City of Bastrop

Agenda Information Sheet:



Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Date: BOAV16:01

March 9, 2016 Agenda Item #5

Public Notice Description:

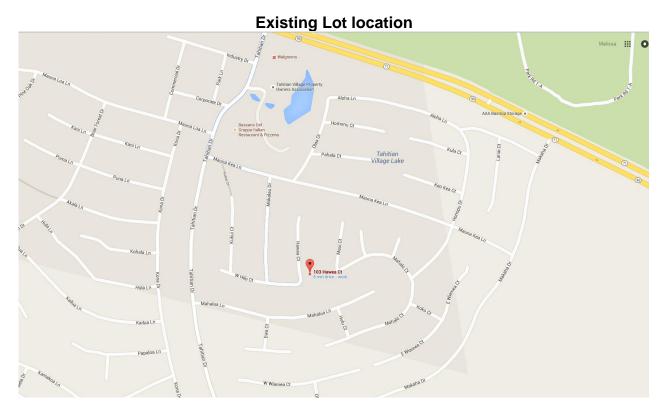
Consideration and possible action on a Variance to Zoning Ordinance, Section 15.4.B.2, to allow a minimum interior side yard setback of 8.4 feet, on the south side of the property, where 10 feet is required. The subject property is located in Tahitian Village, being Lot 1-468, Block 19, Unit 1, known as 103 Hawea Court and zoned SF-9, Single Family Residential-9 in the city limits of Bastrop, Texas.

Applicant: Stefan Emami, Hoss Homes
Owner: Travis and Karen New
Location: 103 Hawea Court

Utilities: WCID water and sewer, and Bluebonnet electric

Zoning: SF-9, Single-Family Residential-9

Land Use Plan: Single Family Residential

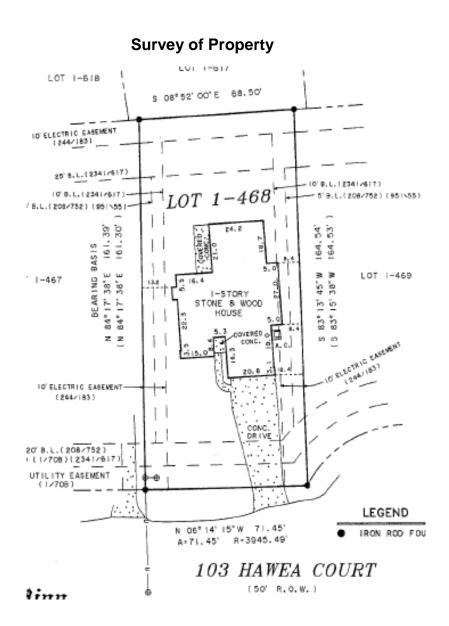


Request:

Variance to Zoning Ordinance, as requested by the homebuilder Hoss Homes, Stefan Emami, for 103 Hawea Court. The Applicant is requesting a variance of 1.6' to allow an interior side yard setback of 8.4' on the south side of the property, where ten feet (10') is required. This property was recently constructed

with a new home by Hoss/Christopher David Homes in 2015. They originally showed a ten foot (10') setback but realized it was over the side setback line when selling the home to the new family.

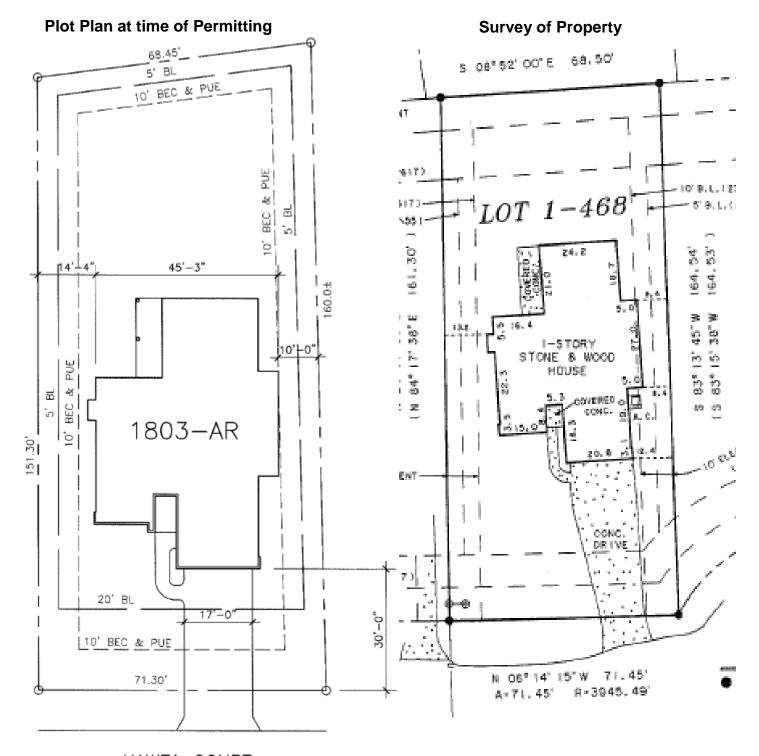
Variance requested is to allow the interior side yard setback of 8.4', on the south side of the property, where ten feet (10') is required.



