



Los Alamos County
Community Development Department
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Hearing Date: September 11, 2019
Subject: Case No. WVR-2019-0083
Owners/Applicants: Jim Hall, Owners/Steve Shaw, Applicant
Case Manager: Anita Barela, Associate Planner

Case No. WVR-2019-0083: 2.5-foot side yard Waiver of Lot 212C and Lot 212B of a required 7.5-foot setback on each side.

The petitioner is requesting a 2.5-foot side yard setback waiver from the required 7.5-foot side yard between lots 212C and 212B on property located at 4134 Alabama Avenue. The subject property is zoned R-3-L-NC (Multiple family residential low density, North Community district). The subject property previously contained a 4-unit condominium. This structure was destroyed during the Cerro Grande fire in May 2000.

Board Action Options

Motion Option 1:

I move to **approve Case No. WVR-2019-0083 a request for** a 2.5-foot Side yard Waiver on Lot 212C and Lot 212B of a required 7.5-foot setback on each side to meet the minimum side yard setback of 15-feet total between dwellings on adjoining lots, for the reasons stated in the staff report and per testimony at the public hearing.

Motion Option 2:

I move to **deny Case No. WVR-2019-0083, a request for** 2.5-foot Side yard Waivers on Lot 212C and Lot 212B of a required 7.5-foot setback on each side to meet the minimum side yard setback of 15-feet total between dwellings on adjoining lots, due the proposal failing to meet the review criteria contained in §16-157 of the Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 – Development Code, for the following reasons:

1. ...

Summary

This Waiver application is related to the proposed redevelopment of an empty lot at 4134 Alabama Avenue. Jim Hall intends to divide the .49± acre lot, Tract U, into four lots, Lot 212A, Lot 212B, Lot 212C, and Lot 212D, which will be developed into two duplexes on four fee simple lots.

The Waiver application was submitted at the same time as the Subdivision application. The Waiver was supported by the Interdepartmental Review Committee (IDRC) and there were no additional IDRC comments on conditions for the Waiver. The Waiver application is separate from the Subdivision application because there is no provision in the code for a subdivision and waiver to be heard by the Planning & Zoning Commission at the same time.

The proposed subdivided lots meet all Code development standards for the R-3-L-NC district except for the 2 inner side yards of the 2 duplexes. Per §16-537(d)(4) requires a minimum side yard setback of zero (0) feet on the attached side, and a minimum of 7.5-feet on the detached side, or a minimum of 15-feet between dwellings on adjoining lots. The applicant is requesting a waiver of two 2.5-feet on the detached side between two duplexes. The duplex condominium located on the adjacent parcel to the east is setback approximately 5.5-feet from the property line. The layout of the structure proposed to be constructed on Lot A in order to meet the 15-foot setback requirement will be built 10-feet from the property line to meet 15-foot setback requirement. Final setbacks will be addressed at the time of Building Permit review.

Waiver Review Criteria

Sec. 16-157: During the course of review of any waiver request, the board of adjustment shall base its decision on all the following criteria. The board of adjustment shall approve, approve with conditions and limitations, or deny the request depending on the extent to which the request meets or fails to meet these criteria:

(a) Granting of the waiver will not cause an intrusion into any utility or other easement unless approved by the owner of the easement, and

Applicant Response: There is no intrusion. All utilities on site are proposed. See utility plan sheet C-301.

Staff Response: All easements are shown on the Plat and have been reviewed by Engineering, Utilities and Planning.

(b) The waiver request is caused by a practical difficulty or hardship inherent in the lot or lot improvements and the difficulty or hardship has not been self-imposed, and

Applicant Response: The sigh is restrictive in size. To meet the required setbacks waiver to the clearance between the units is being proposed. See site survey.

Staff Response: The duplex condominium located on the adjacent parcel to the east is setback approximately 5.5-feet from the property line. The layout of the structure proposed to be constructed on Lot A in order to meet the 15-foot setback requirement will be built 10-feet from the property line to meet 15-foot setback requirement. These conditions are not self-imposed, rather are due to the adjacent property owner encroaching into the required side yard by 2.5-feet.

