

ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT STAFF REPORT

INSPECTION DATE: 4/15/2024

REPORT DATE: 4/22/2024

MEETING DATE: 5/9/2024

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Ted and Patricia Frase

APPLICANT ADDRESS: 6032 S. Pike Lake Rd, Duluth, MN 55811

OWNER NAME: same as applicant

SITE ADDRESS: same as applicant

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: WLY 100 FT OF ELY 181.50 FT OF WLY 618.75 FT OF LOT 3 EX HWY R.O.W. & EX PART S OF THILL RD, S36, T51N, R16W (Grand Lake)

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN): 380-0010-07850

VARIANCE REQUEST: The applicant is requesting relief from St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62, Article VI, Section 6.2 B., to allow a second principal structure on the property where the property does not have sufficient lot area per structure to equal the minimum dimensional standard so the property can be divided at a later date into conforming lots.

PROPOSAL DETAILS: The applicant is requesting to construct an approximately 1,760 square foot second principal structure on the property. The parcel is zoned RES-9 which requires one acre per principal structure. The property is one acre in size with an existing approximately 1,800 square foot principal structure.

PARCEL AND SITE INFORMATION

ROAD ACCESS NAME/NUMBER: S Pike Lake Rd **ROAD FUNCTIONAL CLASS:** Local

LAKE NAME: Pike Lake

RIVER NAME: N/A

RIVER CLASSIFICATION: N/A

LAKE CLASSIFICATION: GD

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT ON PARCEL: The property consists of a main dwelling with several accessory structures.

ZONE DISTRICT: RES 9

PARCEL ACREAGE: 1.0 ACRES

LOT WIDTH: 100 FEET

FEET OF ROAD FRONTAGE: 105 FEET

FEET OF SHORELINE FRONTAGE: 100 FEET

PARCEL AND SITE INFORMATION

VEGETATIVE COVER/SCREENING: There is good vegetative cover on the property.

TOPOGRAPHY: The property slopes down from the road to the shore with an elevation change of approximately 30 feet.

FLOODPLAIN ISSUES: N/A

WETLAND ISSUES: N/A

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PARCEL: N/A

FACTS AND FINDINGS

A. Official Controls:

- 1. St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62, Article VI, Section 6.2 B., states that there shall be sufficient lot area per structure to equal the dimensional standards required and the structures be placed so that the property can be divided at a later date into conforming lots without variance.
 - a. The property is zoned Residential (RES)-9 which requires one acre and 150 feet in lot width.
 - b. The property is a nonconforming legal lot of record at one acre and 100 feet in width and only can accommodate one principal structure.
- 2. Goal LU-3 of the St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is to improve the integrity of the county's planning-related regulation by minimizing and improving the management of nonconformities.
- 3. Objective LU-3.1 of the St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is to base variance decisions on uniform approval criterion to ensure all applications are treated equitably, that community health and safety are protected, and that the overall character of a given area is preserved.
- 4. Objective LU-3.3 of the St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is to acknowledge why nonconformities are a concern and that variances should be for exceptional circumstances as noted in Minnesota Statute 394.22. Subd.10.

B. Practical Difficulty:

- 1. The area consists of many lots that do not meet width requirements.
- 2. The applicant received a variance to construct an addition to the existing nonconforming dwelling.
 - a. Any further living space expansion of the existing dwelling would require variance approval.
- 3. There are alternatives that do not require a variance:
 - a. A separate garage and an accessory dwelling of up to 700 square feet in size may be allowed with Land Use Permits.

C. Essential Character of the Locality:

- 1. The area consists of residential lakeshore lots.
- 2. There has been one approved variance to allow for a second principal structure in the area. In this case, there was sufficient area, but not lot width, to accommodate two principal structures.