Background:

The property is commonly known as 103 Hawea Court, within the City of Bastrop and is zoned SF-9, Single Family Residential-9.

The applicant/homebuilder is requesting a variance after the construction of a new single family home. Once complete the builder realized the home was over the side property line and PUE (Public Utility Easement). Bluebonnet Electric has signed a release of the PUE. If the variance is approved, the applicant would not have to modify or tear down the structure they have recently sold to the new family.



HAWEA COURT

Variance Criteria:

The Board of Adjustment may authorize a variance from these regulations when, in its opinion, undue hardship will result from requiring strict compliance. In granting a variance, the Board shall prescribe only those conditions that it deems necessary to or desirable in the public interest. In making the findings hereinafter required, the Board shall take into account the nature of the proposed use of the land involved, existing uses of land in the vicinity, the number of persons who reside or work in the proposed use, and

the probable effect of such variance upon traffic conditions and upon the public health, safety, convenience and welfare in the vicinity.

Criteria for Findings

- A. In order to grant a variance from these zoning regulations, the Board of Adjustment must make written findings that undue hardship exists, using the following criteria:
 - 1. Special circumstances or conditions exist which affect the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the land.

The property was recently constructed with a new single family home and the homebuilder oversite caused a partial encroachment of the home into the side yard. Special circumstances exist where the homebuilder applied forms for a square piece of property where this lot is not directly square. The applicant is requesting a side yard setback of 8.4', where 10' is required, to allow for newly constructed home to remain without modification.

2. The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant.

The home is complete and will not affect surrounding property owners and adjacent property.

3. Granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or Injurious to other property in the area, and the spirit of the ordinance will be observed. Variances may be granted only when in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance.

The applicant also received a release of the electric easement from Bluebonnet electric.

4. Granting of a variance will not have the effect of preventing the orderly use of other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

The newly constructed single family home replaces one that was lost during the 2011 fires and will not affect adjacent property owners.

5. The Applicant's practical difficulties and/or unnecessary hardship arise from unusual conditions or circumstances pertaining only to the Property, which difficulties and/or hardship are not shared generally by other parcels in the neighborhood of the Property.

The applicant/builder will change practices in the future to eliminate the oversite that necessitated the variance for the side yard setback.

- B. A variance is to be denied if conditions or circumstances relied on for a variance were created by a person having an interest in the property.
- C. Financial hardship to the applicant, standing alone, shall not be deemed to constitute a hardship.
- D. The applicant bears the burden of proof in establishing the facts justifying a variance.

Comments: Fourteen (14) adjacent property owner notifications were mailed 2/17/2016. As of this date no comments have been received, in support or opposed to the variance request; one notice was returned undeliverable.

Basis of Support:

Staff recommends approval of the Variance to Section 15.4.B.2, to allow a minimum interior side yard setback of 8.4 feet, on the south side of the property, where 10 feet is required. The subject property is located in Tahitian Village, being Lot 1-468, Block 19, Unit 1, known as 103 Hawea Court and zoned SF-9, single family residential in the city limits of Bastrop, in accordance with granting the variance Findings of Fact.

Recommended Action:

Staff has recommended approval and provided factual comments above in relation to the variance criteria for the Board's consideration. The applicant has also provided a letter and documentation supporting their request. Additional comments may be provided at the meeting based upon additional testimony that may be provided during the hearing.

Adopt findings in the form that renders the Board's position to "grant" or "deny" the request.

