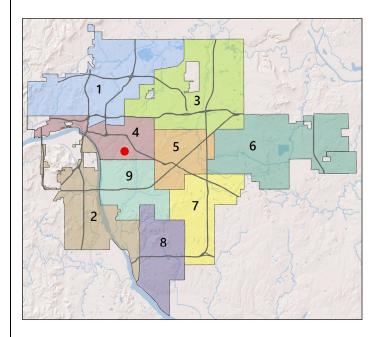


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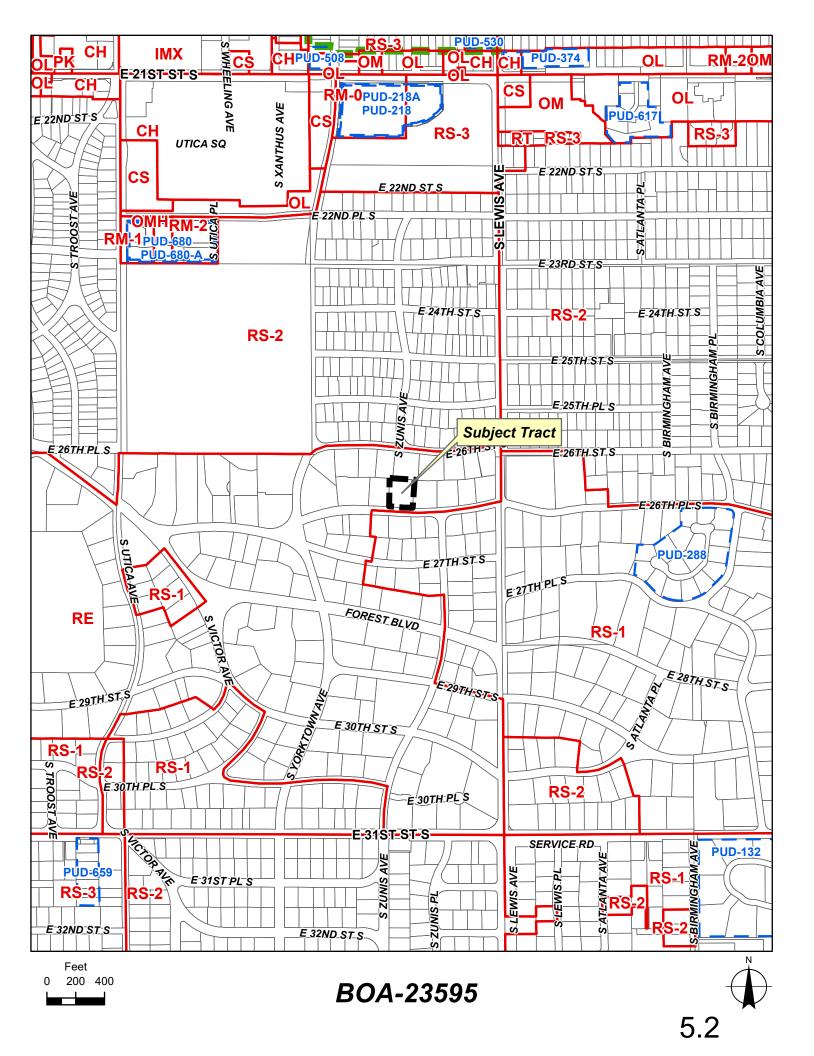
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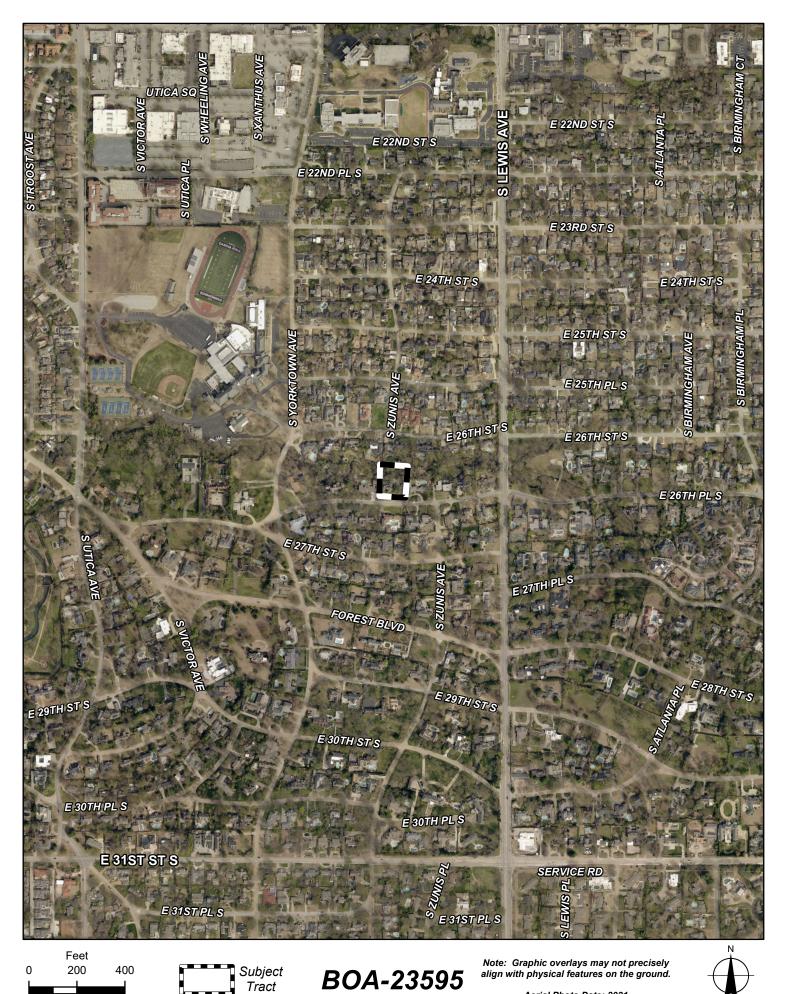
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Tract Size: 0.67 acres