(c) Granting of the waiver will not create a health or safety hazard or violate building code requirements, and

Applicant Response: There are no health or safety issues.

Staff Response: No health or safety hazards would be created by grant of this Waiver, nor would any aspects of the Building Code be violated. Further review of these elements will occur at the time of Site Plan application for development on the smaller lot.

(d) Granting of the waiver will not create any significant negative physical impacts on property within 100 yards of the subject property such as reduced sight lines, loss of privacy, decreased security, increased noise, objectionable odors, intrusion of artificial light, the casting of unwanted shadows, or similar negative impacts.

Applicant Response: There are no negative impacts.

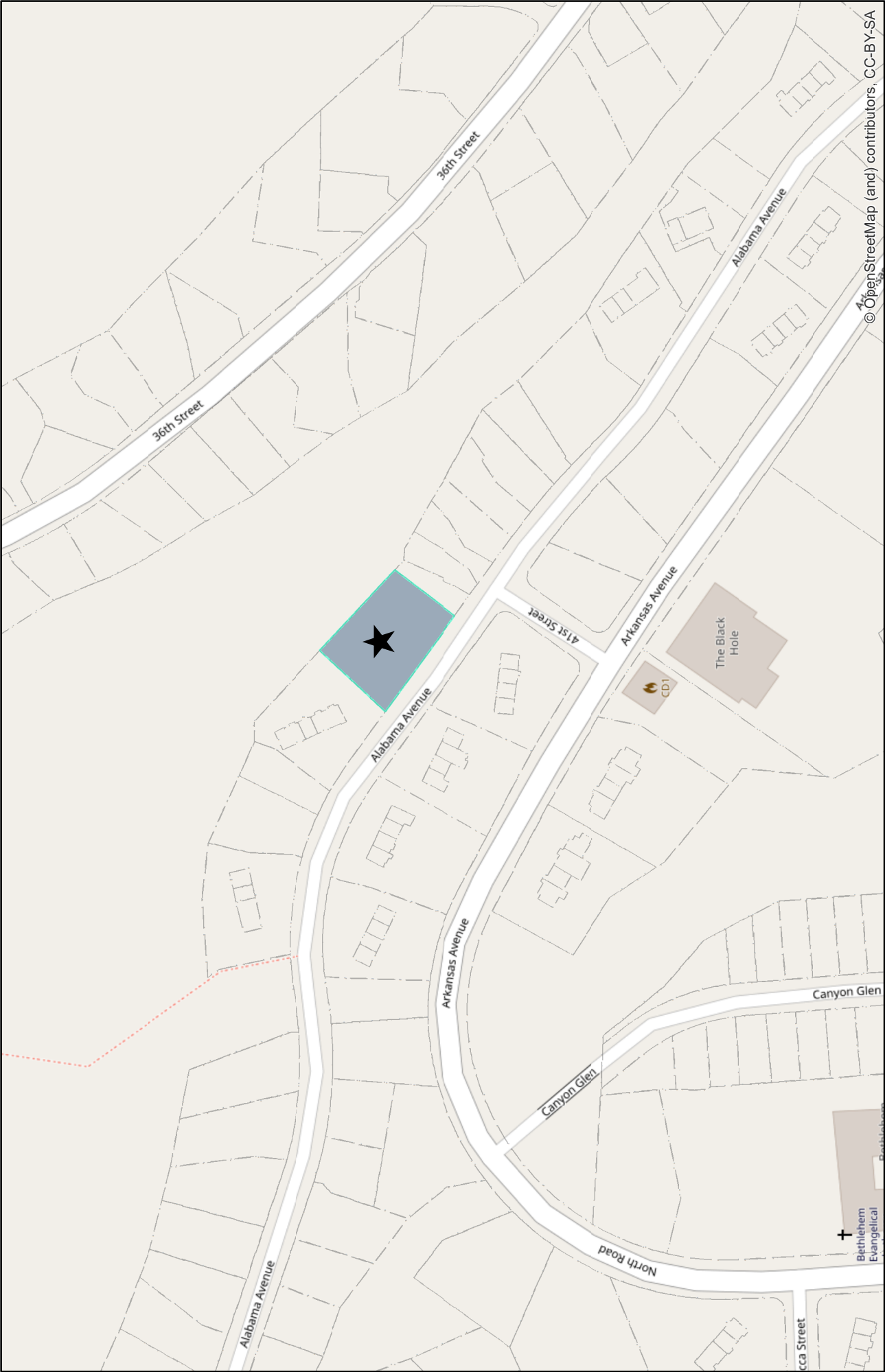
Staff Response: No negative impacts on neighboring properties are anticipated as a result of granting this Waiver.