City Contact:

Melissa M. McCollum, AICP, LEED AP, Director Planning and Development Department

Attachments:

Letter from property owner, survey, location map, copy of Bluebonnet release of Electric Easement and findings of fact.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION & CHECKLIST — CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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Current Zo	oning: Residential SF-9	1/15/1	16
INSTRUCT	TIONS:	(Submitta	al Date)
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	from the City of Bastrop.	ebsite (<u>www.cityofbastrop.org)</u> . City ordinances of	can be
		SUBMITTAL PACKAGE:	
be accept		the Planning Department in order for the applica	ition to
1.	Completed and signed application/checklist w	ith owner's signature.	
2.	Copy of deed showing current ownership and	receipt showing all taxes have been paid	
3.	Letter to Board of Adjustment signed by owner regarding hardship caused by code requirement	er in which written appeal states all facts and circums ent and need for request.	stances
4.		feet of subject property as identified on the latest ap one set of mailing labels (Avery 5160 or similar).	proved
5.	3 prints of a Site Plan (see details below), fo	ded to 8 ½ X 11	
6.	Application fee - Filing and processing fees a	re as follows:	
	Single family or less intensive use	\$300/parcel plus \$3.00/acre	
	Multi-family use	\$300/parcel plus \$3.00/acre	
	Commercial or Industrial use	\$300/parcel plus \$3.00/acre	
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Name of S	Subdivision: Tahitian Village	103 Fux Pot & Block: 1 - 468	
Number of	Acres: Survey: Mike	McMinn Abstract:	
Location o	f property (using directional indicators e.g. north	h, south, east, west when possible):	
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Site Plan	<u>Requirements</u>		
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Scale (i.e. 1" = 20')

<u>/</u>	North arrow
<u> </u>	Name/address of property owner(s)
	Address and legal description of subject property
*/ /	Name and title of preparer
	Legal description and names of adjacent property owners
<u> </u>	Property lines with dimensions
	Easements
	Setback lines
	Existing and proposed buildings and other improvements with setbacks and heights
	Use of existing and proposed buildings
/ — /	Approximate location of existing buildings within 100 feet of subject property
	Location of existing and proposed: Drainage Utilities Streets/alleys with names Landscaping and/or screening devices Off-street parking and loading facilities Ingress/egress to subject property Type, location and dimensions of all signs Existing and proposed lighting
Other o	data, documentation and/or justification for the requested variance hereby submitted:
	103 dawa Ct

Variances

In order to grant a variance request, the Board of Adjustment must determine an undue hardship exists, using the following criteria:

- 1. Special circumstances or conditions exist which affect the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land.
- The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the application.
- 3. Granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to other property in the area, and the spirit of the ordinance will be observed. Variances may be granted only when in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance.
- 4. Granting of a variance will not have the effect of preventing the orderly use of other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- 5. Granting of a variance must be predicated on a finding that the applicant's practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship arise from unusual conditions or circumstances, such as exceptional irregularity of the land involved, which are not shared generally by other parcels in the neighborhood or district.

- B. A variance is to be denied if conditions or circumstances relied on for a variance were created by a person having an interest in the property.
- C. Financial hardship to the applicant, standing alone, shall not be deemed to constitute a hardship.
- D. The applicant bears the burden of proof in establishing the facts justifying a variance.

