM, zoned lots used for detached houses or duplexes, the total aggregate floor area of all detached accessory buildings, including accessory dwelling units, and accessory buildings not erected as an integral part of the principal residential building may not exceed 500 square feet or 40% of the floor area of the principal residential structure, whichever is greater. [1]

[1] For detached accessory buildings, including accessory dwelling units, located within rear setbacks see [90.090-C](#).

45.030-B Carports

Carports are allowed in R zoning districts. Any carport that occupies all or a portion of the street setback or street yard area must be approved in accordance with the special exception procedures of [Section 70.120](#) and comply with the regulations of [90.090-C1](#).

Section 45.031 ADU, Accessory Dwelling Units in R, AG, and AG-R Districts

Section 45.031-A Definition

A dwelling unit that is located in an accessory building on the same lot as a detached house to which it is accessory and subordinate.

Examples of ADUs include carriage houses, garage apartments, and mother-in-law flats.

Section 45.031-B Purpose

1. The purpose of allowing accessory dwelling units within R, AG, and AG-R districts is to:
 - a. accommodate new housing units while preserving the character of existing neighborhoods;
 - b. allow efficient use of the city's existing housing stock and infrastructure;
 - c. provide housing options and choices that respond to varying income levels, changing household sizes and lifestyle needs; and

- d. provide a means for residents—particularly seniors, single parents, and empty-nesters—to remain in their homes and neighborhoods, and obtain extra income, security, companionship and assistance.
2. The ADU supplemental regulations are also intended to help ensure that that new buildings and modifications to existing buildings are designed with sensitivity to their context in terms of building placement, proportions, building materials, and similar design features.

Section 45.031-C Applicability

These regulations apply to all accessory dwelling units, as defined by Section 45.031-A.

Section 45.031-D Regulations

1. Where Allowed

Accessory dwelling units are allowed by special exception in RE, RS, AG, and AG-R districts on lots occupied by a detached house. Accessory dwelling units are allowed by right in RD, RT, RM and RMH districts on lots occupied by a detached house.

2. Number

No more than one accessory dwelling unit is allowed per lot.

3. Methods of Creation

An accessory dwelling unit may be created only through the following methods:

- a. Constructing an accessory dwelling unit on a lot with a new or existing detached house; or
- b. Converting or increasing existing floor area within an accessory building on a lot with an existing detached house.

4. Density (Minimum Lot Area and Lot Area per Unit)

No additional lot area or lot area per unit is required for the accessory dwelling unit.

5. Open space (Minimum open space per unit)

No additional open space is required for the accessory dwelling unit.

6. Accessory Dwelling Unit Size

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[1] For detached accessory buildings, including accessory dwelling units, located within rear setbacks, see §90.090-C2.

7. Building and Fire Codes

All accessory dwelling units are subject to applicable building and fire codes.

8. Additional Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units

a. Entrances

Building entrances to accessory dwelling units may not face the nearest side or rear property line unless there is an alley abutting that property line.

b. Setbacks

An accessory dwelling unit must be located at least 10 feet behind the detached house. This required 10-foot separation distance must be open from the ground to the sky except that it may include walkways, patios, decks and similar structures that do not exceed 30 inches in height above finished grade.

c. Exterior Finish Materials

The exterior finish material of any new accessory dwelling unit must be the same or visually match in type, size and placement, the exterior finish material of the detached house.

d. Roof Pitch

The roof pitch any new accessory dwelling unit must be the same as the predominant roof pitch of the principal building.

Section 45.040 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Refueling Appliances

Private (restricted access), consumer-oriented (home), CNG refueling appliances are permitted as an accessory use to lawfully established household living uses in all zoning districts.

Section 45.050 Dumpsters

45.050-A Regulations

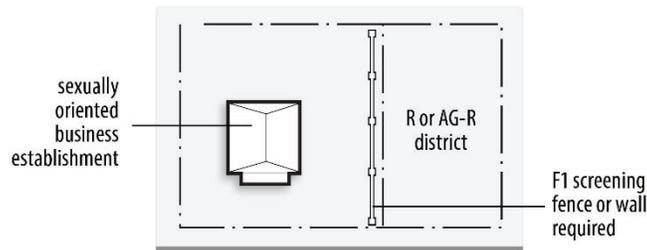
Dumpsters established or placed on or after the effective date specified in [Section 1.030](#) are subject to the following regulations:

1. Dumpsters may only be placed with the written permission of the owner of the subject property.
2. Dumpsters must be located on a dustless, all-weather surface.
3. Dumpsters may not:
 - a. Obstruct motorized or non-motorized traffic;
 - b. Reduce any sidewalk or walkway designed for the passage of pedestrians to less than 5 feet in width;

portion of the building occupied by a sexually oriented business establishment to the nearest point on the property occupied by the use that cares for or is typically frequented by persons under 18 years of age.