D. Other Factors:

- 1. There is a survey of the property with property lines located.
- 2. The project is within the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System area.
- 3. The applicant discussed the alternative with Land Use staff and decided to continue with the variance request.
- 4. Ordinance 62 states that it shall be the burden of the applicant to demonstrate sufficient practical difficulty to sustain the need for a variance. Absent a showing of practical difficulty as provided in Minnesota Statutes and this ordinance, the Board of Adjustment shall not approve any variance.
- 5. Ordinance 62 states that "practical difficulties" as used in connection with granting a variance means that the property in question cannot be put to a reasonable use under the conditions allowed by this ordinance.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE

- 1. Is the variance request in harmony with the general purpose and intent of official controls?
- 2. Has a practical difficulty been demonstrated in complying with the official controls?
- 3. Will the variance alter the essential character of the locality?
- 4. What, if any, other factors should be taken into consideration on this case?

CONDITIONS

Conditions that may mitigate the variance to allow a second principal structure where the property does not have sufficient lot area per principal structure as proposed include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System standards shall be followed.
- 2. All local, state, and federal requirements shall be met.

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About		APPLICATION St. Louis County, Minnes cation is used to apply for a Land Use Permit. Applicants will need t					
		information, see our website at: <u>www.stlouiscountymn.gov/land-us</u>					
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☐ Yes	No	*Is this leased property? If yes, leased from: MN Power MN DNR					
☐ Yes	□ No	*Do you have written authorization from the leased property owned					
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Yes	□ No	*Is this project on a parcel less than 2.5 acres?					
X Yes	□ No	*Is this project within 300 feet of a stream/river or 1,000 feet of a lake?					
Yes	□ No	*Is this project adding a bedroom? Include home, garage, & accessory dwelling.					
# 4		*Total # of bedrooms on property after project completion. Include	e home, garage, & accessory dwelling.				
🔀 Yes	[] No	*Does this project include plumbing or pressurized water in proposed structure? If yes, please explain:					
		Water from existing well.					
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*Indicates required field. Incomplete applications will be returned.



Land Use Permit WORKSHEET St. Louis County, Minnesota

About: Land Use Permits are required for most building construction activities. They are also required for a variety of other uses. For more information, check out our website at: www.stlouiscountymn.gov/land-use

#1 New Buildings Less than/equal to 1,200 square feet-\$175	#2 Other Construction/Change in Use-\$90	#4 Performance Standard-\$410 Additional Worksheets Required	
Greater than 1,200 square feet-\$345 Dwelling-Home, Mobile Home, Hunting Shack, or Cabin. (Includes attached deck, If applicable.) Replacement of Existing Dwelling-Home, Mobile Home, Hunting Shack, or Cabin. Will the old dwelling be removed from the property? Yes No If yes, an affidavit must be filled out stating when the old dwelling will be removed.	 Addition(s) to Dwelling Is the dwelling location on a lake or river? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes above, does the structure meet the required shoreline setback? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, structure does not meet the shoreline setback, a performance standard permit or variance may be required. See box #4 or #7. Addition(s) to Accessory Structure New Deck Only or Deck Replacement Combination Addition(s) & Deck on the same structure Moving a Structure Sign 		
If this dwelling is a mobile home, there is a special mobile home affidavit to be filled out. Accessory Dwelling-Guest cottage or bunkhouse. Must follow administrative standards. Accessory Structure- Garage, Pole Building, shed, sauna, screenhouse or gazebo that either	 Structure Alteration or Component Replacement Change in Use (i.e. converting an old cabin to storage) What will the new use of the structure be? Explain the current and proposed use. Current: Proposed: Other-\$65 Permit extension beyond 2 years 	Additional Worksheets Required Additional Worksheets Required No Loss/Exemption/Replacement Plan-\$17! Wetland Delineation Review-\$410 Wetland Banking Plan Review-\$1,340	
meets lake or river setback or not located in a shoreland area. Water-oriented Accessory Structure- Boathouse, Sauna, Screenhouse/gazebo on a lake or river located at reduced shoreline setback. Must follow administrative standards. Commercial Structure Other Principal Structure	#3 Subdivisions/Parcel Reviews Additional Worksheets Required Plat-Minor Subdivision-\$685 Conventional or Conservation Plat-Less than or equal to 3 lots-\$685 Conventional or Conservation Plat-Greater than 3 Lots- \$1,375 Lot Line Adjustment-\$90 Parcel Review-\$90 Performance Standard Subdivision-\$410	<pre>#7 Public Hearings Additional Worksheets Required Administrative Appeal-\$1,350 Environmental Assessment-\$1,200 Conditional Use Permit-\$685 Conditional Use Permit Rehearing-\$220 Interim Use Permit Rehearing-\$220 Interim Use Permit Rehearing-\$220 General Purpose Borrow Pit-\$685 Variance-\$685 Variance Rehearing-\$220 Multiple Hearing (Variance/conditional use)-\$1,020 Rezoning-\$685</pre>	