<u>Please Note</u> : The signature of owner aut this application is being submitted. The signaturements of this checklist and all items agent is the official contact person for and communication will be conducted the agent.	gnature also ind on this checklis this project an	icates that the applicant t have been addressed d the single point of c	or his agent has reviewed the and complied with. Note: The contact. All correspondence			
I hereby certify that I am the legal owner of the above described property and that I (Check One below): will represent my application before the Planning Department and Board of Adjustment.						
hereby authorize the person nam the Planning Department and Bo	ed below to ac	t as my agent in proce				
Stefan Emami		2K-	1/15/16			
Owner's Name (printed)		Owner's Signature	Date			
Owner's Address	Bastrop	Texas	78602			
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MATERIAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERT						
Agent's Name (printed)		Agent's Signature	Date			
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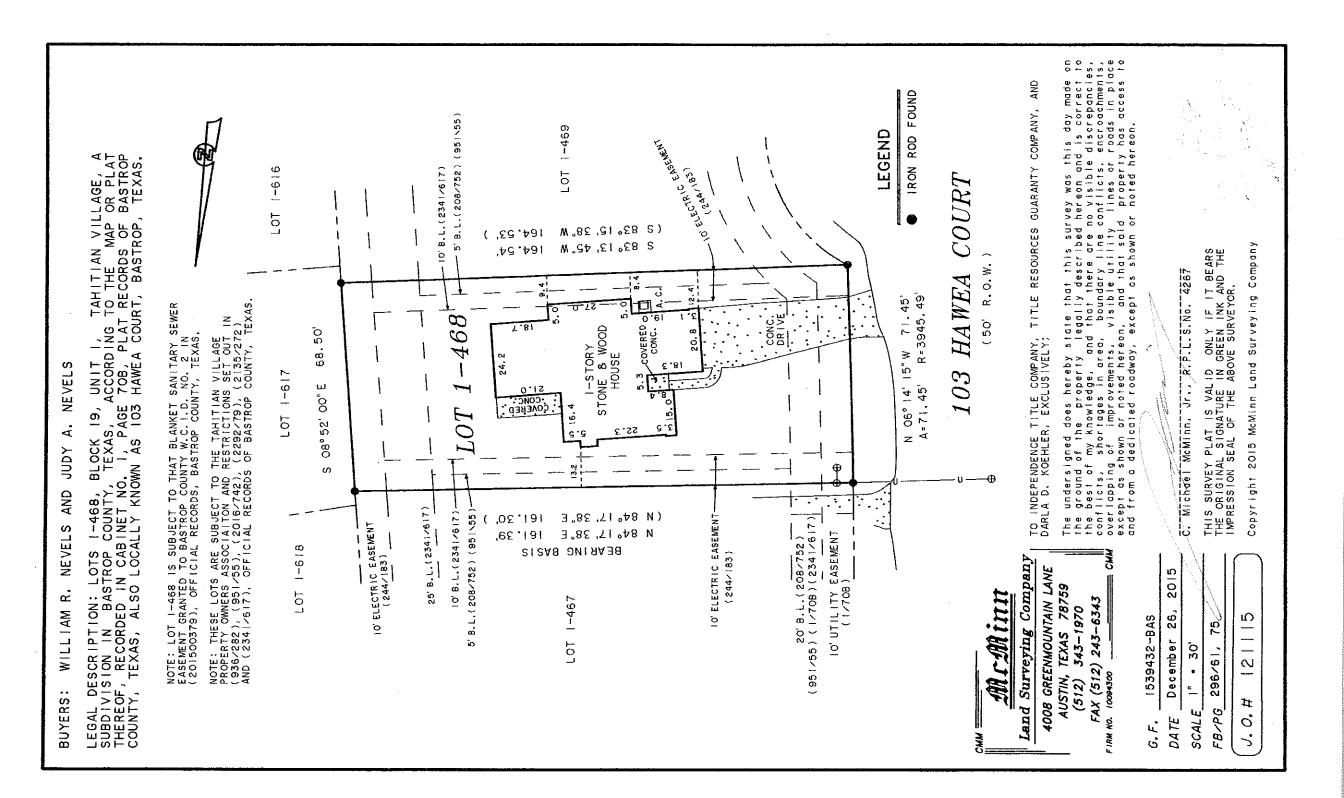
Dear Members of the Board of Adjustment,

My name is Stefan Emami and I am a builder in here in Bastrop. I am writing this because there was an oversight in calculation for easement/variance on the south side of my property at 103 Hawea Court(between Unit 1, Block 19, Lot 468 and Unit 1, Lot 19, Lot 469). I am at 8.4 feet from the building line, rather than the required 10 feet, which means I am 1.6 feet into the easement/building line. The lots in this area are very small in width, 71.45 feet in the front, and 68.5 feet in the back, and a house with the width of 47.25 feet was chosen. With the 10 foot requirement, it only leaves room for a foot or less on either side. For future homes, I will choose more carefully which plans I use for any given lot. I feel terrible about this, and I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused by this oversight, and it is a mistake that will not be repeated. I want to continue building homes in the city, and this is a definite lesson that has been learned. The house is completed and is under contract, but the contract is on hold until the issue is resolved.