Findings of Fact

1. Notice of this public hearing, setting forth the nature of the request, the specific parcel of property affected, and the date, time and place of the public hearing, was announced and published in The Los Alamos Daily Post on Thursday, August 22, 2019, and property owners of real property located within 100 yards of the subject property were notified of this public hearing, all in accordance with the requirements of §16-192 of the Los Alamos Development Code.
2. The request is for approval of a Waiver, which is permitted by Section 16-122(g) of the Los Alamos County Development Code, a 2.5-foot side yard Waiver on Lot 212C and Lot 212B of a required 7.5-foot setback on each side to meet the minimum side yard setback of 15-feet total between dwellings on adjoining lots.
3. The subdivision proposed is permitted within the R-3-L-NC zoning district, subject to review and approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission and County Council.
4. Single family attached dwelling units are a permitted land use described within the R-3-L-NC zoning district, contained in Article XIII, Section 16-537 of the Los Alamos County Development Code.
5. The subject property is currently vacant.
6. The subject property is addressed as 4134 Alabama Avenue. New addresses will be assigned by the County Surveyor prior to recordation of the plat.
7. Upon review by the IDRC, the petition was unanimously recommended for approval.

Exhibits

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| Exhibit 1 | Vicinity Map of the subject property |
| Exhibit 2 | Map and List of property owners of record within 100 yards of subject property |
| Exhibit 3 | Waiver Application |
| Exhibit 4 | Proposed Plat |