Location: 2157 E. 26th PI. S

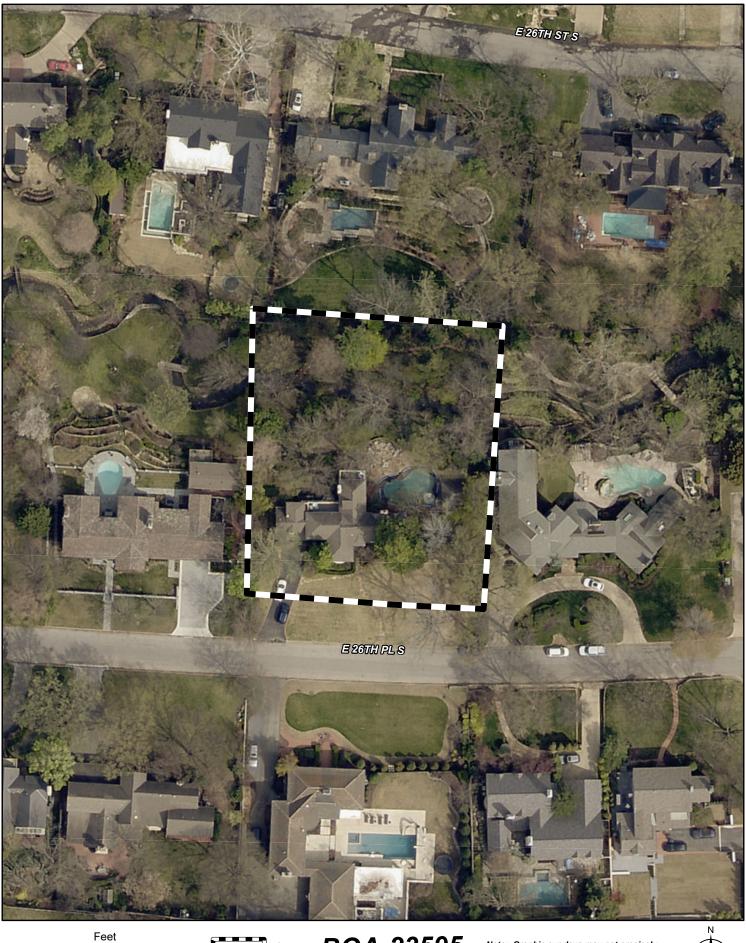
Present Zoning: RE





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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CASE REPORT

