

DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals

Department of Planning & Sustainability 330 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 300 Decatur, GA 30030



Michael L. Thurmond

Chief Executive Officer

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Planning Department Staff Analysis

N5 Case No: A-20- 1244434 Parcel ID(s): 15-172-02-007

Commission District: 03 Super District 06

Applicant: Mark S. Terry

508 Summit Drive Decatur, GA 30032

Owner: Same as applicant

Project Name: 2034 Swazey Drive

Location: The property is located north of Swazey Drive, at 2034 Swazey Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

REQUEST: Variance from Chapter 27 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to reduce the side yard setbacks for

a proposed second story addition, relating to the R-75 zoning district.

Staff "Approval" based on the submitted site plan received November 5, 2020.

Recommendation:

STAFF FINDINGS:

Site Location: The property is located north of Swazey Drive, at 2034 Swazey Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

Variance request: Variance from Chapter 27 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to reduce the side yard setbacks for a proposed second story addition, relating to the R-75 zoning district.

Variance Analysis: Based on the submitted materials, the applicant is requesting to reduce the east side yard setback from 7.5 feet to 6.5 feet and the west side yard setback from 7.5 feet to 5.5 feet for a proposed second story addition to an existing single family detached structure. The DeKalb County zoning ordinance requires a 7.5 feet rear yard setback for all structures within the R-75 zoning district. Based on the submitted site plan, the proposed second story addition will be built over the existing single family detached structure, and based on the submit survey it appears the footprint of the existing structure is built over the existing side yard setbacks lot causing an undue hardship for the applicant.

Based on the submittal materials, due to the site constraints of the subject property, it appears that the requested variance meets the criteria for approval based on the following criteria:

1. By reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific lot, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions, which were not created by the owner or applicant, the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the property owner of rights and privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning district:

Based on the submitted site plan, by reason of the shape of the lot, the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the property owner of rights and privileges enjoyed by other property owners.

2. The requested variance does not go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief, and does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located:

Due to the existing site constraints, it appears that the requested variance does not go beyond that minimum necessary to afford relief. Therefore, granting this variance does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located.

3. The grant of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district in which the subject property is located:

Granting this variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district in which the subject property is located.

<u>4. The literal interpretation and strict application of the applicable provisions or requirements of this chapter would cause undue and unnecessary hardship:</u>

Based on the submitted materials, due to the due to the placement of the existing structure, the strict application of the applicable provisions and requirements of this chapter would cause an undue hardship for the applicant.

<u>5. The requested variance would be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this Chapter and the DeKalb County</u> Comprehensive Plan Text:

Based on the submitted materials, it appears that the requested variance would be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this chapter and the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan text.

FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS:

Based on the submitted materials, due to the due to the placement of the existing structure, the strict application of the applicable provisions and requirements of this chapter would cause an undue hardship for the applicant. Therefore, the Department of Planning and Sustainability recommends that the application be "approved" as shown on the submitted site plan received on August 6, 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: "Approval" based on the submitted site plan received November 5, 2020.



DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

Hon. Michael Thurmond Chief Executive Officer Andrew Baker, AICP, Director

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING (VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS)

			BOA No
Applicant and/or Authorized Representative Mark S. Terry	- Mana	ging Partner, F	irst Wave Investments LLC
Mailing Address: 508 Summit Drive			
City/State/Zip Code: Decatur, GA 3003	2		
Email: mterrytx@gmail.com			
Telephone Home:713-408-9325	_ Busine	ss:	Fax No.:_ 404-891-7420
OWNER O	F RECOR	D OF SUBJECT	PROPERTY
Owner: First Wave Investments LLC			
Address (Mailing): 508 Summit Drive			
City/State/Zip Code: Decatur, GA 30032	2		
Email: mterrytx@gmail.com			
Telephone Home:	_ Busine	ss: _ 713-408-9	325 Fax No.: 404-891-7420
ADDRESS	LOCATIO	N OF SUBJECT	PROPERTY
Address: 2034 Swazey Drive	City:	Decatur	State: <u>GA</u> z _{ip} : <u>30032</u>
District(s): Land Lot(s):172		Block:02	Parcel:007
District(s): Land Lot(s):		Block:	Parcel:
District(s): Land Lot(s):		Block:	Parcel:
Zoning Classification: R-75	_	Commission Dis	trict & Super District: 3 & 6
CIRCLE TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED			
VARIANCE From Development Standards of	ausing un	due hardship upo	n owners of property.)
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To reduce or waive	e off-stree	t parking or loadin	g space requirements.)
OFFICIALS APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIV	E DECISI	ONS.	
TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING AND SUSTAINAB Date Received:	ILITY DEPA		Fee Paid:



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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

To inspect the premises of the Subject Property

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property subject to the application.