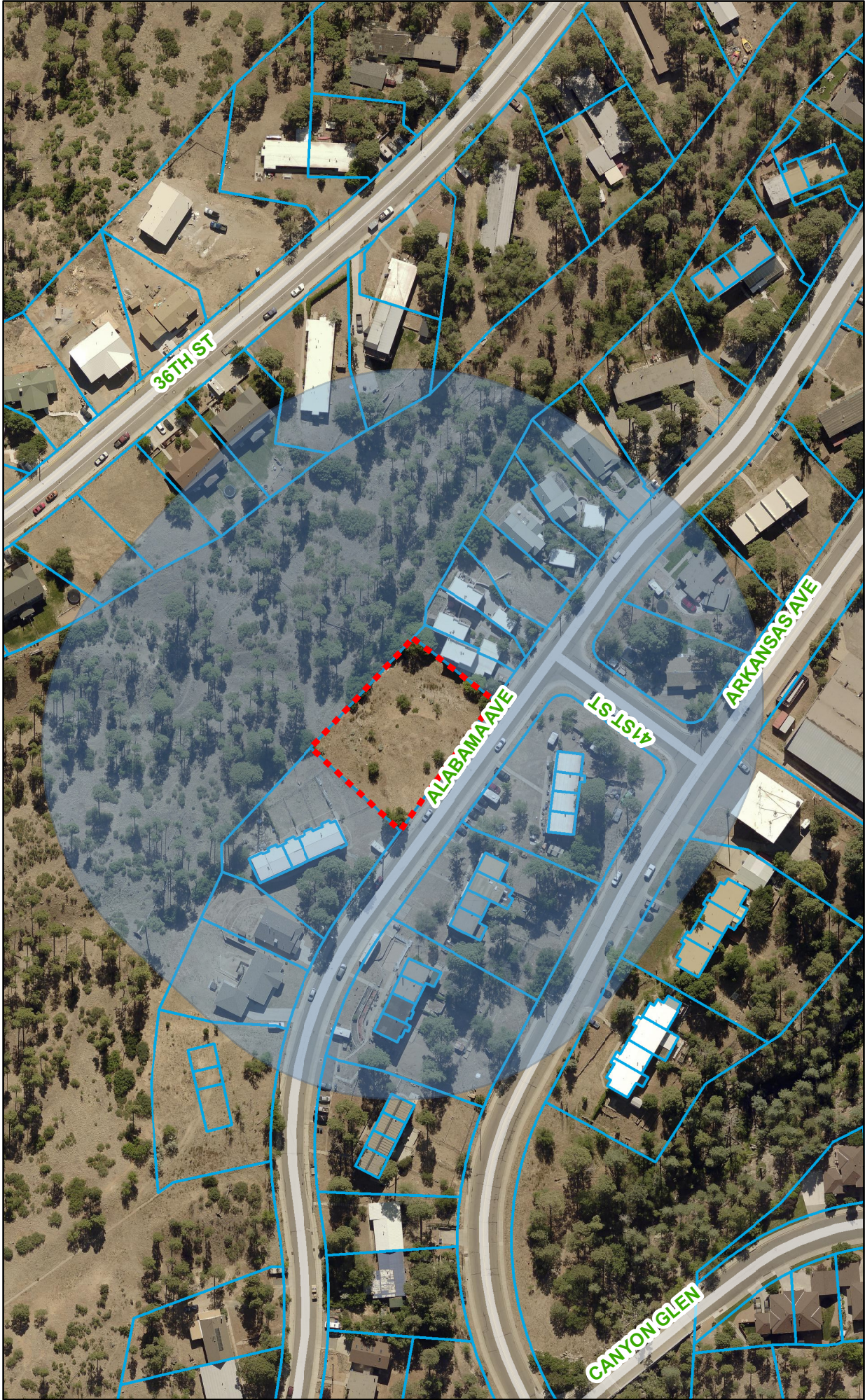


4134 ALABAMA AVE
PARCEL

1 inch = 200 feet

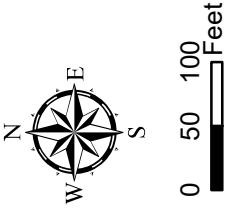
VICINITY MAP | SUB-2019-0008

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4134 ALABAMA AVE

-  PROJECT SITE
-  300' NOTIFICATION BUFFER
-  PARCEL



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PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER	MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
4129 ALABAMA AVE	4129 ALABAMA AVE CONDOS	4129 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4167 ALABAMA AVE	4167 ALABAMA AVE CONDOS	4167 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4168 ALABAMA AVE	4168 ALABAMA AVE CONDOS	4168 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4171 ARKANSAS AVE	4171 ARKANSAS AVE CONDOS	4171 ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4205 ALABAMA AVE	4205 ALABAMA AVE CONDOS	4205 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4226 ALABAMA AVE	4226 ALABAMA CONDOMINIUM APT BLDG	4226 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4247 ALABAMA AVE	4247 ALABAMA AVE CONDOS	4247 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4025 ALABAMA AVE	ACOSTA ELIVARIO & EDITH	4025 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4090 ALABAMA AVE	ARELLANO JOSE A & MARY M REVOC TRUS	175 EL GANCHO	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2529 36TH ST	BURK BRADLEY S & ABBIE A	5415 QUEMAZON	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4167 ALABAMA AVE B	CHAMPENOIS SEAN & JULIA	4167 B ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4131 ARKANSAS AVE A	CHRISTMAN BRENT & XIA CAO	1725 CAMINO REDONDO	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4131 ARKANSAS AVE	COBEL CONDO	4131 ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2553 36TH ST	COURTRIGHT INVESTMENTS LLC	2197 LOMA LINDA DR	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2537 36TH ST	COURTRIGHT INVESTMENTS LLC	2197 LOMA LINDA DR	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2533 36TH ST	COURTRIGHT INVESTMENTS LLC	2197 LOMA LINDA DR	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
3974 ALABAMA AVE	COURTRIGHT INVESTMENTS LLC	2197 LOMA LINDA DR	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4205 ALABAMA AVE D	FISCHAH S STEVEN J & JENNIFER J	5327 N CALLE BUJIA	TUSCON	AZ	85718
4205 ALABAMA AVE C	FISCHANHS CHRISTOPHER D & CHRISTINE I	4205 C ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2492 41ST ST	FROGGET ETHAN C & SARAH J	2492 41ST ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4129 ALABAMA AVE A	HARRISON JOHN S	4129 A ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4040 ALABAMA AVE	HOUEK GARY W	4040 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4168 ALABAMA AVE D	IDZOREK FAMILY TRUST	4168 D ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4168 ALABAMA AVE C	IDZOREK FAMILY TRUST	4168 D ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4168 ALABAMA AVE A	IDZOREK GEORGE C	4168 D ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4200 ALABAMA AVE	JACOBS TAYLOR & COX ELAINE	4200 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4131 ARKANSAS AVE C	JOHNSON JEFF & SCHILLACI SUSAN	1143 45TH ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4131 ARKANSAS AVE D	JOHNSON JEFF & SCHILLACI SUSAN	1143 45TH ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4129 ALABAMA AVE D	KOETTER AARON B	4129 D ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4129 ALABAMA AVE C	KOETTER AARON B	4129 D ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4080 ALABAMA AVE	KOSSAR MELANIE S	10608 MOONBEAM CT NE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87111-5035