The hardship that would result from not receiving a variance, will be that the house will not be sellable due to the fact that any future owner which tries to sell down the road, will look at the issue and not want to purchase in the first place. I do not believe this should change the spirit of the neighborhood, nor infringe on the adjacent property owners' rights, because even though the encroachment is within the 10 foot building line, it is also located within the utility easement. I have spoken with Bluebonnet Electric and they have issued an easement release which I will include with this application. I would greatly appreciate a variance on this property so that I may close the deal and help the customers move into their new home. Thank you for your consideration and time.

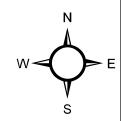
Stefan Emami

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103 Hawea Court Property Location Map





PARTIAL RELEASE OF EASEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BASTROP

That for a good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., has abandoned, released, and discharged, and by these presents does hereby abandon, release, and discharge those certain ten foot (10) easement located on the South property line, as shaded on drawing, (drawing attached and made a part hereof), of the herein described property granted to said Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., by Tahittan Village, a subdivision as recorded in an instrument dated July 1, 1976, recorded in Volume 244, Page 183, Deed records of Bastrop County, Texas, insofar as it covers the following described property, to-wit:

Unit 1, Block 19, Lot 1-468, Tahitian Village, a subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Cabinet No. 1, Page 70B – 74A, Plat Records of Bastrop County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made for all purposes. But, it is expressly agreed and understood this is a specific release of the described easement parts and that the same shall in no wise release, affect, or impair the remaining parts of the easement and that the same shall in no wise release, affect or impair additional existing easements on said property.

EXECUTED on this the 6th day of January, 2016

BLUEBONNET ELEÇTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Chovanec Chad (Ε.

Easement Specialist Ś

STATE OF TEXAS

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of <u>January.</u> Cooperative, 6th day This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 6th day 2016, by Chad Chovanec, its: Easement Specialist of Bluebonnet Electric

Inc., a Texas corporation.

Shawn C. Ely

SHAWN C. ELY
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
Y Comm. Expires 02-25-2018

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Notary Public - State of Texas

ACTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

GRANTING VARIANCE

WHEREAS, Stefan Emami, ("Applicant") of Bastrop, Texas, are the builders of the home located of the property legally described as being Lot 1-468, Block 19, Unit 1, Tahitian Village, commonly known as 103 Hawea Court; Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, said Property is located in an area zoned under the City's Zoning Ordinance as SF-9, Single Family Residential-9; and

WHEREAS, Applicant has applied for a variance to the City of Bastrop Zoning Ordinance, for the Property within the SF-9, Single Family Residential-9 Zoning District, in accordance with Section 9.8; and

WHEREAS, Applicant desires a variance be granted to authorize side yard setback of 8.4 feet, on the south side of the property, where ten feet (10') is required; and

WHEREAS, Applicant has filed a proper request for such variance; and

WHEREAS, Applicant alleges that strict compliance with the City's Zoning Ordinance would result in undue hardship to Applicant, pursuant to Section 9.6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, public notice has been given and a public hearing was held on March 9, 2016 before the Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment, with at least the statutory required 75% of members being present.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BASTROP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FINDS THAT:

 The circumstances required for granting approval of the above described variance, as set out in Section 9.6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, <u>do</u> exist on the property legally described as being Lot 1-468, Block 19, Unit 1, Tahitian Village, commonly known as 103 Hawea Court; Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas ("Property"):

	CR	ITERIA for Findings
		Special circumstances or conditions exist which affect the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the land;
x		The property was recently constructed with a new single family home and the homebuilder oversite caused a partial encroachment of the home into the side yard. Special circumstances exist where the homebuilder applied forms for a square piece of property where this lot is not directly square. The applicant is requesting a variance of 1.6' to allow an interior side yard setback of 8.4' where 10' is required, to allow for newly constructed home to remain without modification.
	2.	The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant;
Х		The home is complete and will not affect surrounding property owners and adjacent property.
Х	3.	Granting the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to other property in the area, and the spirit of the ordinance will be observed. [Variances may be granted only when in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance];
		The applicant also received a release of the electric easement from Bluebonnet electric.
	4.	Granting of the variance will not have the effect of preventing the orderly use of other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance;
Х		The newly constructed single family home replaces one that was lost during the 2011 fires and will not affect adjacent property owners.
	5.	The applicant's practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship arise from unusual conditions or circumstances, which are not shared generally by other parcels in the neighborhood or district; and
X		The applicant/builder will change practices in the future to eliminate the oversite that necessitated the variance for the side yard setback.
х	6.	The conditions or circumstances relied on for the variance were NOT created by a person having an interest in the property.
Х	7.	Financial hardship to the applicant, standing alone, has NOT been claimed.

