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

By Howard Johnson at 5:03 pm, Mar 02, 2023

	BOA No			
Applicant and/or Authorized Representative Kiet Nguyen				
Mailing Address: 2220 Meadowvale Drive				
City/State/Zip Code: Atlanta, Georgia 3034	5			
<sub>Email:</sub> kiet@apex-ds.net				
Telephone Home: 478-357-1386	Business: Apex Design Studio, LLC			
OWNER OF I	RECORD OF SUBJECT PROPERTY			
Owner: Mr. Nathan E. Hall				
Address (Mailing): 2220 Meadowvale Drive, A	tlanta, Georgia 30345			
Email: <u>nh8828@gmail.com</u>				
Telephone Home: <u>770-596-0915</u>	Business: <u>n/a</u>			
ADDRESS/L0	OCATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY			
Address: 2220 Meadowvale Drive	<sub>City:</sub> <u>Atlanta</u> <sub>State:</sub> <u>Georgia</u> <sub>Zip:</sub> <u>30345</u>			
District(s): <u>18</u> Land Lot(s): <u>20</u>	05 Block: 01 Parcel: 043			
Zoning Classification: <u>R-100</u>	Commission District & Super District: Dist 2   Super Dist 6			
CIRCLE TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED:				
VARIANCE (From Development Standards cau	using undue hardship upon owners of property.)			
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To reduce or waive or w	off-street parking or loading space requirements.)			
OFFICIAL APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DE	CISIONS.			
* PLEASE REVIEW THE FILING GUIDELINES IN SCHEDULING DELAYS. *	ON PAGE 4. FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES MAY RESULT			

# TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT:

Date Received:

Fee Paid:

# LETTER OF INTENT

Property Address:2220 Meadowvale DriveAtlanta, GA 30345Owner:Mr. Nathan E. HallParcel ID:18-205-01-43Zoning:R-100

Project Declaration: The primary objective of this project is to install a proposed swimming pool and terrace for the property owner, Mr. Nathan E. Hall, located at 2220 Meadowvale Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345. This letter shall serve as a request for variance in lot coverage as outlined in the Dekalb County Code of Ordinances, Ch. 27 § 2.2.1.

### Item 1:

In reviewing the Dekalb County Code of Ordinances, Ch. 27 § 2.2.1, dimensional requirements for residential zoning districts, it is stated that impervious lot coverage shall not exceed 35% of the lot size on properties designated with R-100 zoning. An exceptional and undue hardship is imposed on Mr. Hall's lot located at 2220 Meadowvale Drive as the property, as it exists, is undersized and only 13,434 square feet in size. Typically, dimensional requirements for R-100 zoning delineate that lots should be a *minimum* of 15,000 square feet. As Mr. Hall's lot does not meet the minimum dimensional requirements for lot sizing of R-100 zoning, the implementation of standard impervious lot coverage requirements has deprived him of square footage he would otherwise be entitled to if the lot were to be conforming in *minimal* dimensional requirements.

#### Item 2:

The application of the Dekalb County Code of Ordinance, Ch. 27 § 2.2.1 to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship. Adherence to the zoning regulation would cause a hardship by preventing the applicant, Mr. Hall, from making a reasonable, commonly found improvement to a residential property of this zoning. The homeowner is requesting no more than the minimum necessary in order to afford him with enough lot coverage to complete the proposed pool project. By eliminating and revising existing hardscapes, the applicant is demonstrating an effort to minimize the impact of the pool project in terms of impervious lot coverage. The proposed pool and deck will increase the lot coverage an additional 2.9% or 3.2% beyond what is typically allowed under the R-100 zoning regulations. The extraordinary and exceptional condition of small and non-conforming lot size is directly related to the variance request to increase lot coverage. If the subject property met the minimum 15,000 square foot dimensional standards the proposed addition could be accommodated within the allowed 5,250 square feet allowed. Because the subject property is non-conforming in minimal size standards for R-100 zoning, less area or only 4,701 square feet is available for impervious lot coverage. Affording the applicant approval of the requested variance will not grant any special permissions or privileges as his lot is non-conforming and undersized stripping him of lot coverage he would otherwise be granted should his lot be in compliance with minimum dimensional standards of this zoning.

