VARIANCE OR APPEAL APPLICATION TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL Planning & Development Services 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. phone (919) 969-5066 fax (919) 969-2014 www.townofchapelhill.org
Parcel Identifier Number (PIN): 9789950130 Date: 11/12/19
Section A: Project Information
Project Name: Project Name: Property Address: Existing Zoning District: Description of Request: McKenna Clayton Rd. Carport 311 Clayton Rd. Zip Code: 27519 Property Setback To build a Carport in the Current parking area 6 ft. key and the Setback
Section B: Applicant, Owner, and/or Contract Purchaser Information
Applicant Information (to whom correspondence will be mailed): Name: KCHY MCKCMAC Address: 31 Clayton RA. City: Chapel Itili Phone: 415-254-6239 Email: KCHY The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate. Signature: May Date: U/12/19 Owner/Contract Purchaser Information:
🕅 Owner
Name: Kelly McKenna Address: 311 Clayton Ral. City: Chapel Hill State: NC Phone: 4152596239 Email: Kchly on ckenna O Gmail. Changel Hill State: NC Jonanil. Changel Hill State: NC Signature: McKenna Date: M12/11
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Type of Variance or Appeal (Choose one of the following):	
Dimensional Variance 🗌 Water and Sewer Varia	ance 🗌 Steep Slope Variance
House Size Variance	
Resource Conservation District Variance	
Jordan Watershed Riparian Buffer Variance	
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Plan Sets (2 copies to be submitted no larger than 24" x 36")

Plans should be legible and clearly drawn. All plan set sheets should include the following:

- Project Name
- Legend
- Labels
- North Arrow (North oriented toward top of page)
- Property Boundaries with bearing and distances
- Scale (Engineering), denoted graphically and numerically
- Setbacks
- Streams, RCD Boundary, Jordan Riparian Buffer Boundary, Floodplain, and Wetlands Boundary, where applicable

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- a) Overlay Districts
- b) 1,000 foot notification boundary

Detailed Site Plan

KELLY & BRENDAN MCKENNA

MCKENNA CARPORT

311 CLAYTON ROAD CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514 PIN# 9789950130

ZONING

CHAPEL HILL TOWN LIMITS R-1 SETBACK 28' - MINIMUM STREET SETBACK (ZONING OVERLAY REQUIREMENT SUPERCEDES ZONING) 14' - MINIMUM INTERIOR SETBACK 17' - MINIMUM SOLAR SETBACK

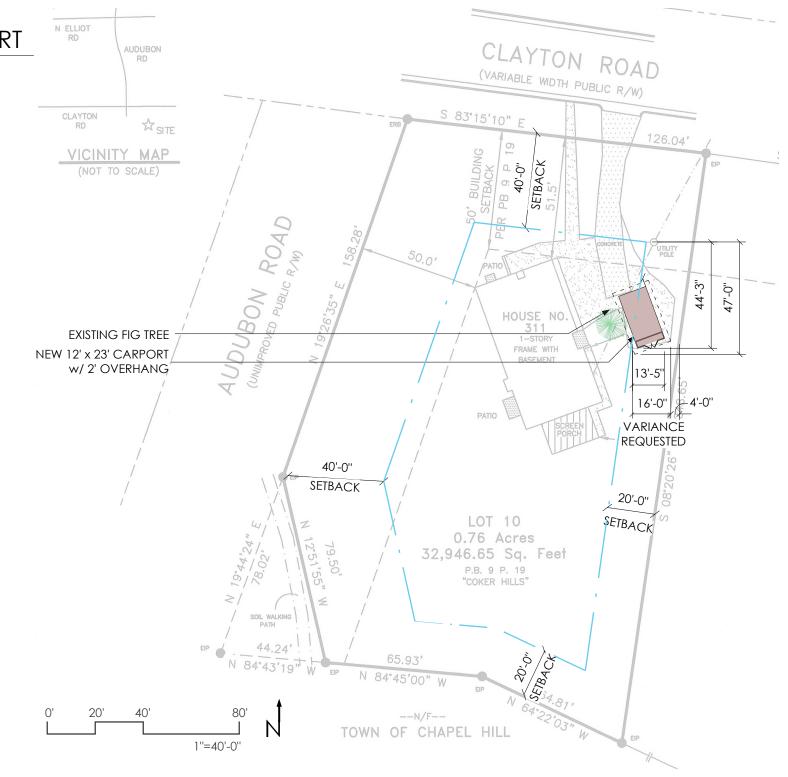
HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS 29' - MAX HEIGHT

ZONING OVERLAY

CD-6 CONSERVATION DISTRICT 0.2 - MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR SINLGE FAMILY DWELLING 40' - MINIMUM STREET SETBACK 20' - INTERIOR & SOLAR SETBACK

STREAMS

NOT IN STREAM BUFFER OR FLOODPLAIN



Dimensional Variance Application 311 Clayton Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 PIN 9789950130 Kelly & Brendan McKenna

Dear Board Members, Thank you for reviewing our variance request application.

Our family moved to Chapel Hill in June 2019 and purchased an Arthur Cosgwell home in the historic neighborhood of Coker Hills. We both graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC), which is where we've met and then traveled the world together. With two young girls and extended family in North Carolina, we were ready to return to our roots.