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Technical Assistance Toll Free: 1-800-450-9777 Land Use Information www.stlouiscountymn.gov/land-use Duluth Government Services Center 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 301 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 725-5000

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Government Services Center 201 South 3rd Avenue West Virginia, MN 55792 (218) 749-7103

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6. Describe how neighboring properties and the use of those properties will be impacted by the proposed use with the variance. There will be No impact to neighbouring properties. Property line setbezks will not be impacted. 7. Describe how negative impact to the local environment and landscape will be avoided. No nevease in ven-off will occur. Dranage around structure and through property will be improved. leaving the hill will minimize the visael impast from S. Rike Loke Rd. 8. Describe the expected benefits of a variance to use of this property. Height - Allows for 10'ceilings in gavage for high vise hand, copped van, and 6/12 voof pitch. Dwelling - Allows 100 additional sqt of living space for 9. Include additional comments that will clarify your request for the Planning and Zoning staff members and the Board of Adjustment. Two structures are beyond their economic life. One has been removed. We need additional garage (storage are dwelling space. OFFICE USE ONLY **Principal Structure** Accessory Structures **Principal Structures** Accessory Structures Other Additions Additions Shoreline Setback □ Shoreline Setback Shoreline Setback Shoreline Setback Subdivision Plat Road Centerline Setback Property Line Setback Road Centerline Setback Road Centerline Setback Exceeding Lot Road Right-of-Way Setback Road Right-of-Way Road Right-of-Way Lot Width Coverage Height Limit Property Line Setback Setback Setback Exceeding Maximum 40% of Lot Width One Addition Allowed Property Line Setback Property Line Setback **Buildable Area** □ 55% of Lot Width Allowable Size Exceeded Lot Width and/or Area Allowable Size Exceeded Other Standard Not □ Bluff 40% of Lot Width Height Limit Height Limit Listed (Explain below) 2nd Principal Structure 55% of Lot Width Allowable Size Exceeded Lot width and/or Area П Bluff П % Lot Coverage Height Limit Road Centerline Setback Foundation from Lake Road Right-of-Way Setback Lot width and/or Area Lot width and/or Area **CONTACT:** Planning and Zoning Department **Technical Assistance** Duluth Virginia **Office Use Only** Toll Free: 1-800-450-9777 **Government Services Government Services Center** Center Receipt # Land Use Information 201 South 3rd Avenue West 320 West 2nd Street, www.stlouiscountymn.gov/land-use Virginia, MN 55792 Receipt Date Suite 301 (218) 749-7103 Duluth, MN 55802 Payment Amount

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Variance

Worksheet St. Louis County, Minnesota

About A variance allows the use of property in a manner otherwise forbidden by a zoning ordinance by varying one or more of the performance standards such as lot size, setbacks, etc.