DATE: November 4, 2020	Applicant: Mach S. Terry Signature (First Wave Threstnert LLC)
DATE:	Applicant:Signature

VARIANCE LETTER OF INTENT - 2034 Swazey Drive, Decatur, GA 30032

November 4, 2020

DeKalb County Department of Planning and Sustainability Zoning Board Of Appeals 330 Ponce de Leon Ave. Suites 100 – 500 Decatur, GA 30030

RE: 2034 Swazey Drive Decatur, GA 30032 Variance Letter of Intent

Board,

Regarding the lot at **2034 Swazey Drive in Decatur**, we are requesting variances to the following R-75 district minimum setbacks that are mandated in Table 2.2 of Section 27-2.2.1 in the Zoning Ordinance of DeKalb County:

- 1) the East "Side interior building setback" from 7.5ft to 6.5ft
- 2) the West "Side interior building setback" from 7.5ft to 5.5ft

2034 Summit is a legal non-conforming access lot, and due to its exceptional narrowness, strict application of the dimensional requirements would prevent us from constructing additions to the home.

Specifically, our intent is to add a second story to the existing house, add a covered, ground-level open porch on the South-facing front of the house, and add a covered, ground-level open porch on the West side of the house, per the site plan that is included in our application package.

Requested variance for second story addition:

Per the survey, the existing northeast corner of the house is 6.6ft from the East side interior property line. Therefore, we are requesting a variance to the East Side – interior setback as specified above, to accommodate the second story addition.

Requested variance for covered, ground-level open porch addition on the South-facing front of the house

The variance to the East Side – interior setback as specified above will also accommodate the addition of a covered, ground-level open porch on the South-facing front of the house.

Requested variance for covered, ground-level open porch addition on the West side of the house

We are requesting a variance to the West Side – interior building setback as specified above, to accommodate the addition of a ground-level open porch on the West side of the house, on the existing concrete driveway

If you have questions regarding our intent, please do not hesitate to contact me.