We feel honored to have purchased such a beautiful home by a renowned architect, whom we have followed since we lived in Chapel Hill more than 20 years ago. One of the top reasons we purchased the house was the incredible lot adjacent to the Pritchard Park and public walking path and across from the EC Leonard park, which means three sides of our property do not have immediate neighbors. Additionally, we love the historic neighborhood, particularly the fact that it was created by UNC botanist William Chambers Coker, who was "intent on preserving a place where his students could explore and learn about nature." The legacy Coker Hills is the natural environment and the architectural design, both of which our home showcases. This will be our forever home.

The house has not been renovated since it was built for the Rice family in the 1960s and has had only one other owner since. It was used as two separate living spaces with no internal connection between the upstairs and downstairs, so you need to exit the house to get downstairs, which is not practical or safe for a family. We are planning renovations to the home, including adding an internal staircase to connect the up and downstairs, modernizing the bathrooms and kitchen, and updating the plumbing and HVAC, all within the original footprint. Outdoors, we plan to create better drainage, as it has impacted the foundation; to improve the landscaping; to add gutters to the front of the house; and to add a carport for our car, trash/recycling bins and bikes, which is Brendan's primary mode of transportation. We currently have nowhere to store our family bikes except indoors, and when the car is parked on the paved driveway, it is easily damaged by dropping acorns. Additionally, we plan to eliminate the invasive ivy throughout the property before it moves into Pritchard Park.

We have spoken, at length, with one of Cogswell's mentees about the design and aesthetic regarding the remodel, and we have consulted the book, *Historic Coker Hills -- a Botanists Neighborhood in Chapel Hill*. We have no plans or desire to build in our backyard woods adjacent to Pritchard Park. We recognize how hard the Coker Hills Neighborhood Association fought over decades to retain those woods.

Building the carport within the current setback poses challenges due to the positioning, topography and aesthetic of the historic Arthur Cogswell home. The home positioning on the lot is an anomaly within the neighborhood. As relief, we are asking for a

dimensional variance of a maximum of 17 feet into the 20 foot side setback that is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the ordinance.

Our goals for renovating are to:

- Maintain the original aesthetic and values of this historic home and reputable architect
- Preserve as much of the natural beauty and native species of the property as possible
- Have a minimal impact on the environment

We have explored locations around the property to house the carport. All sides except for the east are steeply graded, surrounded by forest and would require building a new paved road that would extend beyond the 50' street setback (on two sides, as it's a corner lot). Building the carport within the current setback on the east side would put it just a few feet from the front door and/or completely obscure the front of this historic Cogswell home, and it would require us to tear down existing trees. We believe this does not align with Cogswell's original intent on design, aesthetic and even function.

Overview of challenges with building the carport at various locations:

- **South**: While there is room on the back / south side of the house, building behind the property would require tearing down woods adjacent to Pritchard Park, substantial costs to clear and extend the current driveway and obscuring the view of the woods from the home. The house was built at the unusual angle with the side of the house facing the street so that it would allow for the view from the screened-in porch and great room. We want to preserve the woods and view that the architect built the house around. Additionally, it is quite steep and not easily usable for everyone, specifically two sets of elderly parents we will be caring for and Kelly's sister who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair.
- West: The west side of the house is steeply graded and butts up to the public walking path to the library. The majority of this side is beyond the setback and wouldn't allow for even a driveway without encroaching on the setback.
- North: The north side of the house is even more steeply graded, but it would be beyond the 50' setback and too close to Clayton Rd.
- East: If we built on the current driveway within the setback, it would block the front of the house and create an architectural inconsistency hurting the character of the home. Most of the driveway is sloping upward, and therefore, not safe to permanently house the car. The only flat portion is the end of the paved driveway, where there is gravel for parking. If we built within existing interior setback here, on the flat portion of the property, the carport would be only three feet feet from the home, completely obscuring the front of this modern gem, providing no entryway and needing additional paving to ensure the car can get in. We would also need to tear down the existing fir and douglas trees. Since there is an existing "back door" at the street-facing side because of the unique positioning of the house, guests would likely use the back door vs. the front door. We would have no room for an entryway to the house.

There is already a natural space for the carport, where the paved driveway ends and parking spot exists, just beyond the setback and tucked to the left behind foliage. Building the car port in this space would preserve the existing trees and ensure a view of the house and not carport (as in the other configurations). The attached plan illustrates that if we're able to push the carport 16 feet beyond the setback (including the eaves), we can maintain a view of the front of the home and align with Cogswell's original goals of the connection of the architecture to the nature around it. We only have one visible neighbor on the east side, but the carport would not impact this neighbor's view. Existing thick bamboo and trees on the property line provide a visible barrier, which would make this infringement on the setback unnoticeable to the neighbor. We've included photos of the trees that obscure the view between our home and the neighbor's home.

Based on this exploration and in-depth conversations several architects, we found the best possible location is on the east side where there is already a cleared and paved area that provides easy, flat and safe access to the front door. Thus, we are requesting a dimensional variance of 17 feet into the interior setback for the construction of a carport. If you will grant this variance, we will submit our full plan for permitting to ensure the entire project is within all Town of Chapel Hill guidelines and regulations.