2	Therefore, the request to grant the varial side of the property, as noted herein, IS conditions, if any:	
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3	This matter was heard by at least 75% of follows:	the members of the Board who voted as
	A. Dan Hays-ClarkB. Blas CoyC. Matthew LassenD. Michael GibbonsE. Herb Goldsmith	
4	4. The action of the Bastrop Zoning Board of a variance to the City's Zoning Ordinance four (4) members of the Board, in full com Section 211.009(c)(3).	e, was approved by a minimum of at least
Ę	5. As required by the Local Government C proceeding shall be kept on file in the Bo	
	NOW THEREFORE, the above request for March 9, 2016 by the Bastrop Zoning Box	•
		By: Presiding Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY OF VARIANCE FROM CITY OF BASTROP ZONING REQUIREMENTS

"Action of the City of Bastrop Zoning Boa	of Bastrop, hereby certify that the attached rd of Adjustment Granting Variance" is a true n the Board of Adjustment Office, and I further
certify that such document accurately refle	cts the action granting a variance taken by the
Board on, 20	
	Ann Franklin Interim City Secretary
	City of Bastrop
Subscribed and sword to before me on this certify which witness my hand and official s	s the day of, 20 to seal.
	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
	My Commission Expires:, 20

ACTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

DENYING VARIANCE

WHEREAS, Stefan Emami, ("Applicant") of Bastrop, Texas, are the builders of the home located of the property legally described as being Lot 1-468, Block 19, Unit 1, Tahitian Village, commonly known as 103 Hawea Court; Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas ("Property"); and

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WHEREAS, Applicant has filed a proper request for such variance; and

WHEREAS, Applicant alleges that strict compliance with the City's Zoning Ordinance would result in undue hardship to Applicant, pursuant to Section 9.6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance: and

WHEREAS, public notice has been given and a public hearing was held on March 9, 2016 before the Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment, with at least the statutory required 75% of members being present.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BASTROP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FINDS THAT:

 The circumstances required for granting approval of the above described variance, as set out in Section 9.6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, <u>do not</u> exist on the property legally described as being Lot 1-468, Block 19, Unit 1, Tahitian Village, commonly known as 103 Hawea Court; Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas ("Property"):

CRI	TERIA for Findings	
1.	There are no special circumstances or conditions that exist which affect the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinal would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the land;	
2.	The variance is not necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant;	
3.	Granting the variance would be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to other property in the area, and the spirit of the ordina will be observed. Variances may be granted only when in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance;	
4.	Granting of the variance would have the effect of preventing the orderly use other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance;	e of
5.	The applicant's practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship do not arise frunusual conditions or circumstances, which are not shared generally by oth parcels in the neighborhood or district;	
6.	The conditions or circumstances relied on for the variance was created by a person having an interest in the property.	a
7.	Financial hardship to the applicant, standing alone, has been claimed.	

۷.	of the property, as noted herein, IS HEREBY DENIED.
3.	This matter was heard by at least 75% of the members of the Board who voted as follows:
	A. Dan Hays-Clark B. Blas Coy C. Matthew Lassen D. Michael Gibbons E. Herb Goldsmith
4.	The action of the Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment, concerning this request for a variance to the City's Zoning Ordinance, was not approved by a minimum of at least four (4) members of the Board, in full compliance with the Local Government Code, Section 211.009(c)(3).
5.	As required by the Local Government Code, Section 211.008(f), minutes of this proceeding shall be kept on file in the Board's office, and are public records.
	DW THEREFORE, the above request for a variance was heard and denied on March 2016 by the Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment.
	By: Presiding Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY OF VARIANCE FROM CITY OF BASTROP ZONING REQUIREMENTS

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certify that such document accurately	y reflects the action denying a varianc	e taken by the
Board on, 20	_•	
	Ann Franklin	
	City Secretary	
	City of Bastrop	
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certify which witness my hand and of		
	Notary Public in and for the St	ate of Texas
	My Commission Expires:	, 20