1/4/2020

Regards,

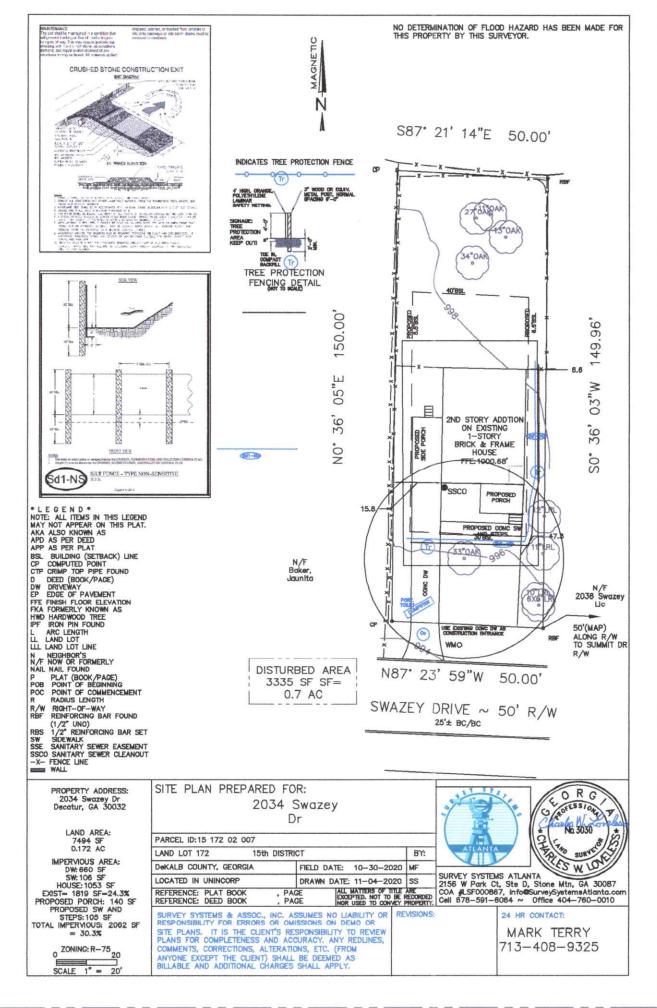
Mark S. Terry Managing Partner,

First Wave Investments LLC

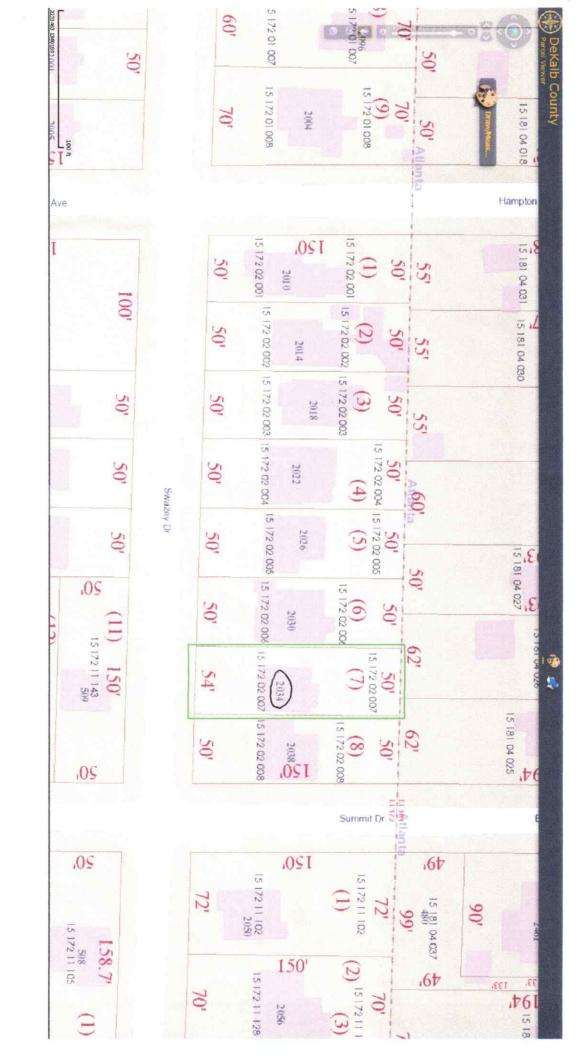
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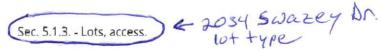
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Sec. 5.1.2. - Lots.

All lots shall conform to the minimum requirements for the zoning district in which such lot is located, to all applicable requirements of this article, and the requirements of <u>chapter 14</u> of the Code. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this chapter and <u>chapter 14</u> of the Code with respect to regulation of lots, the provisions of this chapter shall prevail.

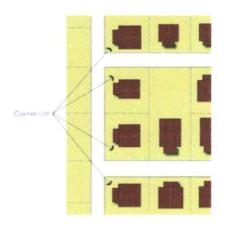
(Ord. No. 15-06, 8-25-2015)



Each lot shall have vehicular access to a public or approved private street, or, in the case of townhouses, fee simple condominiums or cottage lots, to an alley or private internal drive, provided the overall townhouse or cottage development site provides access to a public street. In new subdivisions with three (3) or more single-family detached or single-family attached units, lots on minor or major thoroughfares with lot frontages less than one hundred (100) feet shall have driveway access via shared driveways.

(Ord. No. 15-06, 8-25-2015)

Sec. 5.1.4. - Lots, corner.