- 40.370-B The separation distance requirements of this section apply to new sexually oriented business establishments, the relocation of sexually oriented business establishments, the enlargement of sexually oriented business establishments in scope or area or the conversion of an existing business location to any sexually oriented business establishment.
- 40.370-C If a new religious assembly use, school, park or protected group living use or public, civic or institutional use is established within 1,000 feet of an existing lawful sexually oriented business establishment, the distance separation requirements from religious assembly uses, schools, parks or protected group living uses or public, civic or institutional uses do not apply.
- 40.370-D When a sexually oriented business establishment is located on a lot abutting an R- or AG-R- zoned lot, a screening wall or fence must be provided along the common lot line in accordance with the F1 screening fence or wall standards of [§65.070-C](#).

Figure 40-13: Screening of Sexually Oriented Business Establishments



Section 40.375 **Short-Term Rental**

The supplemental use regulations of this section apply to all principal use short-term rentals.

- 40.375-A A short-term rental must comply with all licensing requirements of the City of Tulsa and an approved license number must be included with any material advertising the short-term rental.
- 40.375-B Events are not permitted in conjunction with a short-term rental use. Examples of events include, but are not limited to, weddings, receptions, anniversaries, private parties, banquets, and business seminars.
- 40.375-C A register of short-term rental guests must be maintained and made available to city code enforcement upon request.
- 40.375-D External structural alterations or site improvements that change the residential character of the lot upon which a short-term rental is located are prohibited. Examples of such prohibited alterations include, but are not

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ZONING CLEARANCE PLAN REVIEW

Felisha Mims
felishamims@yahoo.com

9/1/2021

APPLICATION NO: ZCO 86699 (PLEASE REFERENCE THIS NUMBER WHEN CONTACTING OUR OFFICE)
Project Location: 2145 N Quaker Ave E
Description: Accessory Dwelling Unit

INFORMATION ABOUT SUBMITTING REVISIONS

OUR REVIEW HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING CODE OMISSIONS OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION FORMS, DRAWINGS, AND/OR SPECIFICATIONS. THE DOCUMENTS SHALL BE REVISED TO COMPLY WITH THE REFERENCED CODE SECTIONS.

REVISIONS NEED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A COPY OF THIS DEFICIENCY LETTER
2. A WRITTEN RESPONSE AS TO HOW EACH REVIEW COMMENT HAS BEEN RESOLVED
3. THE COMPLETED REVISED/ADDITIONAL PLANS FORM (SEE ATTACHED)
4. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPROVAL DOCUMENTS, IF RELEVANT

REVISIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE CITY OF TULSA PERMIT CENTER LOCATED AT 175 EAST 2nd STREET, SUITE 450, TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74103, PHONE (918) 596-9601. THE CITY OF TULSA WILL ASSESS A RESUBMITTAL FEE. DO NOT SUBMIT REVISIONS TO THE PLANS EXAMINERS.

SUBMITTALS FAXED / EMAILED TO PLANS EXAMINERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. SUBMIT TWO (2) SETS [4 SETS IF HEALTH DEPARTMENT REVIEW IS REQUIRED] OF REVISED OR ADDITIONAL PLANS. REVISIONS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED WITH CLOUDS AND REVISION MARKS.
2. INFORMATION ABOUT ZONING CODE, INDIAN NATION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (INCOG), BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (BOA), AND TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (TMAPC) IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.INCOG.ORG OR AT INCOG OFFICES AT 2 W. 2nd ST., 8th FLOOR, TULSA, OK, 74103, PHONE (918) 584-7526.
3. A COPY OF A "RECORD SEARCH" [] IS [] IS NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER. PLEASE PRESENT THE "RECORD SEARCH" ALONG WITH THIS LETTER TO INCOG STAFF AT TIME OF APPLYING FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ACTION AT INCOG. UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, INCOG STAFF WILL PROVIDE THE APPROVAL DOCUMENTS TO YOU FOR IMMEDIATE SUBMITTAL TO OUR OFFICE. (See revisions submittal procedure above.).