STR: 9318 **CD:** 4 Case Number: BOA-23595

HEARING DATE: 11/14/2023 1:00 PM

APPLICANT: Lou Reynolds

<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u>: Variance to permit an accessory building in a side setback in the RE district (Sec. 90.080-C, Table 90-1)

LOCATION: 2157 E. 26th PI. S

ZONED: RE

PRESENT USE: Residential

TRACT SIZE: 29398.76 SQ FT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E 10 OF LT 16 ALL OF LT 17 W 25 OF LT 18BLK 2, FOREST HILLS CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RELEVANT PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None.

<u>RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</u>: The Tulsa Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject property as part of a "Neighborhood."

Neighborhoods are "Mostly Residential Uses" which includes detached, missing middle, and multi-dwelling unit housing types. Churches, schools, and other low-intensity uses that support residents' daily needs are often acceptable, particularly for properties abutting Multiple Use, Local Center, or Regional Center land use areas. Multi-dwelling unit housing that takes access off of an arterial is considered Multiple Use, Local Center, or Regional Center. If a multi-dwelling unit housing property takes access off of a lower-order street separated from the arterial, then it would be considered Neighborhood.

STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP: See attached.

<u>STAFF ANALYSIS</u>: The applicant is requesting a Variance to permit an accessory building in a side setback in the RE district (Sec. 90.080-C, Table 90-1):

Chapter 90 | Measurements Section 90.090 | Setbacks

Table 90-1: Permitted Setback Obstructions in R Zoning Districts

Obstruction	Setback		
	Street	Side	Rear
Accessory buildings (see also <u>§90.090-C2</u>)	No	No	Yes
Air conditioning units	No	Yes	Yes
Arbors and trellises	Yes	Yes	Yes
Awnings, canopies, light shelves and architecturally integrated solar shading devices projecting no more than 2 feet into the setback	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barbeque pits and outdoor fireplaces	No	No	Yes
Bay windows projecting no more than 2 feet into the setback	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carports	Vec [1]	Vec	Vec

Facts staff finds favorable for variance request:

• Crow Creek lies in the rear setback and does present a spacing challenge.

Facts Staff find unfavorable for the variance request:

• None.

SAMPLE MOTION:

Move to ______ (approve/deny) a Variance to permit an accessory building in a side setback in the RE district (Sec. 90.080-C, Table 90-1).

- 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

Exhibit "A"

The East Ten (10) feet of Lot Sixteen (16), all of Lot Seventeen (17), and the West Twenty-five (25) feet of Lot Eighteen (18), Block Two (2), FOREST HILLS, an Addition to the City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