4171 ARKANSAS AVE D	KUNDE YULIYA A	4171 D ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544-1534
4210 ALABAMA AVE	LANGWORTHY THOMAS L & HELEN	4210 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544

4167 ALABAMA AVE D	LATTIN JENNY L	4167 D ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4017 ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS COUNTY	PO BOX 30	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
9999 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS COUNTY	PO BOX 30	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4110 ALABAMA AVE	MATTESON EMILIA	4110 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4060 ALABAMA AVE	MCHALE CHARLENE J	4060 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2521 36TH ST B	MEDINA PATRICIA M	1531 42ND ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4100 ALABAMA AVE	NANDY ASHIS & SUSHMITA B	4100 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2513 36TH ST	SANTANA JAMES P REVOC TRUST	2513 36TH ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4015 ARKANSAS AVE	T2 DEVELOPMENT LLC	400 GOLD AVE STE 1200	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87102
4129 ALABAMA AVE B	TERRAZAS ARREDONDO JAIME	4129 B ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4134 ALABAMA AVE A	THIRTY301 LLC	129 MONTE REY DR N	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87547
4005 ALABAMA AVE	TWICE BURNED MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES L	4788 D YUCCA ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2549 36TH ST	VAN BUREN DALE & DIANE TRUST	2148 47TH ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
2543 36TH ST	VAN BUREN DALE & DIANE TRUST	2148 47TH ST	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4205 ALABAMA AVE B	VARELA MARIA D	3 BRAZOS CT	SANTA FE	NM	87508
4171 ARKANSAS AVE C	VILLAREAL GILBERT & VANESSA	4171 A ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4171 ARKANSAS AVE A	VILLAREAL GILBERT & VANESSA	4171 A ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4171 ARKANSAS AVE B	VILLAREAL MATTHEW J	4171 B ARKANSAS AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4120 ALABAMA AVE	WILLHELM AUDREY D	4120 ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4205 ALABAMA AVE A	WILLIAMS C REINE	4205 A ALABAMA AVE	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4247 ALABAMA AVE A	ZRG INVESTMENTS LLC	1475 CENTRAL AVE STE 150	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4167 ALABAMA AVE A	ZRG INVESTMENTS LLC	1475 CENTRAL AVE STE 150	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4131 ARKANSAS AVE B	ZRG INVESTMENTS LLC	PO BOX 509	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544
4167 ALABAMA AVE C	ZRG INVESTMENTS LLC	1475 CENTRAL AVE STE 150	LOS ALAMOS	NM	87544