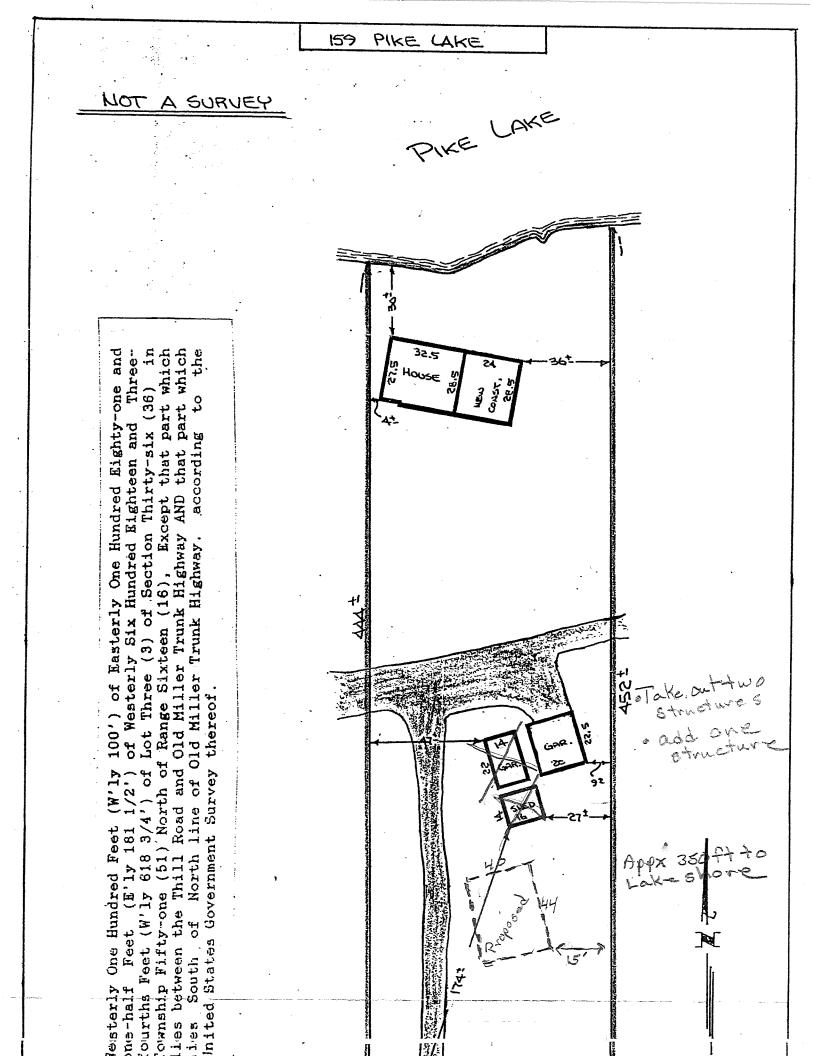
Variances from official zoning controls are defined under Minnesota Statutes 394.27 and require the landowner to prove that the property could not otherwise be used or enjoyed in the proposed way by complying with ordinance requirements and that there will be no negative impact on surrounding properties.