Corner Lot

- A. Front yard building setback. On corner lots, the lot frontage with the shortest distance to a public right-of-way shall be designated as the front yard, and development shall comply with front yard building setback requirements of the zoning district in which the lot is located.
- B. Side corner yard. Once the front of a corner lot is determined pursuant to subsection A., the remaining side adjacent to a street is the side corner yard.
- C. Side corner yard building setback. The minimum side corner yard building setback on corner lots shall be as designated by the zoning district regulations in <u>article 2</u>. Unless otherwise restricted, buildings may face either the front or side corner.
- D. Lot width. The minimum width of corner lots with residential uses shall be increased by fifteen (15) feet above the minimum width required for the zoning district in which the lot is located.
- E. Side corner yard for nonconforming residential. The side corner yard building setback in residential districts may be reduced to sixty (60) percent of the minimum front yard building setback in the zoning district if:
 - 1. The lot is a legal nonconforming lot; and
 - 2. The lot does not abut a thoroughfare.

(Ord, No. 15-06, 8-25-2015)

Sec. 2.2.1. - Dimensional requirements.

Requirements." Residential infill development may also be subject to compatibility regulations as specified in sections 5.2.3 and 5.2.4. (Amended 3/24/15). Dimensional requirements, such as overall site requirements, individual lot dimensions, and setbacks for residential zoning districts are established in Table 2.2, "Residential Zoning Districts Dimensional

Table 2.2 Residential Zoning Districts Dimensional Requirements

Lots: 10 150 100	20 If RC/TC/NC: 15 If SUB: 20	35	40	40	60	50	Front incloughlares (reet) Front arterials (feet) Front collector and all other streets (feet)
NA	35	35	35	35	30 eraging Requirem	25 30 35 Subject to Article 5, Averaging Requirements	Lot coverage (maximum %) Building Setbacks (minimum) Sub
N/A N/A	35	75	35	35	35	150 35	Lot width at building line (feet) Lot width fronting cul-de-sac (feet)
Parks: 400 Lots: 50	60	75	85	100	65	150	Lot width, street frontage (feet)
Parks: 20 acres Lots: 4,000	6,000/3,500 cottage	10,000	12,000	15,000	20,000	43,560 (1 acre)	Lot area (square feet)
							Lot Dimensions (minimum)
MHP	R-60	R-75	R-85	R-100	RLG	RE	Element
			an	ti-Family enter, SUB: Suburb	ee-Family, MF: Mul C: Neighborhood C	wo-Family, TRF: Th	KEY: Housing Types: SF: Single-Family, TF: Two-Family, TRF: Three-Family, MF: Multi-Family Character Areas: RC: Regional Center, TC: Town Center, NC: Neighborhood Center, SUB: Suburban
						ricts	Residential Single-Family Zoning Districts

*	20%***	20%***	20%***	20%***	20%***	20%***	20%***	Open space
								Open Space (minimum %)
*	N/A	24	24	24	24	24	24	Accessory building (feet)
*	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	Main building (feet) (Residential infill overlay = 28 feet)
								Height (maximum)
		If cottage: 800— 1,200						
*	N/A	1,200	1,600	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	Unit size (square feet)
							m)	Unit Size, heated living area (minimum)
*	Parks: 40**** Lots: 7.5****	30	40	40 (40	40	40	Rear (feet)
	perty line	Same as district indicates front setback, following street type along the corner side property line	ng street type along	ont setback, followir	district indicates fro	Same as		Side - corner lot on public street (feet)**
*	Parks: 50 Lots: 7.5	7.5	7.5	8.5	10	10	20	Side - interior building setback (feet)
*	Parks: N/A Lots: 10	10	25	25	25	25	N/A	Front with alley access(feet)

(Ord, No. 15-06, 8-25-2015)

^{*} See division 10 of this article

^{**} See article 5, corner lots section for reduction eligibility

^{***} Open space requirement shall apply to new subdivisions if project is > 5 acres or > 36 units (chapter 14)