LOS ALAMOS
Community Development

WAIVER APPLICATION

Los Alamos County Community Development Department
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(505) 662-8120

Note: The Board of Adjustment considers Applications for Waivers at a public hearing. Waiver means an adjustment of dimensional requirements, parking regulations, or design standards contained in the Land Development Code. Waivers shall not apply to regulations controlling density or land use.

Describe the Waiver request:

Address of Property to which the Waiver Request applies:

4134 ALABAMA AV, LOS ALAMOS, NM 87544

Zoning District: R-M-NC Acreage: 0.4887 Lot Coverage: < 40% Related Applications (if any):

SEE SUBDIVISION APPLICATION

APPLICANT (Unless otherwise specified, all communication regarding this application shall be to Applicant):

Name: STEVEN G. SHAW, ARCHT. Phone: 505 670 7289 Cell #: SAME
Please Print

Address: P.O. Box 508, LANMI 87544 Email: STEVENSHAWARCHT@GMAIL.COM

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

8/9/19
DATE

PROPERTY OWNER (If different from Applicant)

☐ Check here if same as above

Name: JAMES W. HALL Phone: 505-412-3091 Cell #: SAME
Please Print

Address: 129 MONTE REYNOLDS WHITE ROCK Email: SHALL@NEWMEXICO.COM
Owner's Address 87547

My signature below indicates that I authorize the Applicant to make this Waiver application on my behalf.

SIGNATURE

DATE

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

For County Use:

Date of Submittal: August 09, 2019

Staff Initial: AB

CDD Application Number: _____

Fees Paid: \$250.00 Credit Card

WAIVER REVIEW CRITERIA:

The Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Development Code, Sec. 16-157 establishes four (4) criteria upon which the Board of Adjustment shall base its decision to approve, approve with conditions and limitations, or deny the waiver request. The Board's decision shall depend upon the extent to which the request meets or fails to meet these criteria. Please review each of the criteria listed and provide short comments on how your application meets the criteria in the space provided. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

- (a) *Granting of the waiver will not cause an intrusion into any utility or other easement unless approved by the owner of the easement; and*

THERE IS NO INTRUSION. ALL UTILITIES ON SITE ARE PROPOSED. SEE UTILITY PLAN SHEET C-301

- (b) *The waiver request is caused by a practical difficulty or hardship inherent in the lot or lot improvements and the difficulty or hardship has not been self-imposed; and*

THE SITE IS RESTRICTIVE IN SIZE. TO MEET THE REQUIRED SETBACKS A WAIVER TO THE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE UNITS IS BEING PROPOSED. SEE SITE SURVEY

- (c) *Granting of the waiver will not create a health or safety hazard or violate building code requirements; and*

THERE ARE NO HEALTH OR SAFETY ISSUES

- (d) *Granting of the waiver will not create any significant negative physical impacts on property within 100 yards of the subject property such as reduced sight lines, loss of privacy, decreased security, increased noise, objectionable odors, intrusion of artificial light, the casting of unwanted shadows, or similar negative impacts.*

THERE ARE NO NEGATIVE IMPACTS.

SUBMITTALS:

Provide all information necessary for a complete review of the Waiver request. Check each of the boxes to indicate which information you have provided, and, if possible, also provide one complete copy of all materials on disk:

- ☒ Proof of property ownership.
- ☒ A scaleable drawing including all information pertinent to the waiver request:
 - ☒ Existing and proposed lot coverage.
 - ☒ Show and label the footprint of all existing buildings and structures on the site.
 - ☒ Show, dimension and label all existing and proposed easements.
 - ☒ Show, dimension and label all existing and proposed setbacks.
 - ☒ Show, dimension and label building/structure elevations.

☐ Other. Describe: _____