(continued)

2 W. 2nd St. Suite 800

REVIEW COMMENTS

SECTIONS REFERENCED BELOW ARE FROM THE CITY OF TULSA ZONING CODE TITLE 42 AND CAN BE VIEWED AT <http://tulsaplanning.org/plans/TulsaZoningCode.pdf>

Note: As provided for in Section 70.130 you may request the Board of Adjustment to grant a variance from the terms of the Zoning Code requirements identified in the letter of deficiency below. Please direct all questions concerning variances, special exceptions, appeals of an administrative official decision, Master Plan Developments Districts (MPD), Planned Unit Developments (PUD), Corridor (CO) zoned districts, zoning changes, platting, lot splits, lot combinations, alternative compliance landscape and screening plans and all questions regarding (BOA) or (TMAPC) application forms and fees to an INCOG representative at 584-7526. It is your responsibility to submit to our offices documentation of any appeal decisions by an authorized decision making body affecting the status of your application so we may continue to process your application. INCOG does not act as your legal or responsible agent in submitting documents to the City of Tulsa on your behalf. Staff review comments may sometimes identify compliance methods as provided in the Tulsa Zoning Code. The permit applicant is responsible for exploring all or any options available to address the noncompliance and submit the selected compliance option for review. Staff review makes neither representation nor recommendation as to any optimal method of code solution for the project.

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Review Comments: Apply to INCOG for a special exception to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit in an RS-3 zoned area.

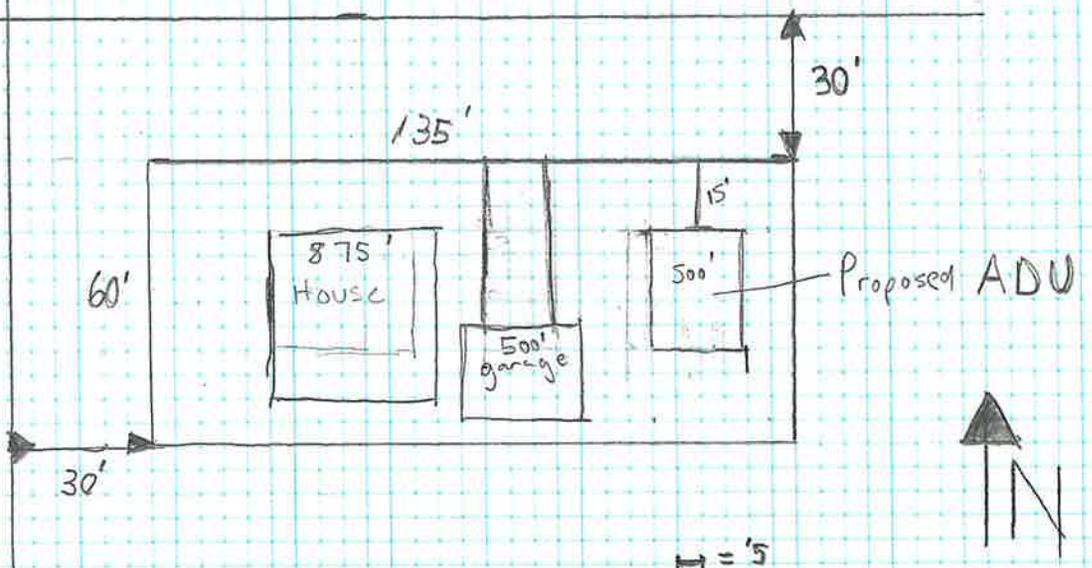
This letter of deficiencies covers Zoning plan review items only. You may receive additional letters from other disciplines such as Building or Water/Sewer/Drainage for items not addressed in this letter. A hard copy of this letter is available upon request by the applicant.

Please Notify Plans Examiner By Email When You Have Submitted A Revision. If you originally submit paper plans, revisions must be submitted as paper plans. If you submit online, revisions must be submitted online

END -ZONING CODE REVIEW

NOTE: THIS CONSTITUTES A PLAN REVIEW TO DATE IN RESPONSE TO THE SUBMITTED INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABOVE REFERENCED APPLICATION. ADDITIONAL ISSUES MAY DEVELOP WHEN THE REVIEW CONTINUES UPON RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS LETTER OR UPON ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL FROM THE APPLICANT.

KEEP OUR OFFICE ADVISED OF ANY ACTION BY THE CITY OF TULSA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OR TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION AFFECTING THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CLEARANCE PERMIT.



2145 N. Quaker