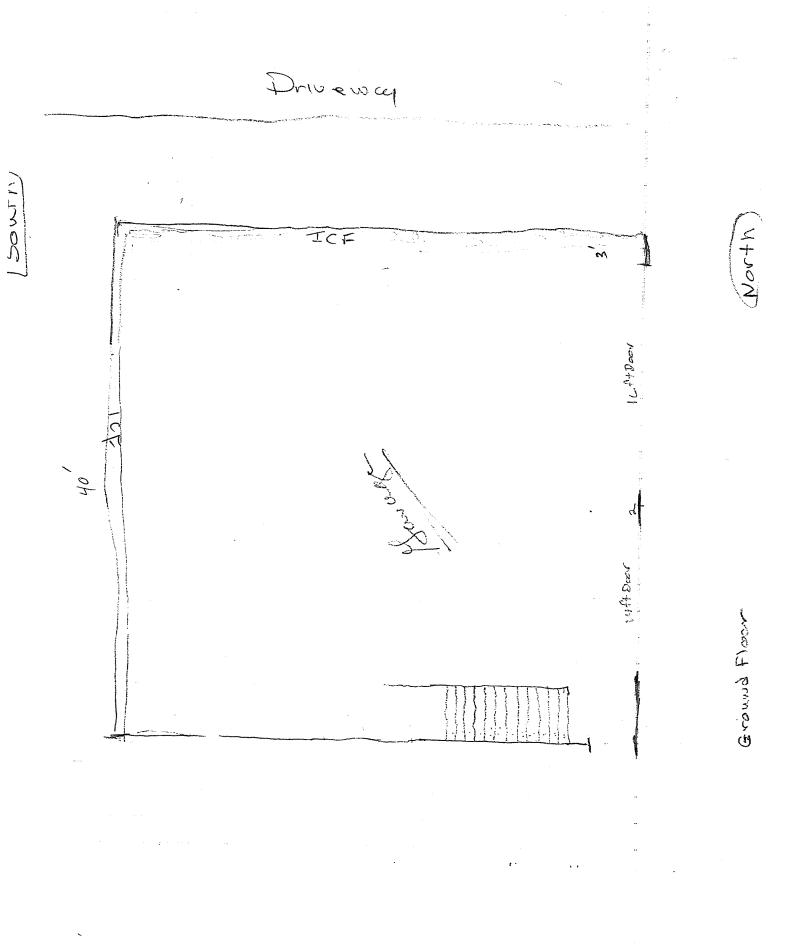
It is advisable that you discuss your request with Planning and Zoning staff prior to submitting the application. Approval or denial of your request is dependent on the justification you provide in answering the questions on this application. For more information, check out our website at: www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/planning-zoning/land-use/apply-for-a-land-use-permit#la-101571440-variance.