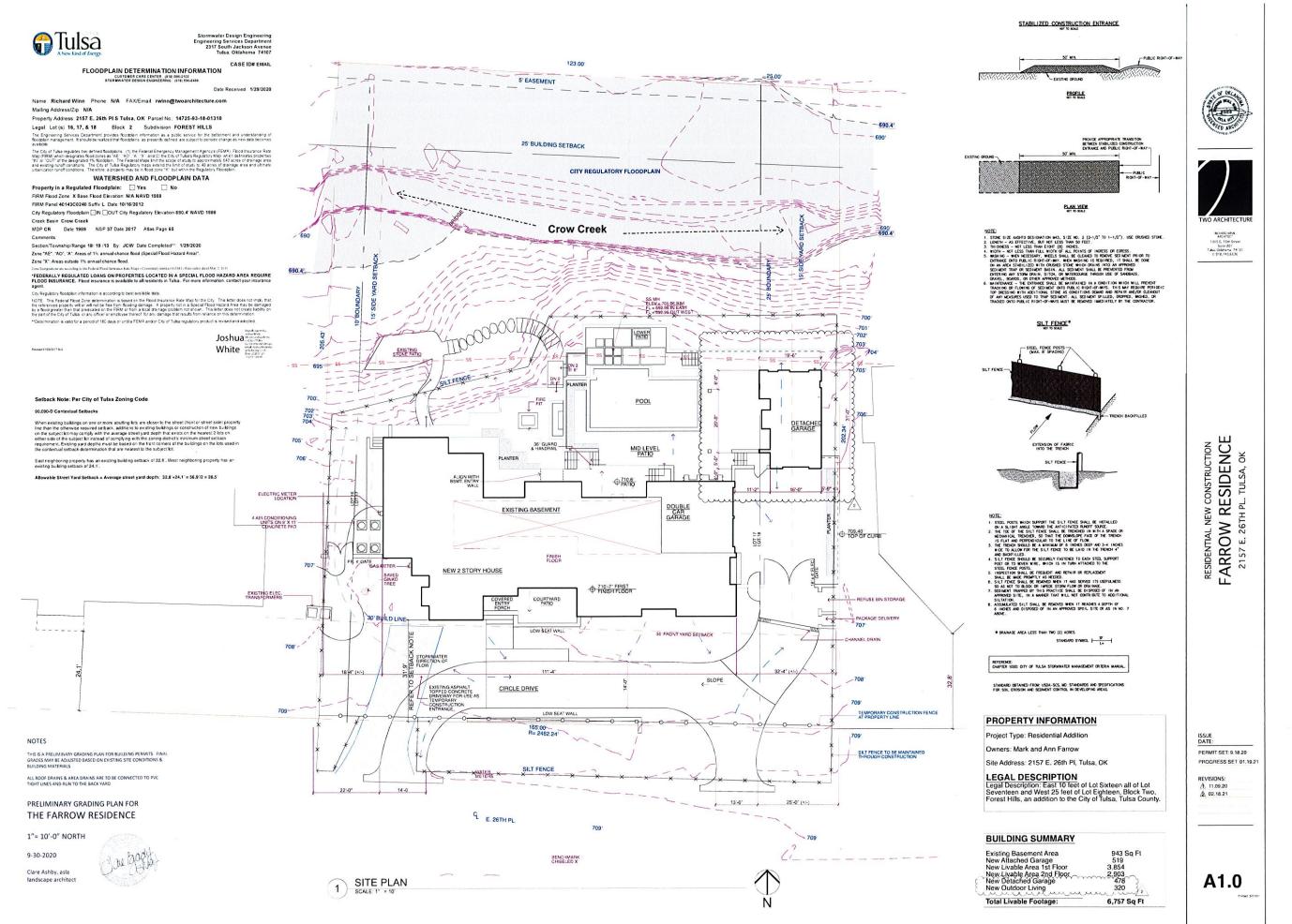
Exhibit "B"

The Applicant requests a Variance of Section 90.080-C, Table 90-1 of the Tulsa Zoning Code (the "<u>Code</u>") to permit an accessory building in a side setback in the RE District for property located at 2157 E. 26th Place (the "<u>Property</u>").

The Property is located just east of Lewis Avenue in the Forest Hills neighborhood. The Property owner desires to construct a detached garage and outdoor living area to the rear of the residence on the east side of the Property, approximately 5'9" from the east Property boundary, as shown on the attached site plan. The lot is approximately 200 feet deep; however, Crow Creek crosses the northern half of the lot, prohibiting any development within the rear half of the Property that is City of Tulsa Regulatory Floodplain.

Importantly, the Code *permits* accessory buildings to be constructed up to three feet (3') from a side property boundary when located in the rear setback. In this case, due to a collective mistake, the rear setback was measured south of Crow Creek in the actual rear yard of the buildable area of the Property, not north of Crow Creek from the north Property boundary. A building permit was issued for the detached garage and outdoor living area and construction commenced. The footing, piers, and plumbing have been constructed, inspected and approved. However, before the slab was poured, the inspector (who previously approved the footing and piers), would not approve the location of the structure after observing that the accessory building, while located in the rear yard of the Property, was not actually located within the rear setback nearly 100 feet to the north.

The location of Crow Creek bisecting the Property is unique and results in unnecessary hardship. As a practical matter, the accessory building is located in the rear setback of the buildable area of the Property. Additionally, because the proposed garage and outdoor living area will be located in a similar location to a previously existing pool house, the Variance will not impair the use of adjacent property or be injurious to the neighborhood.



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