Much thought and deliberation went into our plan. As you can see from the included land survey, stream determination, plan drawings and photos, we are preserving as much of the forest as possible and aiming to have the most minimal impact on the public's / neighborhood's view in the safest manner. We realize we are taking away permeable surface, and therefore, would like to build a living roof on top of the carport to have a neutral impact.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you, Kelly & Brendan McKenna Dimensional Variance Application Statement of Justification 311 Clayton Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 PIN 9789950130 Kelly & Brendan McKenna

(1) Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

We believe that an unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of this ordinance because the house is situated at an angle to the setback. It was intentionally positioned this way to enable a view of Pritchard Park from the back, but severely limits our ability to use much of or build on the property. Given that the property is on a corner and is built on or close to setbacks on three sides (two 50' street setbacks and one 20' interior setback), this results in a large percentage of our property being unusable for building, specifically near the house. The strict application of the NCD setback would not be the best and most effective use of our property if we want to expand the size in any way to accommodate our family and prepare the home for eventual retirement.

(2) The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

This hardship is peculiar to this lot because:

- The topography of this lot is such that it's built on a hill. Three sides of the property are steeply graded and would not be easy, safe, cost-effective or handicap accessible to build on. There is only one flat section directly in front of the house, which has a sloping driveway leading up to it.
- The home is situated close to the setback on three corners, which limits our ability to build. As such, a driveway and structure cannot be built on those sides without greatly infringing on the setback.
- Because of the original location of the house being angled within the setback, we have a unique hardship not experienced by other homeowners.

(3) The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

It can be demonstrated that this hardship did not result from actions taken by the property owner because the current home was situated on the lot prior to our buying the property and built before the NCD was in place. Our work on the property and house are to improve upon the original in ways consistent with the intent of the NCD.

(4) The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

The spirit, purpose and intent of the NCD guidelines were to maintain the unique character of the neighborhood, specifically a focus on integration with nature as dictated by Coker, and the design aesthetic of the homes, including a high concentration of midcentury modern homes. Arthur Cogswell himself lived around the corner from our home; the new owners are friends, and we've spoken with them about thoughtfully modernizing a Cogswell home.

The proposed renovations will vastly improve the home and make it livable for a family, while remaining consistent with the NCD's intent and purpose in both scale and aesthetics. Our architect can attest that one of our imperatives in design was to maintain the unique character and, when in debate, always default to Cogswell's original intent, design and even materials. This same focus will be brought to the carport.

The two sides abutting Pritchard Park and the public walking path will not be impacted, and therefore, the forest and view will be preserved, as originally intended by the architect and land developer. The structure would not be visible from these sides. The setback to the street is not impacted either. And the setback line we'd like to cross is obscured to our neighbor's by existing bamboo, which is always flowering.

Because there will be a small overall reduction of the impervious surfaces, we would like to add a living roof on the surface of the carport to compensate so that it will have a neutral impact.

Dimensional Variance Application Photo Evidence 311 Clayton Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 PIN 9789950130 Kelly & Brendan McKenna



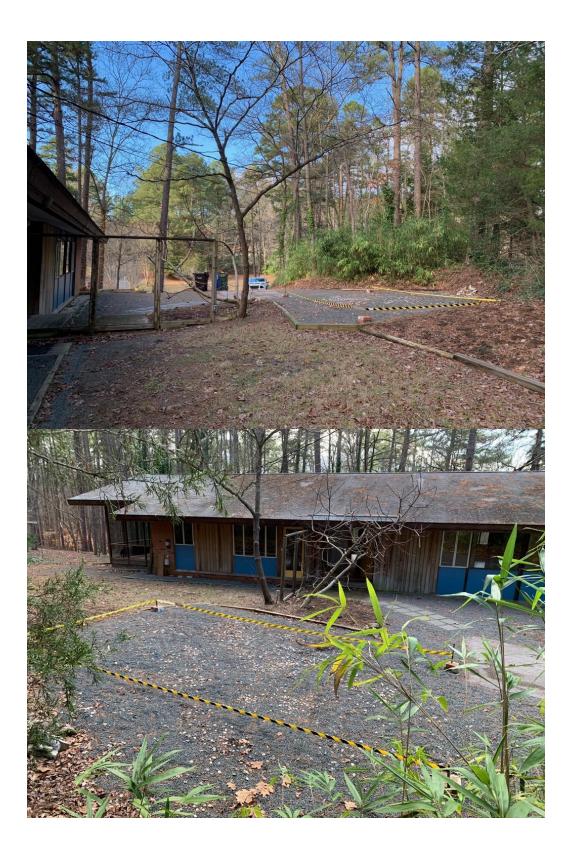
East side of house, where current driveway and parking exists. You can see the thick tree line obscuring the view of the neighbor's house. More photos below.



Line of bamboo / trees on our property line blocking view of neighbor's house. These photos were taken in the winter when the foliage is most sparse.



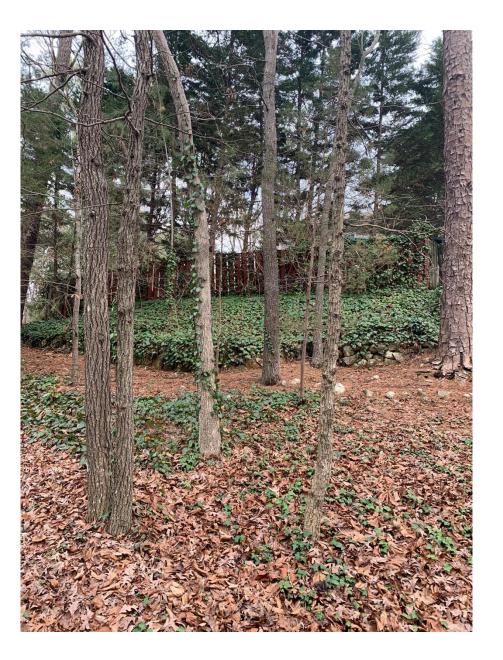
View from current driveway on east side of house, with carport walls roped off. If the carport were placed within the setback, it would tear down the fig tree and go directly next to the house.