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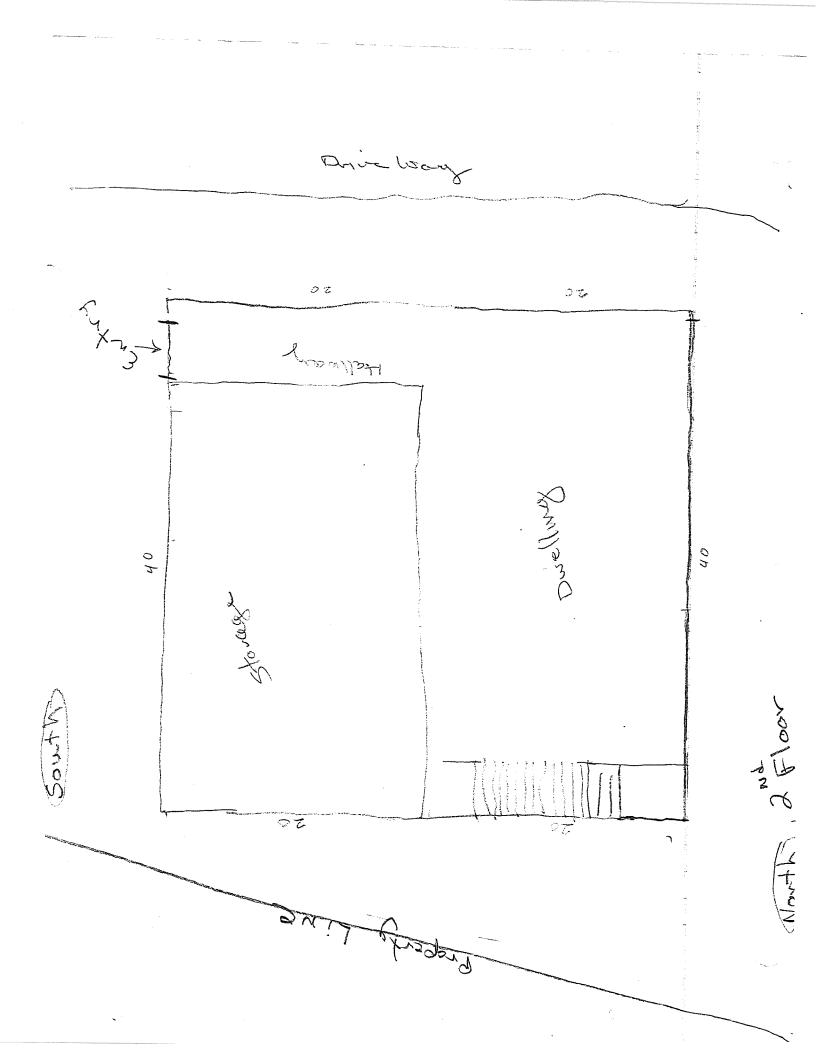
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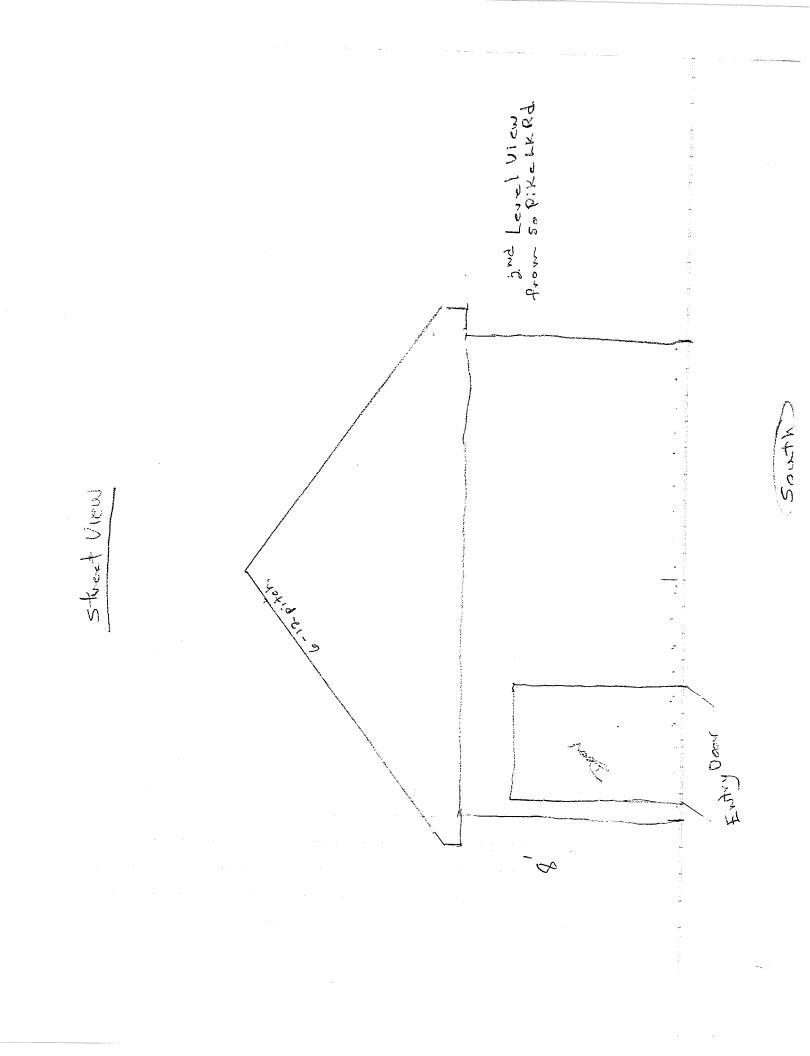
am Tod rasp. VARIANCE REQUEST Complete this form along with the Land Use Permit Application 1. Describe what you are varying from and the situation that makes it difficult to comply with county ordinances? - Height - Proposed two-story gavage with storage and favily/guest area on second-floor. Dwelling - Proposed dwelling area of 800 sqff (50% of planned. SqF 2. Describe the intended/planned use of the property. - 3 stall gavage with stowage for boat etc. - 2nd Stary split between storage and guest family area with water and sewer from existing service 3. Describe the current use of your property. - Two stall gavage/shop Reunoux 16×14 shed, the 14×22 gavage has been removed Describe other alternatives, if any. 5. If approved, how will the proposed use, with the variance, fit into the character of the neighborhood/area? No change. Removing 201d structures and building one which meets our future family needs