#### Item 3:

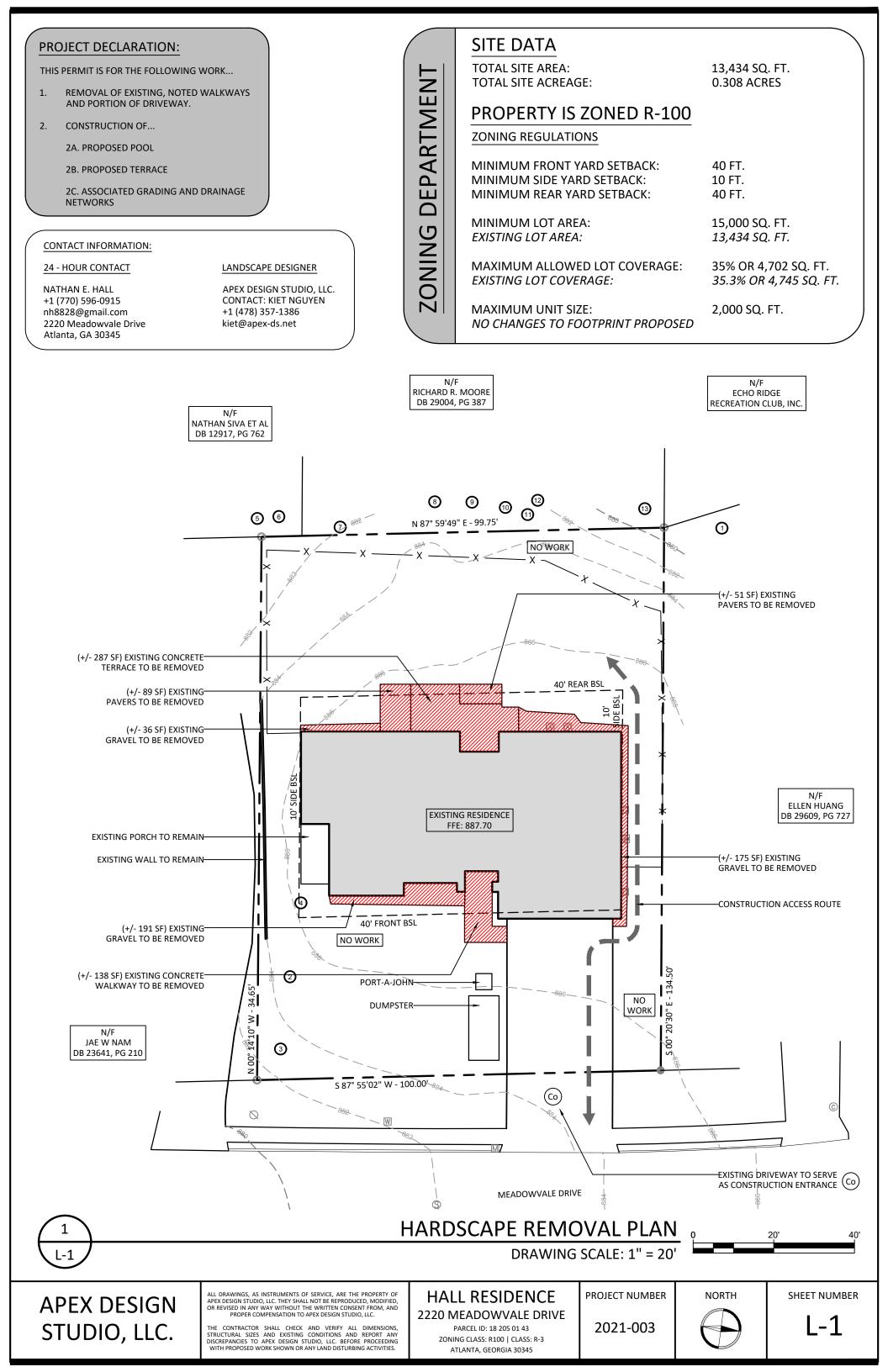
In reviewing and studying the property and its adjacent counterparts, there do not appear to be any predictable detriments to the adjoining properties and surrounding neighborhood and the benefits to the property owner appear to be significant. In residential zoning districts, the addition of a private swimming pool is commonplace. Granting a variance to allow Mr. Hall additional lot coverage in order to execute the proposed pool project will not have deleterious effects on adjoining property owners nor the surrounding neighborhood.

## Item 4:

The rigid application and literal interpretation of the applicable provisions outlined in the Dekalb County Code of Ordinance, Ch. 27 § 2.2.1 bring about undue and unnecessary hardship for the applicant as his lot is non-conforming in minimum dimensional regulations and he is therefore deprived of lot coverage otherwise granted to property owners of R-100 zoning lots. Should the applicant be granted the 35% impervious coverage of the minimum lot size for a R-100 lot, Mr. Hall would then be able to complete the proposed pool project affording him the opportunity to make improvements common to residential zoning districts.

### Item 5:

Through the lens the Dekalb County Comprehensive Plan, the proposition for extra lot coverage would allow the applicant to make improvements consistent and congruent with not only the spirit and purpose of the aforementioned text but also uniform and consonant with adjacent properties of the same zoning. As this particular piece of property is located within the Suburban Area classification, it is not uncommon to see private swimming pools added as a routine improvement to properties of the single family home categorization.



	SITE DATA		LOT COVERAGE CALCULATIONS	
DEPARTMENT	TOTAL SITE AREA: TOTAL SITE ACREAGE:	13,434 SQ. FT. 0.308 ACRES	EXISTING LOT COVERAGE	
	PROPERTY IS ZONED R-100 ZONING REGULATIONS		EXISTING RESIDENCE: EXISTING DRIVEWAY: TOTAL EXISTING COVERAGE:	3,138 SQ. FT. 1,000 SQ. FT. <b>4,138 SQ. FT.</b>
	MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK: MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK: MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK:	40 FT. 10 FT. 40 FT.	PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL: PROPOSED TERRACES:	920 SQ. FT. 117 SQ. FT.
NG D	MINIMUM LOT AREA: EXISTING LOT AREA:	15,000 SQ. FT. <i>13,434 SQ. FT.</i>	<b>TOTAL PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:</b> OVERALL IMPERVIOUS LOT CALCULATIONS	<b>1,037 SQ. FT.</b>
INC	MAXIMUM ALLOWED LOT COVERAGE: PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE:	35% OR 4,702 SQ. FT. 38.2% OR 5,135 SQ. FT.	TOTAL EXISTING COVERAGE: TOTAL PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:	4,138 SQ. FT. 1,037 SQ. FT.
	MAXIMUM UNIT SIZE: NO CHANGES TO FOOTPRINT PROPOSED	2,000 SQ. FT.	TOTAL PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS:	5,135 SQ. FT.