View from south facing Clayton and view from east facing the front of the home.



Views from the house roof looking at neighbor's property.



View from our porch of the neighbor's fence in the back, past the tree line / driveway.



View from Clayton Rd., north side.



View of west side and public path through Pritchard Park.



View of south side from property line, where Pritchard Park starts. 2187 JAH
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 Orange County, North Carolina
 MARK CHILTON, Register of Deeds by JESSICA HAGER

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

Excise Tax: 1,210.00		
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on the day of	. 20 By:	

Mail/Box to Grantee: 311 Clayton Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

This instrument was prepared by: P. Ryan Lockamy, Attorney

Brief description for the Index: P/O 10 SEC 1 COKER HILLS P/NOR

The deed made the latest day set forth in the notary acknowledgment below, by and between

GRANTOR: BRAD MERRITT and AMBER ALEXANDRA LOMBARDI, a married couple, whose mailing address is 420 Ray Road Chapel Hill, NC. 27516

GRANTEE: BRENDAN MCKENNA AND KELLY MCKENNA, A MARRIED COUPLE whose mailing address is 311 Clayton Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

WITNESSETH:

For valuable consideration from Grantee to Grantor, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby gives, grants, bargains, sells and conveys unto Grantee in fee simple, subject to the Exceptions and Reservations hereinafter provided, if any, the following described property located in the City of Chapel Hill, County of Orange, State of North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

SEE ATTACHED "EXHIBIT A"

Said property having been previously conveyed to Grantor by instrument(s) recorded in Book 6613, Page 656, and being reflected on plat(s) recorded in Map/Plat Book 9, page/slide 19.

All or a portion of the property herein conveyed V includes or does not include the primary residence of a Grantor.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Grantee, together with all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, in fee simple, subject to the Exceptions and Reservations hereinafter and hereinabove provided, if any.

Submitted electronically by "Lockamy Law Firm, P.A." in compliance with North Carolina statutes governing recordable documents and the terms of the submitter agreement with the Orange County Register of Deeds.

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LEITH DAVID H	1601 HALIFAX RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC STATES AND A ST	2755142730
DARDUGNO THOMAS F	316 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
CUNNINGHAM STEPHEN J	410 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
DAVIS JOSEPH P III	411 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
HAMILTON JOHN	304 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
LIGOURE RICARDO	302 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
TUTTLE DAVID S	200 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
FOUREMAN JASON	314 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275142735
HARLAN JOHN M	1600 HALIFAX RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
TURPIN WALTER L	305 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL		27514
SEEGOBIN LAW RUDRA M	312 N ESTES RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
HEINRICHS JEFFREY J	310 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
Henke Elizabeth	103 HARVEST CT	CARRBORO	NC	27510
OCONNOR SARAH W	18 WILLIAMSBURG AVE	GILFORD	R	3249
HENKE ELIZABETH	1602 HALIFAX RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275142731
LIGOURE RICARDO	306 N ESTES DR	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
BLOUNT EDGAR R JR TRUSTEE	411 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
WANG YONG	408 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
WHYBARK D CLAY	409 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147613
STREIFF VINCENT R	408 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
DEMPSEY SARAH	409 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
GORDON PETER C	404 LYONS RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
BROOKHART MAURICE ALAN	406 CLAYTON RD		NC	27514
CANTRELL TODD S	407 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
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JANSEN GENEVIEVE A	407 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147613
BUTLER ERIC W	406 LYONS RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
BAKER MATTHEW	405 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514

EPPLEIN MEIRA	404 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
TAYLOR JACK A	405 ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
LEARY KATHERINE A	404 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
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BLUE ROBERTA J	402 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
JULIANO RUDOLPH L	408 LYONS RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147631
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ERICKSON FAMILY TRUST	1703 AUDUBON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147609
POTTS ROBERT C	311 N ELLIOTT RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147627
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BOZYMSKI EUGENE M	407 LYONS RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147632
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HUNTER KYLE	1405 MICHAUX RD	CHAPEL HILL	RC	27514
ZANGI ANNE D	1500 MICHAUX RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
MCKENNA BRENDAN	311 CLAYTON RD	Chapel Hill	NC	27514
E C LEONARD PLAYGROUND	UNKNOWN ADDRESS	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
ZOLLER TED DOUGLAS	1702 AUDUBON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147605
CHASE ARTHUR LUNDY	308 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	S	27514
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EARL ROYAL EMILY	4750 EL CAMINO REAL	LOS ALTOS	CA	94022
LUO XUNRONG TRUSTEE	305 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
URQUHART JAMES ANDREW	304 CLAYTON RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	275147610
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WOODWARD W STEPHEN	1702 ALLARD RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
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HAUSER KENT B	1713 MICHAUX RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
SMITH MICHAEL R	1711 MICHAUX RD	CHAPEL HILL	SC	275147639
HENRY ROBERT	615 LEE FOX LN	HILLSBOROUG	SC	27278
BELL GERALD D	PO BOX 572	CHAPEL HILL	SC	27514
RUGEN CAROLYN W	1502 VELMA RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27514
BEARDSLEY KYLE	209 WOOD CIR	CHAPEL HILL	SC	27514
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Variance Application Written Narrative PIN 9789950130

Our family recently moved to Chapel Hill and purchased an Arthur Cosgwell home in the historic neighborhood of Coker Hills. We are planning renovations but want to ensure that we follow the original aesthetic and values of this historic home and reputable architect. The neighborhood walking path to the library lines the property and it backs into Pritchard Park. Another goal is to ensure that we preserve the woods behind the house.