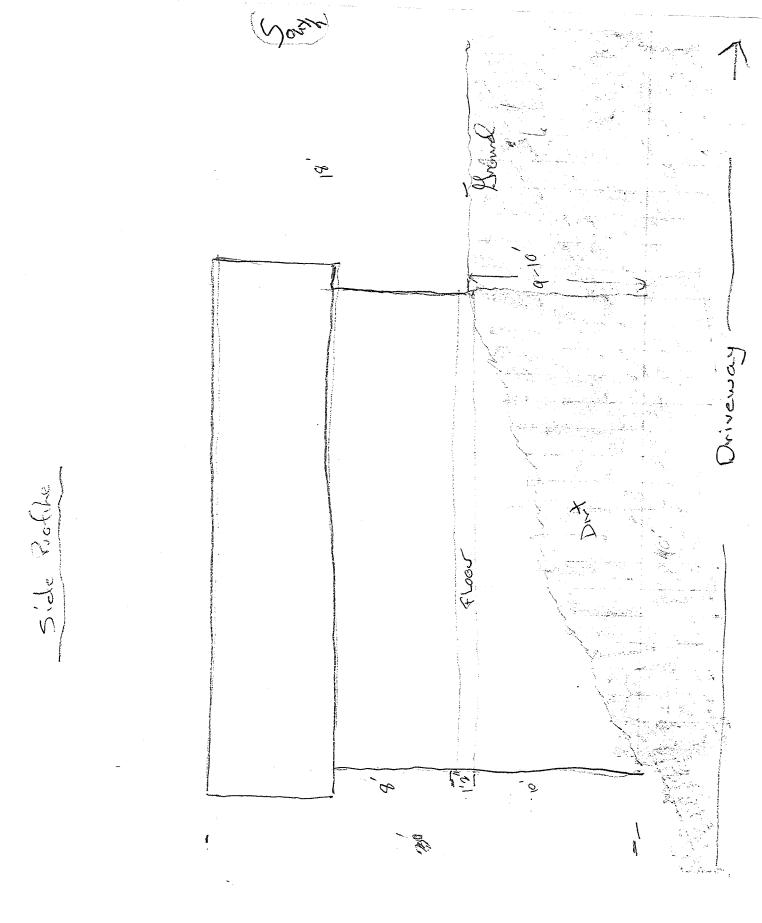




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Land Use Permit and Variance Request

6032 S. Pike Lake Road Duluth, MN 55811 Memorandum of Intent:

We propose to build a 2-story structure of approximately 1600 sq ft on each level as detailed in the application to help satisfy our need for garage, dwelling, and storage space. Our existing garage and storage structures are deteriorating. We have removed one very old garage, and will remove a storage building this year.

Currently, the main floor of our home accommodates our 39 year old son who is vent dependent and has 24/7 nursing care. Our partial basement serves as storage for medical supplies, mechanicals and laundry.

The proposed lower level will house three vehicles, including a handicapped van with a lift. The upper level will provide 800 sq ft for family and guests. The remainder will be for storage. The structure will be handicap accessible from the from the road level.

We are requesting a height variance to accommodate the 10' garage height and a 6/12 roof pitch. Approximately 24' of the structure would be visible from S Pike Lake Road. The existing trees lining S Pike Lake Road will be undisturbed. We feel this will improve the overall aesthetics of the property and neighborhood.

We have discussed our proposal with adjacent neighbors who favor the project.

Ted and Patty Frase 218-393-8972