^{**** 100} feet if adjacent to property zoned or used for residential purposes

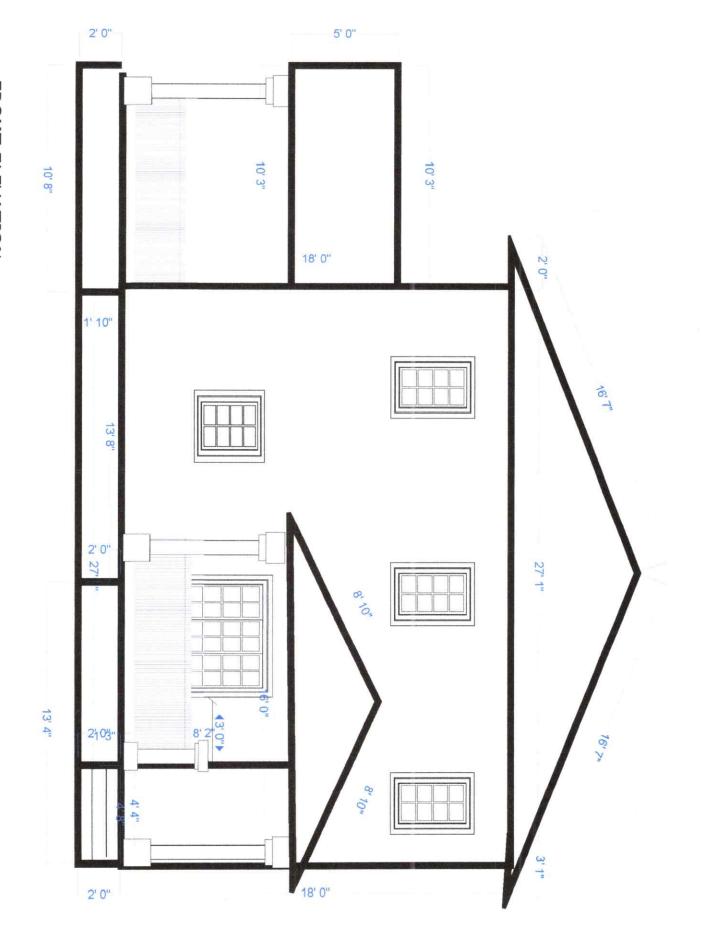
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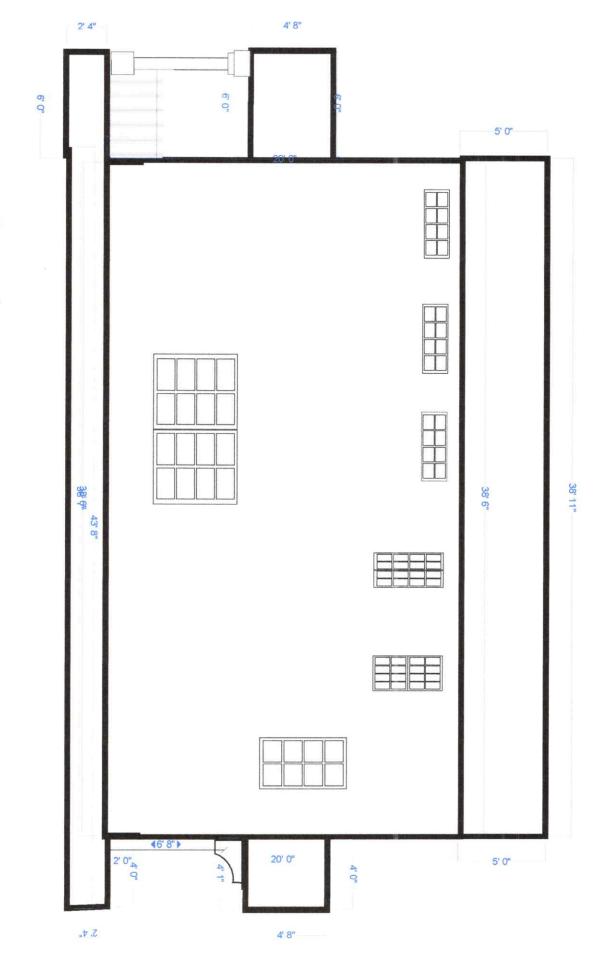
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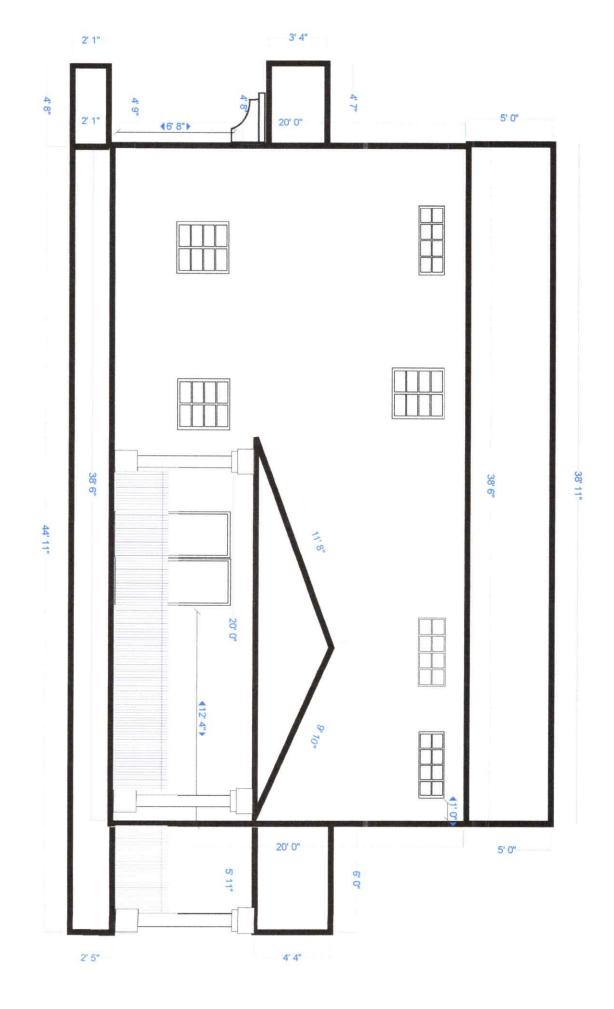