We would like to add a car port to the property and have explored different locations to house it.

While there is room on the back low side of the house, building behind the property would require tearing down woods, obscuring the view and substantial costs to clear and extend the current driveway. Additionally, it is quite steep and not easily usable for everyone (e.g., elderly parents, sister with mobility issues). The west side of the house is too steep for a driveway. There is a natural space already cleared with a driveway on the east / entry side, which is higher and flat. However, building within the current setback in that space would obstruct the architecture and character of this historical modern home. It would also require tearing down the existing fig and dogwood trees, which we would like to preserve.

There is a natural cleared and private space for the carport just beyond the setback. This would enable us to preserve the woods and architectural draw of the home for the neighborhood. The plan illustrates that if we're able to push the carport beyond the setback, we can maintain a view of the front of the home and align with Cogswell's original goals of the connection of the architecture to the nature around it. We would not have to cut down existing trees. And it would not impact the next door neighbor's view. Existing thick bamboo and trees on the property line would make this infringement on the setback unnoticeable to the next door neighbor. We've included photos of the trees that obscure the view between our home and the neighbor's home.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you, Kelly & Brendan McKenna Variance Application Statement of Justification PIN 9789950130

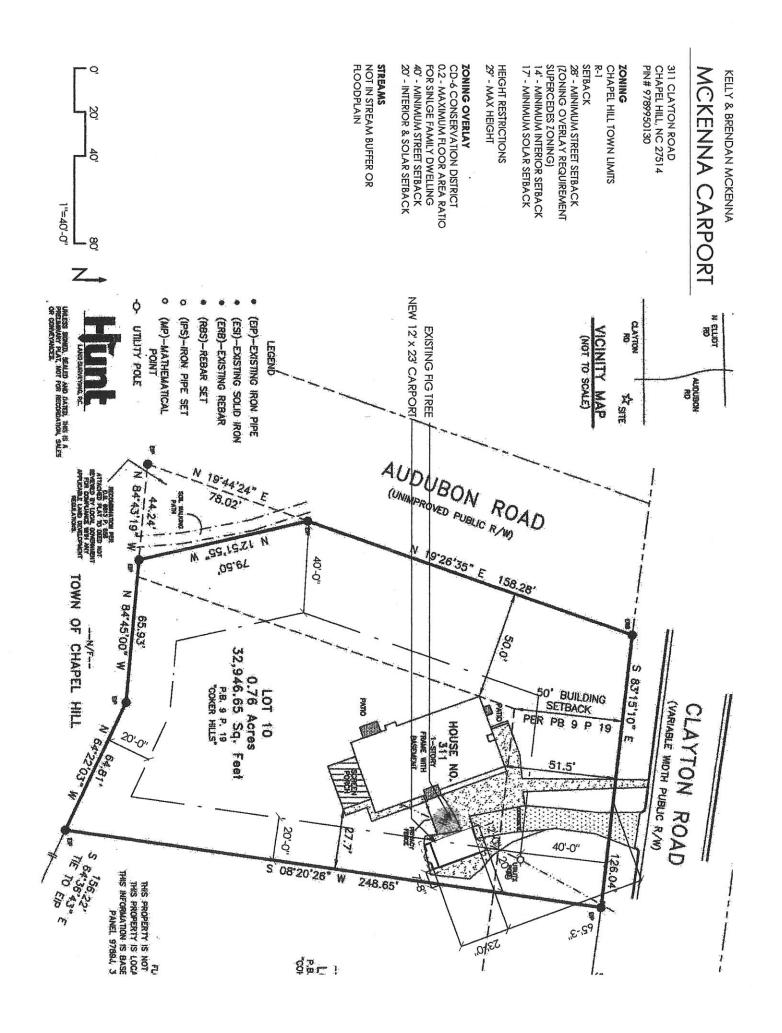
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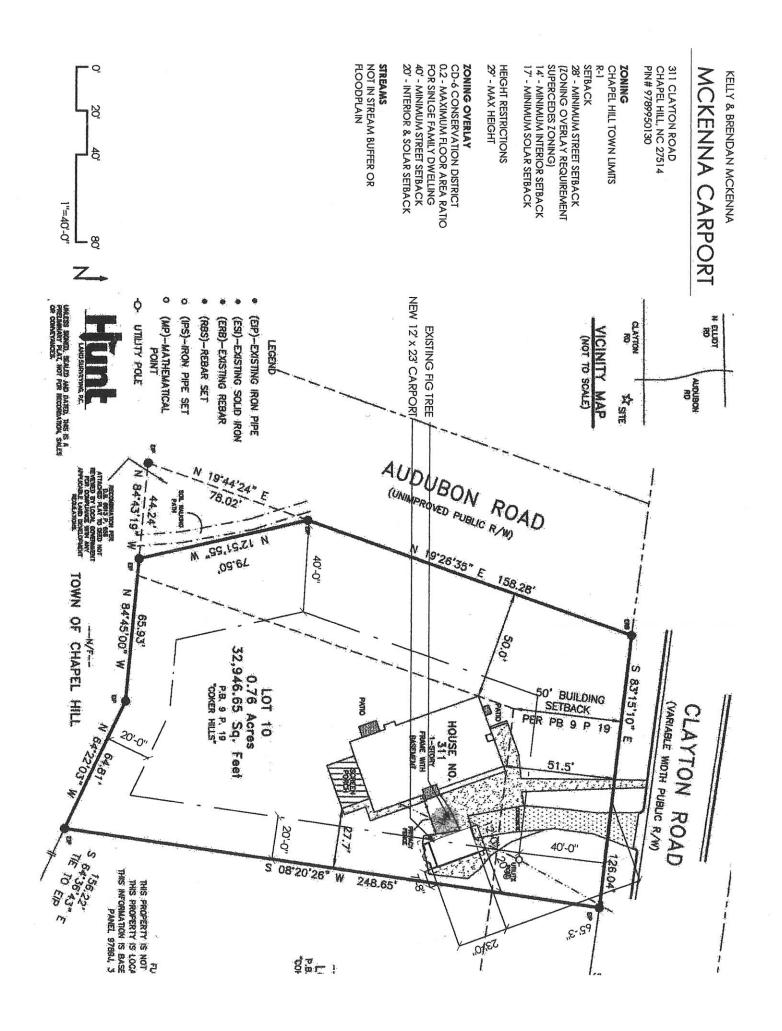
We are requesting a variance to the standards of the zoning ordinance to build a carport at 311 Clayton Road beyond the setback. Building within the current setback poses challenges due to the topography and aesthetic of the historic Arthur Cogswell home.

The south and east sides of the home are steeply graded and would not be usable for disabled family members (e.g., sister with a walker, elderly parents). Additionally, it would require cutting down woods adjacent to Pritchard Park and the public path to the library. Building within the setback would obscure the front of the home and obstruct the architectural character and value, which is reflected throughout this historic neighborhood. It would also require tearing down the existing fig and dogwood trees.

There is a natural and cleared private space for the carport, where parking currently exists, six feet beyond the setback. Building the car port in this space would preserve the existing trees and ensure a view of the house (not carport) to align with Cogswell's original aesthetic and goals in design. The carport in this space would not be an issue for the neighbor, as thick bamboo and trees on the property line would obscure the carport from the neighbor's view (photos attached).

We purchased the property in June 2019 and have not yet moved in, as we are remodeling.







PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION 405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514-5705 Telephone (919) 969-7246 Fax (919) 969-7276 www.townofchapelhill.org

October 11, 2019

Ms. Kelly McKenna 311 Clayton Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Kellyomckenna@gmail.com

RE: Stream Determination for 311 Clayton Road, Chapel Hill, NC PIN 9789-95-0130

Dear Ms. McKenna:

As requested, the Town Public Works Department has performed a stream determination for the property identified on the attached forms. This determination indicates whether different types of streams (perennial, intermittent, and/or ephemeral) or perennial waterbodies are present on the property in question or on nearby properties. These streams and their classifications are shown on the accompanying map. Stream segments regulated by the Town's Jordan Lake Watershed Riparian Buffer regulations are highlighted. Locations of all features on the map are <u>approximate</u> and must be field surveyed for precise location.

This stream determination information is used to determine the location and extent of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Jordan Lake Watershed Riparian Buffers. Specific land use regulations and restrictions apply within the boundaries of these protected areas. If you are considering any kind of work on this property, including clearing vegetation, paving, grading, or building, please consult with the Town Planning Department to determine the possible extent of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Jordan Lake Watershed Riparian Buffer on this property and the applicable corresponding regulations.

This stream determination will remain in effect for five years from the date of the site visit, after which a new stream determination with site visit will be required.

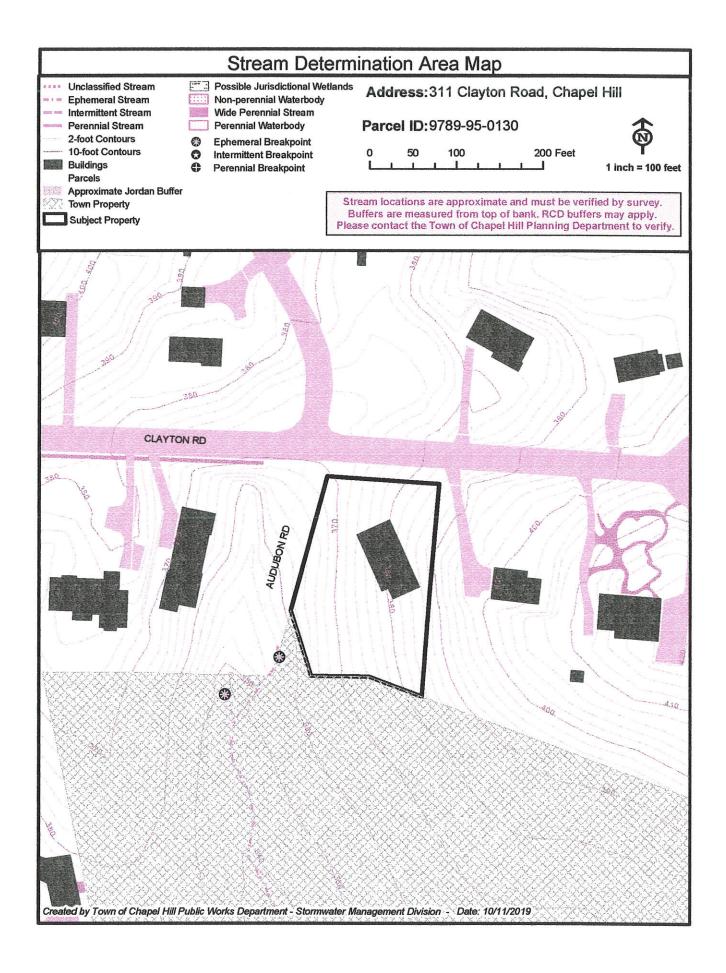
In accordance with the Town's procedures, you may appeal this administrative decision to the Town Manager. If you wish to do so, you must file your written appeal accompanied by any materials you believe support your appeal, within **30 days** of receipt of this letter.