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Control Number: 20142742

STATE OF GEORGIA

Secretary of State Corporations Division 313 West Tower 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

I, **Brad Raffensperger**, the Secretary of State and the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that

First Wave Investments LLC

a Domestic Limited Liability Company

has filed articles/certificate of amendment in the Office of the Secretary of State on 09/16/2020 and has paid the required fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of said articles/certificate of amendment.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia on 09/17/2020.



Brad Raffensperger

Brad Raffensperger Secretary of State

Articles of Amendment to Articles of Organization

Article One The name of the limited liability company ("company") is: First Wave Investments LLC							
The control number is: 20142742							
The date the original articulars: 08/18/2020	cles of organization	Article Two were filed					
		Article Three					
The company hereby agree Investments LLC:			wing organizers from First Wave				
NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS					
Barbara Gibson	ORGANIZER	10420 Sablewood	d Dr, Raleigh, NC, 27617, USA				
Julie Sandahl	ORGANIZER	508 Summit Dr, D	Decatur, GA, 30032, USA				
Lawrence Terry ORGANIZER 4831 Crestmore Rd, Ste 202, Raleigh, NC,27617, USA							
Article Four (Check, and if applicable complete, one of the following) The articles of amendment shall be effective upon the filing with the Secretary of State.							
The articles of amendment shall be effective on:at (Date) (Time)							
IN WITNESS WHEROF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Amendment on							
Barbara Gibson (Signature) 9/16/2020	(Organizer)	Barbara Gibson (Print Name)	gibsonb3999@gmail.com (Email Address)				
(Signature) 9/16/2020	(Organizer)	Julie Sandahl (Print Name)	juliesandahl@hotmail.com (Email Address)				
Lawrence Terry (Signature) 9/16/2020	(Organizer)	Lawrence Terry (Print Name)	Larry.Terry@CORE-RealtyGroup.com (Email Address)				
Mark Terry (Signature) 9/16/2020	(Organizer)	Mark Terry (Print Name)	mterrytx@gmail.com (Email Address)				



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TRANSMITTAL INFORMATION FORM BUSINESS AMENDMENT

1.	First Wave Investments LLC Entity Name 20142742 Entity Control No.				
	Entity Control No.				
2.	Mark Terry Name of Person Filing Business Amendment				
	508 SUMMIT DR	Decatur	GA	30032	
	Address	City	State	Zip Code	
3.	Submitted with this filing is a filing fee of \$20.00 payable to "Secretary of State". Filing fees are non-refundable. I understand that this Transmittal Information Form is included as part of my filing, and the information on this form will be entered in the Secretary of State business entity database. I certify that the above information is true and				
	will be entered in the Secretary of State busines correct to the best of my knowledge.	s entity database. I certif	y that the above i	ntormation is true and	
	Mark Terry Signature of Authorized Person				