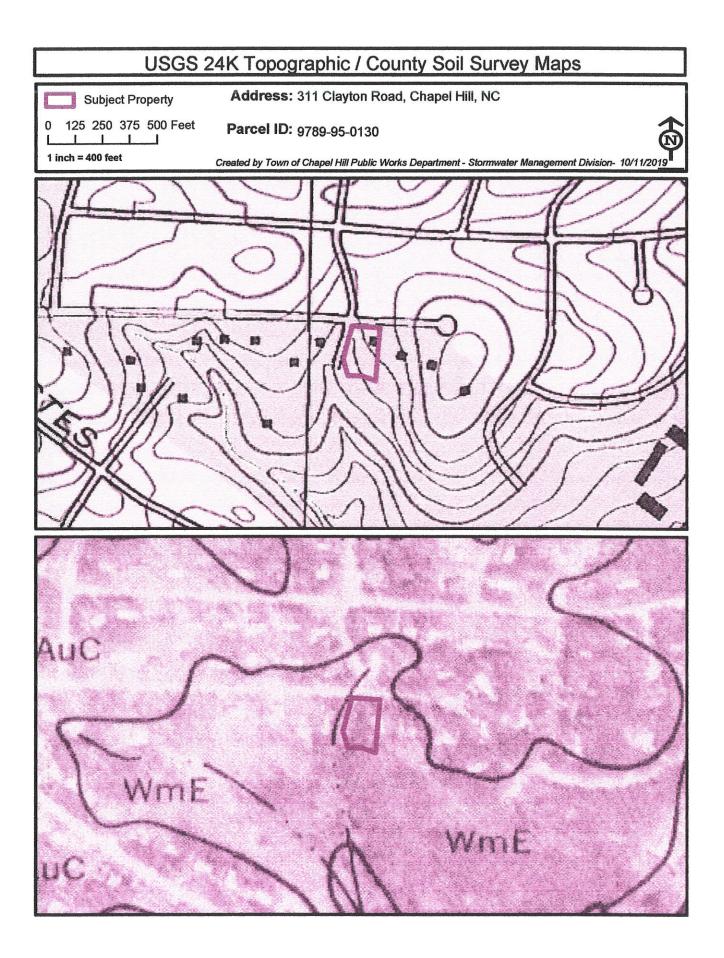
If you have questions regarding stream determinations, please contact me at (919) 969-7202 or <u>aweakley@townofchapelhill.org</u>. If you have questions regarding the Town's Resource Conservation District (RCD) or the Jordan Watershed Riparian Buffer regulations, please contact the Planning Department at (919) 968-2728, or view information online at: <u>http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-</u> services/public-works/stormwater-management/regulations-ordinances.

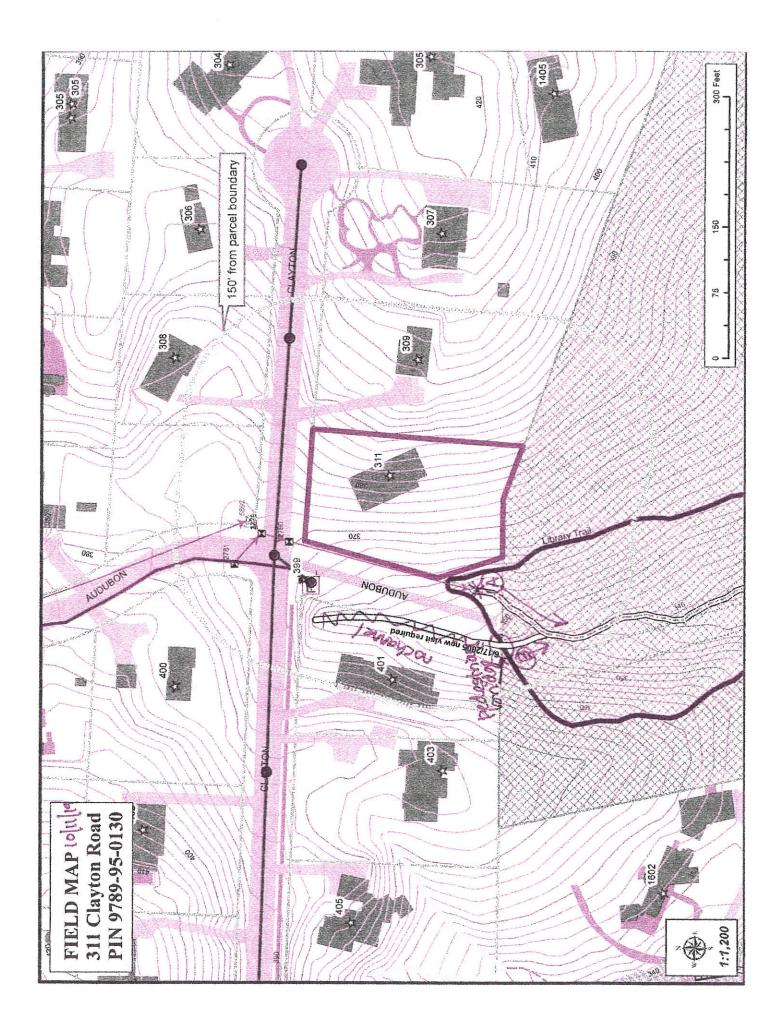
Regards,

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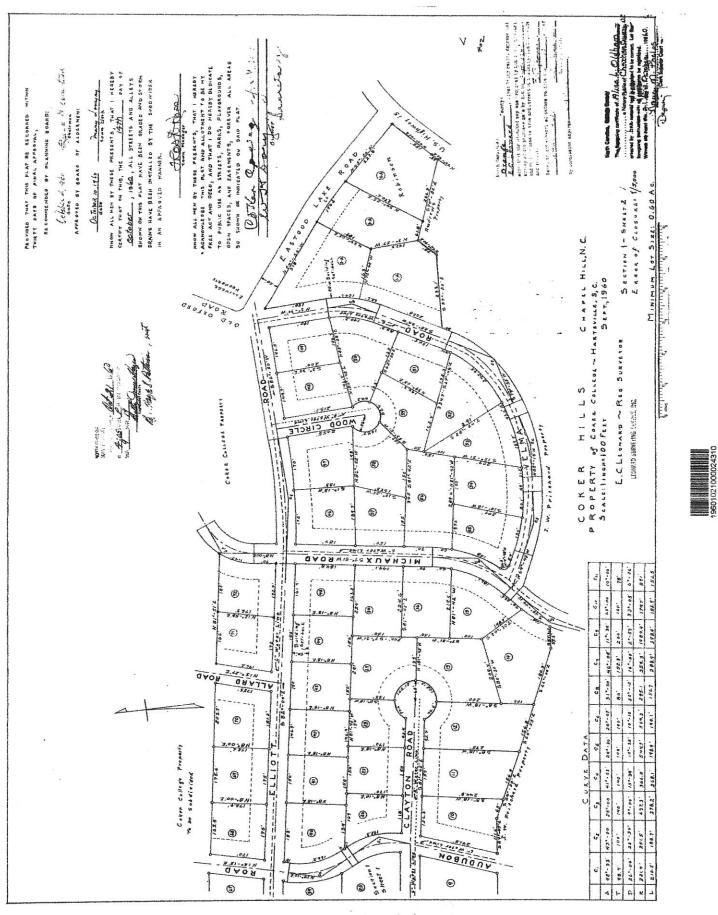


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Total Points: Stream is at least intermittent if ≥ 19 or perennial if ≥ 30*	Stream Determin Ephemeral) Inter	ream Determination (circle one) Other hemeral Intermittent Perennial e.g. Quad Name:		
A. Geomorphology (Subtotal = 12_)	Absent	Weak	Moderate	Strong
1 ^a Continuity of channel bed and bank	0	(1)	2	3
2. Sinuosity of channel along thalweg	0		2	3
3. In-channel structure: ex. riffle-pool, step-pool, ripple-pool sequence	07	1	2	3
4. Particle size of stream substrate	0	(1)-7	2	3
5. Active/relict floodplain	0	(1)	2	3
6. Depositional bars or benches	0	1	2	(3)
7. Recent alluvial deposits	0	1	2	(3)
3. Headcuts	0	(1)	2	3
9. Grade control	0	0.5	1	1.5
10. Natural valley	0	0.5	(1)	1.5
11. Second or greater order channel	(No	= 0)`	Yes =	
artificial ditches are not rated; see discussions in manual				
3. Hydrology (Subtotal =)				
12. Presence of Baseflow	(0)	1	2	3
13. Iron oxidizing bacteria	1 (0) 1	1	2	3
14. Leaf litter	1.5		0.5	0
15. Sediment on plants or debris	0	0.5	(1)	1.5
16. Organic debris lines or piles	0	(0.5)	1-	1.5
7. Soil-based evidence of high water table?	No	The second	Yes =	
C. Biology (Subtotal = 3)	and a second			
8. Fibrous roots in streambed	3	2	(1)	0
9. Rooted upland plants in streambed	3	(2)	1	0
20. Macrobenthos (note diversity and abundance)	(0)	1	2	3
21. Aquatic Mollusks	(0)	1	2	3
22. Fish	100	0.5	1	1.5
23. Crayfish		0.5	1	1.5
24. Amphibians	10	0.5	1	1.5
25. Algae	(0)	0.5	1	1.5
6. Wetland plants in streambed		FACW = 0.75; OBL		
*perennial streams may also be identified using other methods	. See p. 35 of manual.			
Votes:				
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1 ^a Continuity of channel bed and bank	0	(1)	2	3
2. Sinuosity of channel along thalweg	(0)	1	2	3
 In-channel structure: ex. riffle-pool, step-pool, ripple-pool sequence 	0	1	2	3
4. Particle size of stream substrate	0	(1)	2	3
5. Active/relict floodplain	(0)	1	2	3
6. Depositional bars or benches	0	1	2	3
7. Recent alluvial deposits	(0)	1	2	3
8. Headcuts	Q	(1)	2	3
9. Grade control	0	0.5	1	1.5
10. Natural valley	0	0.5	1	(1.5')
11. Second or greater order channel	No	= 0')	Yes	= 3
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sketch: Feature begins ~ pedestrian bridge on library trail off Audubon stubout - see field map,



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